

## Regimental Notes.

**Ottawa.**—The prizes won by No. 1 company, 43rd Rifles at their rifle matches on Friday week, were presented to the winners by Captain Sherwood in the drill hall on Thursday night last.

Will the officers of the brigade who are interested in the military assembly room put a note in their engagement books to the effect that it is open every Thursday evening, and make a point of attending regularly.

The first muster of the Guards this fall for annual drill brought out about a hundred on Monday night, and on Tuesday there was a somewhat larger turnout, thanks to the fact that non-coms. had been told off to warn the men with instructions to continue that duty regularly. At the first meeting Major Macpherson addressed the regiment, urging them to do themselves credit. He admonished the men to be more particular about their appearance while on their way to drill, and to have their tunics buttoned, their buttons shining, and their caps set smartly upon their heads, and to walk up the front streets, to let the people see that they were proud of the uniform they wore. In conclusion, Major Macpherson expressed the hope that when next 24th of May the Guards took a trip to some other city they might know and feel that they were, as they might be, the finest regiment that ever stepped out of Ottawa, or into the city they would visit.

**Toronto.**—The Queen's Own had their usual weekly parade last Wednesday evening and were put through different battalion movements by Lieut.-Col. Miller. They were executed in a most creditable way.

The annual inspection is expected to take place on Saturday, the 30th inst. It will have to be in review order, as the regiment have never been supplied with new equipment since their return from the Northwest.

On Thursday evening the Grenadiers paraded under command of Major Dawson, and marched to the Moss Park rink, where they put in a good hour's drill. It is expected that this regiment will be inspected along with the Queen's Own.

**Winnipeg.**—From the *Manitoban*.—The gun carriages of the Field Battery are to be repainted at once.

Recruits are offering themselves for the 90th in large numbers, and recruit drill is to re-commence next week.

The members of the 90th appreciate the kindness of those of the Infantry School who turned out to the funeral of the late Private Renn.

Now that the Minister of militia has returned from England cheques for sick and pension claims are beginning to arrive from Ottawa.

Private W. F. Brown, of "D" company, is back from Prince Albert, having fully recovered from the illness which he contracted on active service.

It is reported that Private Whitelaw, of "C" Company, who is at present at the general hospital suffering from the effects of an accident, is very low, and not expected to recover.

Now that the Winnipeg Light Infantry and the Manitoba Grenadiers are about to receive new equipment and rifles, isn't it about time that the 90th got something? At the time the late lamented Col. Kennedy raised the latter battalion he was requested by the authorities at Ottawa to take the equipment, etc., from the stores at Fort Osborne. These had been brought up by the first Red River expedition in 1870, and were not only obsolete, but in most cases nearly rotten. This same outfit was used during the late campaign, which did not tend to improve it. The battalion has been put to great expense in repairing belts, pouches, etc. The rifles in use are little better than so many gas pipes—the grooves are worn away, the muzzles bent, the fore sights injured and many of the breech-blocks out of order. The authorities at Ottawa promised Col. Kennedy that a new outfit should be issued at once, but he thought it better to take what was offered in order that the organization of the battalion should not be delayed. The field battery have lately received a new and complete outfit of tools, etc., and it certainly seems as if Winnipeg's favorite battalion was being treated with studied neglect by the authorities at headquarters, as no notice has been taken of repeated appeals, although two boards have condemned the rifles and equipment.

**Brantford.**—There was an immense gathering at the drill shed on the 7th, at which the fair sex largely predominated, to witness the presentation of prizes won at the annual matches of the Dufferin Rifles' rifle association held at the ranges near the old Mohawk church on the 11th of August last. After a number of evolutions the battalion was formed into a hollow square, and the presentation made to the lucky winners by Mrs. (Major) Ballachey, assisted by the gallant colonel of the regiment. Upon a platform which had been specially erected were seated Mrs. (Capt.) Rothwell, Mrs. (Capt.) Hudson, London; Miss Thompson, Ottawa; Mrs. A. Fair, Miss Fair, Miss Jenkins and others.

A list of the prize winners and their scores appeared in the *Gazette* of the 19th August. The principal prizes were the Merchant's Challenge Cup, won by Private Donahue, the Officer's Challenge Cup, won by Col.-Sergt. Wood, and the Company Challenge Cup, carried off by Capt. Sweet's B company.

**St. John, N. B.**—From the *Telegraph* we learn that the inspection of the New Brunswick brigade of garrison artillery took place on the 8th. In the morning Deputy Adjutant General Maunsell, Lieut.-Colonel Irwin, inspector of artillery, and Lieut.-Colonel Armstrong inspected the fortifications at Negrotown Point, Red Head and Partridge Island. In each of these places the works were found in about the same condition as last year. Nothing has been added to the armament; with the exception of some minor repairs at Fort Dufferin no new work has been undertaken.

At two o'clock the city batteries mustered at the drill shed, and half an hour later the Portland, Carleton and Fairville batteries marched in. The men looked exceedingly well in their blue uniforms and busbies. As they have neither knapsacks nor valises the men were spared the burden of carrying them. The Portland battery is the only one in this district as yet supplied with the regulation artillery bayonet, the others carrying the same bayonet as the infantry. It is expected that before the time for the next inspection this deficiency will be supplied. The inspection of a brigade of artillery takes quite a long time, as the men are required not only to be thoroughly posted in infantry drill, but also to be well up in the handling of big guns. Col. Irwin is a thorough officer, who takes nothing for granted but sees everything done himself. Prior to the field movements on the barrack square he inspected two batteries in standing gun drill, questioning the non-commissioned officers and the men on their respective duties.

After this the brigade, headed by the band, marched out from the drill shed to the square, where they formed up in column, afterwards wheeling into line. The inspecting officers, attended by Major Markham, Eighth Cavalry, and Captain Bremner, I.S.C., stepped up to the saluting base, and the brigade in review order gave a general salute. The customary review movements were then performed, the different batteries acquitting themselves in fine style. The marching of Major Armstrong's battery in the

march past and at the double was particularly good. The wheeling of this battery is also worthy of special praise. The other batteries did well. After the battalion movements the different accoutrements and clothing was carefully inspected and the batteries were put through the manual exercise.

Prior to the dismissal the regiment was drawn up in column, and Lieut. Harrison and Sergt. Richardson, both of whom served in the North-West campaign, were presented with medals, the former by Col. Maunsell and the latter by Col. Irwin. Addressing the brigade in the drill shed after the inspection, Col. Irwin congratulated Col. Armstrong on the fine appearance of the men on parade. He said that, with the exception of one battery, the firing exercises were not well performed. He spoke also of the service rendered by the artillery during the North-West campaign, and said that the campaign showed that it was necessary for the artillery to be up in skirmishing drill and firing exercises. He did not think the gun drill was as well performed this year as last, and told them that next year he would expect each battery of the brigade to furnish three detachments for gun drill. Some garrison artillery brigades had supplied four detachments from each brigade, but he thought three was sufficient. He did not wish the men to be discouraged by what he had said about their drill this year as compared with last year, as the brigade was greatly improved since he had last inspected it. His desire was to see them still more competent. The questions he had asked the non-commissioned officers had been quite satisfactorily answered.

This concluded the inspection, and the brigade, headed by the band, marched through the principal streets, and then returned to their respective headquarters.

In the evening the officers of the brigade gave a complimentary dinner at the "Dufferin" to Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, in celebration of the success won at Shoeburyness by the Canadian artillery team. The handsome dining room was filled with guests, and the table, in addition to the sumptuous repast prepared, was graced with the numerous and splendid trophies won by the team in England. Major Armstrong presided, having on his right Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, the guest of the evening, and at his left Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D. A. G.

The usual toasts were proposed and speeches made. Col. Armstrong, on rising to reply to the toast of the evening, was received with hearty and prolonged cheering. He returned thanks for the enthusiastic honors, and in a modest and admirable speech related some of the experiences of the team while in England.

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