

ively, each having control of the Garrison and Field Sections in their respective stations; it stands to reason that one of the branches, either mounted or foot, is bound to advance at the expense of the other, for no officer can keep two batteries, for it amounts to that, one a garrison and the other a field battery, in a good efficient state and at the same time be cognizant of all the minor details of the work of each, which is what the officers in command of these Batteries have to do; and the natural taste of the commanding officer for one of the two branches will incline him to devote more pains to it than to the other, as witness the dashing appearance and efficiency of the Field section of "A" Battery and likewise the fine Garrison division they have at "B" Battery. In short, at Kingston the Field is kept up at the expense of the Garrison and in Quebec the Field is sacrificed to the advancement of the Garrison.

STEINSALES.

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Referring to the first item that appeared in this column in issue of 1st Feb., we have been requested by the authorities of the Royal Military College to make further inquiry into the matter. The party who furnished the item to our correspondent now declines to give any further information. As he has been notified of the enquiry—especially with reference to the R. M. C.,—we take it for granted that the insinuation had no reference to that institution.

QUEBEC.

The arrival of Major-General Herbert in this city at the latter part of February, which was in a great measure unexpected, resulted in "A" Troop, Regiment Canadian Dragoons and "B" Battery, R.C.A., receiving orders to march out to the Falls of Montmorency on the 28th ult. This order was carried out with a satisfactory result, the G.O.C. having expressed himself as pleased with the manner in which they had acquitted themselves.

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Major-General Herbert was accompanied by Captain E. Streatfield, A.D.C., and Mr. Fred. W. White, U.L. The latter gentleman had to remain in the city in connection with a Board appointed to look into the matter of the late fire at the Government Cartridge Factory; at the completion of their investigation he returned to Ottawa.

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Mr. H. du P. Casgrain, Royal Engineers, who has been spending some months in Canada, on leave, left the city on the 13th inst. to return to England to rejoin his corps.

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The Regimental Orders of the 8th Royal Rifles, under date 2nd inst., called for the issue of clothing on the 6th, 7th and 8th instants, and for a parade of the Regiment on the 10th instant to commence their Annual Drill. In accordance with the above the Regiment commenced their annual training on Friday last and will parade on every Tuesday and Friday evenings until further orders. This parade was marked in a special manner as being the first appearance of Lieut-Col. George R. White as commanding officer of the regiment and the first appearance in public of the new band. The parade as usual on such occasions was not strong in point of numbers.

A few words with reference to the band may not be out of place in view of the fact that the organization of the same took place but some four or five months ago, and the members composing it having had little or no knowledge of music prior to their enrolling for that purpose, the result can be considered as exceeding the anticipations of the most sanguine, as to their being able to parade at so short a date.

From the "fall in" to the termination of this the initial performance in public of the band, the members of the regiment and spectators had an opportunity of witnessing a change from the usual custom followed in the past. Instead of playing at the halt, the bands, both brass and bugle, performed on the march, the countermarching at the end of the hall being done in a most creditable manner. The officers are to be congratulated upon their selection of Bandmaster Hutchison, and who was deservedly complimented by the commanding officer and others upon the good result obtained within such a short time.

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The promotion of Major White to the command of the regiment has created a vacancy in the majority which has not as yet been filled. With the exception of Mr. H. J. Hussey, who has been told off for duty with "F" Co., no change appears in the *personnel* of the company officers.

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At a meeting of the officers held recently it was decided to hold the annual regimental sports in the near future, and a committee was appointed for that purpose.

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OTTAWA.

The Guards can now claim to be the military hockey champions of Ottawa. On the 2nd inst. they added to their long list of victories by defeating a team from the 43rd Battalion by six goals to two. C. Kirby was referee, and A. S. Pittaway and Dr. Grant acted as umpires. The teams were as follows :—

G.G.F.G.—Major W. E. Hodgins, Lieut. D. Watters, Sergt. Grant, Corp. Bentley, Lieut. Adamson, Pte. Muchlestone and Capt. P. B. Taylor.

43rd Battalion.—Pte. Savage, Pte. S. Rosenthal, Lieut. Cameron, Capt. McKay, Lieut. W. T. Lawless, Capt. S. M. Rogers, and Lieut. McLean.

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The G.G.F.G. commenced the season's drill on the 3rd March, when Lieut.-Col. Toller announced that it was his intention to take the battalion to Quebec for Dominion Day, leaving Ottawa on June 30th, and returning on the evening of the 2nd of July. The regiment will drill for the present by half battalions, right half every Monday, and left half every Friday.

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On Wednesday, the 8th inst., the examination for the non-commissioned officers and men, who have been attending the Guards class of instruction, was held in the Drill Shed, before a Board consisting of Major W. E. Hodgins, Capt. P. B. Taylor, and Lieut. E. F. Taylor. The following were the results :—

Sergeants' Certificates—Lance-Corp. Moffatt, Sergt. Law, Corp. Staples, Sergt. Burch, Corp. Rogers.

Corporal's Certificates—Corp. Herbot, Pte. Law, Pte. St. Aubin, Pte. Hillman, Corps. Law, Herriott, Walker, Kauffman and Cross, and Sergt. Bowzer.

Lance-Corporal's Certificates—Ptes. Thomas, McEachern, Drummond and Brown.

HAMILTON.

The following orders have been issued to the Hamilton Field Battery :—In accordance with G.O. 10, dated Ottawa, Feb. 3, 1893, the Hamilton Field Battery will be in readiness to proceed to Camp Niagara, for the annual drill, on a date which will be notified hereafter. All officers, non-commissioned officers and men will govern themselves accordingly.

Referring to the inspection report of field batteries, G. O. 45, Nov. 25, 1892, it will be seen that, notwithstanding the twenty-one marks lost through the unavoidable absence of an officer, the Hamilton Field Battery is second in general efficiency, being nine marks behind the first corps. The Battery won the Lansdowne Cup, second efficiency, and second Gzowski drill and driving competition.

Having been in command of the Hamilton Field Battery for ten annual trainings, Major Van Wagner asks the loyal assistance of every officer, non-commissioned officer and man to make the next annual drill of the Battery a greater success than ever.

The Battery will parade for drill every Thursday evening, until further orders. H. P. VAN WAGNER, Major commanding Hamilton Field Battery.

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Instead of the usual annual dinner, "D" Company of the 13th Battalion decided this year to hold a smoking concert, which duly came off on 20th ult. That the affair was a success, goes without saying, and few regretted the change. The whole of the second floor at the eastern end of the Drill

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