

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

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ST. JOHN, N.B.

The New Brunswick Brigade of Garrison Artillery yesterday celebrated the 100th anniversary of the formation of their first corps in this city, particulars of which have already appeared in the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE. Between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning a salute of 100 guns was fired from Fort Howe, the barracks and Fort Dufferin.

In the early morning the guns on Fort Howe were cleaned out and got in readiness for the salute. At 9 o'clock, when the men went to load them, a long bar of iron and a great number of stones were found in each. The touch holes of the guns at the Martello Tower and Fort Dufferin were also filled, and the Martello Tower cannons could not be cleared and were not used. The officers will make an effort to find out who placed the obstructions in the guns.

In the evening the band of the Brigade gave a grand concert in the Mechanics' Institute, the programme of which was as follows:—

Overture.....Band
Piccolo solo.....Bandsman Stokes
Solo.....G. S. Mayes
Clarinet solo.....Bandsman Watson
Aria.....Mrs. C. W. Harrison
Bassoon solo.....Bandsman Thornhill
Tuba solo, air varie.....Sergt. Farmer
Song and quartette—The Bugle.....
.....G. S. Mayes and Germain st. Quartette
Alto clarinet solo.....Bandsman McKay
Song.....Mrs. C. W. Harrison
Overture—La Militaire.....Band
Duet.....Mrs. Harrison and G. S. Mayes
Miss A. K. Wilson presided at the piano.

The concert was an excellent one and was listened to by a good-sized audience. The singing by Mrs. Harrison, Mr. G. S. Mayes, and the Germain street Baptist quartette were splendid features and were encored several times. Bandsman McKay's alto clarinet solo was well rendered and had to be repeated.

The annual meeting of the St. John County Rifle Association, was held on the evening of 10th inst., at the Fusiliers club. The president, Major Hall, occupied the chair and called the meeting to order. Major Hall, who has been president of the association for nineteen consecutive years, having expressed his intention of retiring from that office, Capt. McRobbie was elected to the position.

It was resolved that the thanks of the association be tendered Major Hall for his long and faithful service.

In reply the major thanked the members and spoke in feeling terms of his long connection with the Association. In taking the chair, Capt. McRobbie made a short and appropriate address.

The following were elected as council: Capt. Hartt, Col.-Sergt. Henderson, Capt. Jones, Major Hartt, Pte. Sullivan, Lieut. Perley, Lieut. McAvity, and Major Sturdee.

A committee was appointed to meet representatives from the different city corps to secure a caretaker for the range and to make enquiries about the cost of cotton targets. The committee appointed was Capt. McRobbie, 8th Cavalry; Capt. Hartt, retired list; Lieut. Parks, 62nd, and Col.-Sergt. Henderson, 62nd.

An amendment to the constitution was carried by which, in future, the president will be elected by the association and not by the council.

It was decided to hold the first competition on May 24th for the corporation cup and an additional prize of \$30. The ranges will be 400 and 600 yards, and seven shots at each; the Snider rifle to be used.

Major Loggie, of York county, was present, and in a short address gave some very valuable suggestions in reference to the work of the association.

The council were recommended to arrange for spoon competitions, and an annual match will probably take place early in August.

The meeting then adjourned.

General Herbert has signified his approval of the 8th Hussars by presenting a silver trumpet to the corps. He promised it to Col. Domville in camp last year, and this officer has forwarded to London, at the request of the General, the crest and motto of the regiment to be engraved on the trumpet. It is the only instance of such representation by a commander-in-chief for many years and is a great compliment to Colonel Domville, and to the corps.

Amongst the senior officers in New Brunswick who are entitled to the long service decoration may be named: Lt.-Colonel Maunsell, D. A. G.; Lt.-Colonel Marsh, 71st Batt.; Lt.-Colonel Baird, R. L.; Lt.-Colonel Blaine, 62nd Batt.; Lt.-Col. Domville, 8th Hussars; Lt.-Col. Call, Newcastle field battery of artillery, and doubtless others whose term of service may be sufficiently long to justify them but who are unknown to us at the moment. It is presumed an overhaul of services of officers will be made for the purpose of deciding the number.

Battery Sergt.-Major John C. Edwards of No. 3, Portland Battery N.B.B.G.A., is the winner for 1892 of the prize of \$15, offered for the best percentage made by a non-commissioned officer or gunner attending the School of Artillery at Quebec. His points were 85, an excellent average.

LONDON.

The Seventh Battalion held their inaugural route march on evening of 1st inst. and made a most creditable showing. Five companies paraded, with a total of 180 men. Lieut.-Col. Payne was in command, and the officers who also turned out were Major Hayes, Captains Dawson, Kingsmill, Graham and Moore, and Lieutenants Fitzgerald, Magee, Taylor, Thomas, Denison and Graves. The Seventh brass band and the bugle band marched at the head of the parade and played enlivening music alternately. The bugle band of the battalion was never stronger, and their playing was very creditable. A large number of citizens witnessed the parade from the sidewalks and the soldierly bearing of the men was very favorably commented upon.

The visit of the Seventh to Sarnia on May 24th is now an assured fact, and the occasion promises to be a most enjoyable one for the officers and men of the battalion. Col. Payne has completed arrangements with the Grand Trunk authorities for a special train. Supt. Tiffin and District Passenger Agent Dickson have done their best in the matter, but it was difficult to secure cars owing to the World's Fair traffic. The citizens of Sarnia are acting very generously in the way of providing entertainment for the red coats. Among those taking a leading part are Messrs. Symington, Mathewson, and Kenny, Col. Ellis and Capt. McKenzie. Drill manoeuvres will be the feature of the morning programme at the border town, and then lunch will be served in the new \$10,000 rink there. This latter part will be in charge of the ladies; and the men of the Seventh Battalion have good reason to remember the ladies of Sarnia. In the afternoon the men will be at liberty. It has been suggested that a company made up altogether of veterans of the North-west rebellion should be formed in connection with the Seventh. The idea is a good one, inasmuch as it would in many ways give additional vigor and interest in the best success of the Battalion.—Free Press.

VICTORIA, B.C.

A special dispatch from Ottawa gives an encouragement to those members of the British Columbia Battalion of Garrison Artillery who have been discussing the possibility of their corps being represented at the Garrison Artillery tournament to take place at Halifax in August. The project at first sight would appear to be so large as to be out of the question, but the fact that a rifle team from this Province will be in Ottawa about the end of August, and that the riflemen will probably all be efficient artillerymen as well, makes the matter a comparatively simple one. Though the officers here favoured the idea no practical step had been