

with a detachment at Charlottetown,—who remained two weeks, drilling the company three times a day.

One thing the company did get from the government, perhaps because it could not be got any other way. The captain was summoned to Charlottetown where the authorities handed over to him fifty stand of arms for his own men, and advantage was taken of the opportunity to send also fifty rifles for Captain Duvar, and fifty more, with one brass gun, for Captain J. C. Pope. As for armoury or drill shed they had to provide them for themselves. For these they were indebted to the public spirit of Lieut. Haszard who gave the use of a room in which to store the rifles, and provided a large room over his warehouse for drill purposes.

In 1861 the Queen's Own lost its first company commander ; Captain Casswell then retiring and going to England. It may interest some of the readers of this Magazine to know that Major Casswell (his present rank) is now living at Belleville, Ontario. He was succeeded in the captaincy by Lieut. Haszard, and Ensign Campbell was promoted to the vacant lieutenantcy. Harry Compton was appointed Ensign.

The information at the writer's disposal does not describe the later fortunes of the Queen's Own. It shared the fate of other Volunteer Companies, the arms having been all called in and the Company disbanded, probably at Confederation in 1873, when this Province came under the general Militia Act of Canada.

If it be true that " happy is the country that has no history," then that particular section of the Province may almost be said to be happy, since Confederation, from a military point of view. A company of militia did exist in Summerside for a while but was disbanded a good many years ago. At the time of writing this article the newspapers announce that an attempt is being made to roll away—shall we say—the reproach from that town. All friends of the militia will heartily wish it success. Summerside and its neighborhood ought certainly to be able to keep up at the very least one efficient company, able and willing to be a credit to the town and to the Province.