

INSPECTION OF THE 49TH BATTALION.

The inspection of the 49th Battalion, previous to its breaking up Camp, took place on Saturday, commencing shortly after eleven o'clock. The Inspecting Officer was Lt.-Col. McPherson, Deputy Adjutant General; he was accompanied by Lt.-Col. Shaw, Brigade Major, and Col. M. W. Strange, District Pay-Master, from Kingston. The Staff of the Inspecting Officer which presented rather an imposing appearance, was chiefly furnished from the 15th Battalion and Grand Trunk Brigade. Composing the Staff, in addition to the officers from Kingston were Lt.-Col. A. A. Campbell, Major Smith Stephens, Captain and Adjutant R. C. Hulme, Surgeon Jas. Lister, M. D.; Pay-master J. C. Holden, of the 15th Battalion; Major John Bell, Grand Trunk Artillery, and Captain W. C. Nunn, of the Grand Trunk Rifles.

On arriving upon the ground, the Battalion which was drawn up in line in open order, gave the Inspecting officer a general salute, after which the line broke into open column right in front, and was inspected by companies. The inspection was most minute and thorough, nothing, however trivial, connected with the state of the uniform, condition of the rifle, or appearance of the men, escaping his attention.—After performing this part of the inspection the Battalion were put through a number of evolutions, such as marching past, advancing and retiring in review order, changing front, manual exercise and skirmishing. There is scarcely a movement in which the Battalion was not exercised in, and the very creditable manner in which these movements were executed, was a matter of very general congratulation, not only by civilians, but by those who had experience in military matters. The time occupied in the inspection was about two hours and a half, which gave ample time for the Inspecting officer to have pretty accurate knowledge of the drill, state of discipline, and efficiency of the Battalion, and which enabled him at the close of the inspection to speak with some degree of certainty as to its condition. After the inspection was concluded, the officers were called to the front, and Col. McPherson addressed the Battalion as follows:

LT.-COLONEL BROWN, OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 49TH BATTALION.—I have great pleasure in conveying to you the great satisfaction which I have had in inspecting so fine a Battalion. I may safely say without making any invidious distinction it is one of the finest Battalions I have inspected in my present tour. The men were soldier-like in their appearance, steady on parade, well up in their drill, and appear thoroughly to understand their duties. Several of the companies are as fine as I have ever seen, and indeed take the whole Battalion I would not wish to see a finer body of men. They reflect great credit upon the Commanding Officer.—Anything I can do to promote the wishes of the officers with a view to make the Battalion more efficient I will take great pleasure in doing. I had the pleasure yesterday of inspecting a Brigade of 800 strong, and I felt proud of their appearance, and feel proud of the appearance of the volunteer force which Canada has to-day. Men in our position do not profess to make speeches—it is out of our line, but when volunteers turn out as I see them to-day, making sacrifices in order to place the country in a defensive condition, and exhibiting as they

have done such marked evidences of their efficiency I do not overstep the bounds of propriety in expressing to you my opinion.—I have much pleasure, Volunteers, in hearing from your Commanding Officer such a good account of your conduct while in camp. It redounds much to your credit, and in making my report to the Adjutant General of Militia shall take great satisfaction in mentioning this matter. Volunteers, the arms you have are the best used in Her Majesty's army, and it behooves you all not only to take care of them, but to become familiar with their use. It is most essential to know how to handle a rifle, and I trust you will take particular pains to acquire a perfect knowledge of this weapon. It will be my duty to make a report to the Adjutant General, and in that report I shall recommend that increased facilities may be furnished Battalions so that every company's headquarters there may be facilities for target practice. And I would say further, if the Department intends to continue the system of annual drill in camp, I will recommend that the drill be made sometime in June, between seed time and harvest, instead of putting it off to this time of the year. If, Col. Brown or Officers, you have anything to communicate by which your Battalion can be rendered more efficient, I shall be most happy to represent it to head quarters.

Cheers were then given for the Queen, Lt.-Col. McPherson, Lt.-Col. Brown, when the Battalion was dismissed.

After luncheon, the tents, blankets, &c., were examined and returned to the officer appointed to receive them. It was found that a number of the tent poles were broken. The report from Lt. Col. Brown, respecting these poles will be very similar to that made by Lt. Col. Campbell, that they perfectly worthless.

It was about five o'clock before the Battalion finally broke up. Teams were on the ground to convey the various companies to their respective destinations, the Belleville Rifle Company, alone expected. This company remained on the ground until all the others had left, when they marched down about seven o'clock, and after being briefly addressed on the corner of Front and Bridge streets by Lt.-Col. Brown, and Lt.-Col. Shaw, Brigade Major, they went to the Armoury, where after receiving their pay, were dismissed. Thus ended the week's camping out of the 49th Battalion. The Battalion was fortunate in having exceptionally fine weather; they had a pleasant situation, and taking it altogether they had a very pleasant time of it. We must not forget a little incident that occurred on Friday, on the ground, which is worthy of being placed on record. During the drill, an old soldier, who was in India and Spain, the hero of fifty battles made his appearance on the ground, when he was greeted with rousing cheers, and the band struck up a lively tune. The old soldier is named Wm. Johnson, who lives on the Front of Sidney, and is one hundred and three years of age. He appears hale and hearty, and looks as if he might live yet a number of years.—*Belleville Intelligencer.*

The fixed light now, and for many years past, exhibited on Harbour Grace Island, Conception Bay, Newfoundland, will be discontinued after the 30th of November next. After that date the light will be revolving, showing in every direction two white flashes, followed by one red flash. The interval between each flash, in attaining its greatest brilliancy, will be thirty seconds. In a favourable state of the atmosphere the light will be seen twenty-five nautical miles.

TULLAMORE RIFLE MATCH.

The annual shooting match of No. 9 Volunteer company came off on Friday last in a field adjacent to the above village. The day was not favorable for the marksmen, a strong breeze prevailing during the whole afternoon, and blowing directly across the line of firing. Under such circumstances the execution was creditable to the members of the company who competed for the prizes, as will be seen by the subjoined extracts from the the scores of the matches:

FIRST MATCH.

Open to members of No. 9 company.

	200	300	400
	yds.	yds.	yds. Tl
Sergt. Major Robinson	444	024	333-27
Sergt. Saint John	232	323	244-25
Corporal Beamish	634	325	442-25

First prize, silver cup, Sergt.-Major Robinson; 2nd Merschaurn pipe, Sergt. St. John.

SECOND MATCH—ALL CORNERS.

	300	400
	yds.	yds. Tl
Sgt. J. Thompson, No. 7 Co.	332	343-18
Corporal Beamish, No. 9 Co.	342	243-18
Capt. Orr	322	333-16
Sergt.-Major Robinson	323	323-16

Both ties were shot. Corporal Beamish and Sergeant-Major Robinson were the winners.

THIRD MATCH—CAPTAIN'S MATCH.

	400	yds. Tl
Sergt. Saint John	432	34-16
Sergeant Major Robinson	233	33-14
Sergeant Strong	232	33-13
Sergeant Fleming	203	22-9
Corporal Beamish	330	20-8
Ensign Ellis	003	22-7
Capt. J. Orr	020	03-5

The three first names were the winners. 1st prize was a handsome bed-room clock; 2nd, \$3 cash; 3rd, \$2 cash.

FOURTH—CONSOLATION MATCH.

	200	400
	yds.	yds. Tl
Capt. J. Orr, No. 9 Co.	322	324-17
Capt. Thompson, No. 7	233	220-12
Ensign Ellis, No. 9	222	222-12
Sergeant Fleming	422	000-8
Private Morrison	302	020-7

First prize Capt. J. Orr, No. 9 Co.; 2nd, Ensign Ellis, No. 9; 3rd Capt. A. Thompson, No. 7.

FIFTH—VILLAGE MATCH.

	200	400
	yds.	yds. Tl
Lieut. J. Thompson	242	423-17
Capt. J. Orr	330	432-15
Sergeant St. John	322	322-14
Capt. A. Thompson, No. 7 Co.	332	330-14
Sergeant-Major Robinson	222	332-14
Sergeant W. Fleming	322	222-13
Ensign Ellis	232	222-13
Private W. J. Morrison	122	222-12

In this match Capt. Thompson of No. 7 company and Sergeant St. John of No. 9 being ties, shot off and were again ties five times in succession at 300 yards from the shoulder, St John ultimately one by one point.

The five matches being concluded just as daylight was darkening into the shadows of evening, the competitors and visitors adjourned to the drill shed, where the interesting ceremony of distributing the prizes was performed by Capt. John Orr, who made, on presenting each prize, a few appropriate