

and others of Woodstock, (who were present during the match) fired off a few rounds and made some excellent scoring. It is expected there will be a return match soon, considering this was closely contested. It may also be mentioned that some of the best shots from both Battalions were absent to-day.

Our citizen soldiers here are not an exception to the general rule at this season, being not over active in attention to drill; but they have set some examples in their drill and general deportment which might well be followed, some of the most prominent of which is of giving instruction to their non-commissioned officers, by making them act as squad instructors, which thoroughly initiates them in their duties and forms a greater stimulant for each one to try to excel in his particular squad. Then the Infantry Battalion are thoroughly British, for they do not say much but do a good deal and do it well when it is undertaken. They have now just organized a fine Battalion Band, and are effecting some very beneficial changes in their internal economy.

FROM HAMILTON.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The 13th Battalion met for its usual monthly drill on Thursday the 5th inst.—the number present being unusually large and the array of spectators, principally ladies, was large also, taking into consideration the fact that the weather was very sharp and frosty. The Battalion was put through a variety of manœuvres by Lieut. Col. Skinner in accordance with the new drill book, with which the men are becoming quite familiar although their opinion of it is anything but flattering to the compilers. At the close of the parade the orders were read; among others there was one of considerable importance, from some points of view, viz: That the officers and noncommissioned officers are to parade for drill every Wednesday evening, in addition to attending their regular company drills once a week. This is an important order because, as every military man well knows, a battalion or company of men cannot possibly be well drilled and disciplined unless its officers and noncommissioned officers are well qualified for their posts, and it is only by constant practice that they can attain and retain those qualifications; and it is earnestly to be hoped that there will be a good representation from each company at these highly necessary instructions. We also noticed that Sergt. Little of No. 6 Company received the appointment of Ensign to that company, until further orders, than which a better appointment could not have been made, he, in addition to other qualifications, having been a member of the company since the organization of the battalion, and consequently understands thoroughly the temper and requirements of the force; he has also the reputation of being the best marksman in the battalion and as having

made the highest score—won the highest prize in the late battalion matches, that prize being a Snider Enfield Rifle presented by Col. Skinner.

The first annual matches of the 13th Batt., which came off on Thursday the 27th and 28th of November, were in every respect successful, the weather being all that could be desired—perfectly calm—and although somewhat cool still it was very mild for the season. There were over one hundred entries made and the practice was remarkably good, but there is no doubt that there will be much better practice made in future years as the prizes given will be a great incentive to more thorough preparation; and there certainly is still much room for improvement in many members of the battalion, but we hope to see far less room for improvement at the close of another twelve months; however time will soon tell the story.

The Hamilton Field Battery of Artillery have recommenced their weekly drills, and will, no doubt, make such progress in the knowledge of their duties as will entitle them to retain the name that has always been sustained by them of being one of the best corps in the country, and the efforts of the men in that direction are ably seconded by their captain, Capt. G. B. Smith, and their lieutenant, Lieut. Robert Daville, who make it their aim to perfect themselves in all the duties of Artillery Officers, well knowing that without a good artillery force it is impossible to defend the country in these days of progress and improvement.

FROM ARGENTEUIL, Q.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

5TH BRIGADE DIVISION.—A rifle match was held at the Head Quarters of the Division, (St. Andrews) on the 6th November, when there were as many as 107 entries in the 1st Match to compete for the Silver Cup so kindly presented by our popular and energetic Staff Officer, Lt-Col Macpherson. Owing to the indisposition of the Secretary who is absent from Head Quarters, the return of the Match will unavoidably not appear until next week. The Drill Shed at Head Quarters is being enlarged to a two Co. one, with all the convenience of arm stacks and Quarter Master Stores, &c, for the gallant Argenteuil Rangers.

The plan, approved of the Adjt-General of Militia, was drawn by Archibald Macdonald, Esq., Civil Engineer, who has received the contract for the completion of the work, and no doubt from his well known ability, in a short time a good and substantial building will be erected. Lt-Col Hanson has commenced his semi-annual inspections, on Wednesday Thursday Friday and Saturday he inspected the Gore Co's, and although deprived of the benefit of drill sheds, they of the Argenteuil Rangers turned out as ready for inspection, as when called upon for frontier service.

CANADA



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 13th December, 1867.

GENERAL ORDERS.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

No. 1.

The Commander-in-Chief calls the attention of Officers Commanding Battalions, Corps, or Companies of Volunteer Militia to the absolute necessity of punctuality in transmitting all Returns which may from time to time be required of them.

Officers in Command of Battalions are responsible for the punctual transmission through them of all Returns required to be furnished by the different Companies of their respective Battalions.

No. 2.

6th Battalion "Hochelaga Light Infantry." To be Lieutenant:

Ensign David Seath, vice Dixon, resigned. To be Ensigns, acting till further orders.

Angus McIntosh and Robert Gillespie, Gentlemen, vice Stanway and Seath, promoted.

38th "Brant," Battalion of Infantry.

To be assistant Surgeon:

Duncan Maiquis, Esquire, M. D.

42nd "Brockville" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 6 Company, Smith's Falls.

To be Ensign, acting till further orders.

Henry Duncan Chalmers, Gentleman, vice Gilroy, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

47th "Frontenac," Battalion of Infantry.

To be Assistant Surgeon.

John R. Smith, Esquire.

52nd "Bedford" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 11 Company Dunham.

To be Ensign (temporary):

Malcolm Cameron Baker, Gentleman, M. S., vice Stevens, left the limits.

Grand Trunk Railway Brigade.

1st Battalion Garrison Artillery, Montreal.

To be Adjutant and Battalion Drill Instructor, temporary, with rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Edward Ross Prendergast, Gentleman, M. S., vice Townsend, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

No. 1 Battery.

To be 1st Lieutenant, acting till further orders: