

vigor. Drills, and parades for exercise, went on with the usual regularity, and were well attended; officers and men zealously making every preparation for the promised visit and interchange of courtesies with our brethren over the border, which to meet their views, as expressed in Major Palmer's letter, was postponed from the 10th to the 17th August. The following Battalion Order was issued for the guidance and information of all concerned:—

MONTREAL, 4th August, 1858.

RIFLE ORDERS.

Parade in full dress and heavy marching order, at 6 o'clock P. M., 17th August, *en route* for Portland.

Parade in full dress at 2 P. M. on the day of arrival at Portland, for a field-day.

On the following morning parade at 9 A.M.

Officers and men during the stay in Portland will wear their uniforms. When not on parade or duty, shell-jacket, forage-cap, and side-arms.

A daily guard will mount from the moment of departure, until the return to Montreal. This guard will be under the orders of the officer of the day, detailed for this duty, and will consist of 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, and 12 privates.

As this Excursion is to be one of pleasure, the best means of securing this will be by orderly conduct and strict sobriety. The Lt. Colonel commanding earnestly entreats both officers and men to bear in mind, that in going to Portland they go to a foreign state, although amongst people of their own blood and race; and that by their acts and demeanor while there, a good or an evil reputation will accrue to their brethren in arms and to their country. It would be no pleasant reflection to return with, if, by any misconduct on their part, they had brought discredit on either. They cannot therefore be too guarded in their conduct during the Excursion; the pleasure of which will be enhanced, if all entertain a due regard for their good name and reputation.

Let, therefore, Obedience, Sobriety, and Cleanliness in dress and appearance, the cardinal virtues of good soldiers, be the watchwords of the trip, to ensure its being a pleasant and satisfactory one.

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