

As regards the company at Winnipeg it is doubtless wiser to give them a larger proportion of horses, but why? Why indeed should not twenty or even ten be given to A, B and C?

And now to turn from a purely defensive view to the one of training.

By adopting these means the infantry school of this country would be able to immensely increase their advantages of education to the infantry of the militia by giving them riding schools at which they could attend while undergoing their infantry training.

I should be glad to see some correspondence from wiser heads and more able pens than mine in your columns on this subject, and as the gallant major-general in command has proved himself to the country to be a thoroughly practical soldier, I feel sure that he would, at least, give the idea his consideration.

EX-VOLUNTEER.

## Queries and Replies.

In reply to our query, of two weeks ago, as to what uniform should be worn by dragoon guards on church parade, one of A troop, cavalry school corps, Quebec, has kindly sent us the following extract from their regulations:

"For dismounted duties, review order; to be worn at church parade, funerals, general courts martial, and inspection foot parades. The same dress as in review order mounted, except that overalls and Wellington boots with fixed spurs are worn instead of pantaloons and knee-boots, and short gloves are worn instead of gauntlets." The Queen's regulations prescribe undress belt for review order.

"Sabretache" writes us from Montreal on the same point: "I have always understood it was full dress, but as a dismounted parade, field officers should wear trousers instead of pantaloons and knee-boots, and should not wear sabretaches. The only regulation I can find on the subject in the Queen's regulations is section VII, 264, which relates to the wearing of side arms by them. In Otter's guide, however, I find, page 134, 'Divine Service Order'.—Same as 'Review Order'."

## Regimental Notes.

(We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?)

### G. G. F. G. ANNUAL INSPECTION.

**Ottawa.**—The annual inspection of the Governor General's Foot Guards took place on Friday evening last before Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne, D. A. G., and Lieut.-Col. Lewis, brigade major, who, having been received with a general salute from the battalion in line, passed up and down the ranks critically examining the clothing and equipments, which were found just as satisfactory as their wearers could make them. The battalion was then wheeled into companies and the arms were inspected. After this very thorough drill was executed under the direction of Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, who put the battalion through a great variety of movements, the execution of which showed a thorough knowledge on the part of officers, non-commissioned officers and men, then Major Tilton was called on to put the battalion through the manual and firing exercise, and Major Todd to give the bayonet exercise. In addressing the men after inspection, Col. Lamontagne very highly complimented them upon the very creditable inspection they had passed, which he said showed them to be well entitled to the place of honor which they held on the role of the regiments of Canada. He was sure that Col. Macpherson was proud of his command, as he had good reasons to be. He had expected something good when he came to inspect the Governor-General's Foot Guards and he was not disappointed, for the inspection had turned out to be one of the most successful he had ever witnessed. And he was happy to compliment the regiment on its proficiency as a shooting corps, in which respect it had shown itself to be second to none. Then it must also be a source of pride to every one connected with it to know that it had been found prepared to do more serious service when the occasion arose, and had sent out from its ranks a company of Sharpshooters, who had worthily sustained its credit, and some of whose members had fallen in battle for their country. In conclusion he once more complimented officers, non-commissioned officers and men upon their neat and soldier-like appearance, and the proficiency they had displayed in drill. The total strength of the parade was 24 officers and 226 non-commissioned officers and men. A company, Major Todd commanding, had the largest muster, 3 officers, 3 sergeants and 42 men, the exact nominal strength. F Company, Capt. Waldo's, was next, being four behind, with 38 men.

A company has voted \$210 from its fund for the erection, beside the door of its armoury, of a tablet in memory of Ptes. Rogers and Osgoode, who fell in action at Cut Knife, and also bearing a roll of honor of the battalion, being the names of those of its members who formed Major Todd's company of Sharpshooters.

**Hamilton.**—When the asylum buildings here took fire last month, the 13th turned out and did good service. Col. Gibson has since received the following gratifying and substantial acknowledgment from the Hon. Mr. Hardy, provincial secretary:—"The government is not unaware of the alacrity with which several companies of the 13th turned out on the occasion of the recent fire at the asylum buildings to assist in the care of the inmates and in the protection of property. It affords me much pleasure to tender the thanks of the government to the battalion through you for their prompt and timely services on the occasion in question. I also take the opportunity of enclosing a cheque for the trifling sum of \$100, as a contribution to such fund of the battalion which you as Lieut.-Col. in command, may think well to apply it."

**Toronto.**—The non-commissioned officers' class of the Q. O. R., which has been going on for some time past, has been discontinued on account of the cold weather.

Lieut. Morphy, of the Queen's Own, has entered C school for a long course.

It has been decided to send a team from the Queen's Own to compete in the tug-of-war to be held at the concert given by the Montreal garrison artillery on the 21st December.

**Guelph.**—The military tournament given by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 1st provincial brigade of field artillery in the Speed rink on Friday evening, the 3rd, was a great success. By eight o'clock nearly every seat in the rink was occupied and it is estimated that there must have been 1,000 people present. Toronto was well represented by some 50 members or more of the Queen's Own and Grenadiers.

The races and tugs-of-war were well contested and the sword vs. bayonet by Capt. Meyesfrey (late of the Austrian Hussars) and Col.-Sergt. Cooper of the Q.O.R., was well worth seeing.

The first heat in the tug of war was between the Queen's Own and the 30th Batt. (Wellington rifles). The Q.O.R. team were too quick for the Guelph boys and before

they knew where they were, they were pulled over the line, the Queen's Own thus being the winners of the first heat. The next heat was between the artillery team and the Grenadiers. The drop gave the boys in blue a slight advantage which they were able to hold for about 3 minutes, but after that time the Grenadiers made some big efforts, and when the 5 minutes were up they were declared the winners by 8 inches, and leaving the final tug between the two Toronto regiments. The Grenadiers were captained by Adj. Manley, and the artillery by Lieut. Higinbotham. When the time for the final tug came it was easily seen whatever team was going to win, it would be no easy work for them. After the rope was taken hold of by both teams, the starter asked the captains of the teams if their men were ready, and, on receiving the answer yes from both of them, he gave the start (by the pistol.) The Queen's Own were the quickest on the drop and got such an advantage over the Gren's. that their captain protested on the grounds that his men were not ready, and the judges not being acquainted with the rules, ordered it to be pulled over again. Capt. Cooper of the Q. O. R. consented, and on the next drop the advantage was slightly in favor of the Queen's Own. This was the hardest tug-of-war ever witnessed, every man pulling his utmost. First the tape was on one side of the line and then on the other, and went on this way until the time was up, when it was found the Grenadiers had it by about an inch. The people present praised the Queen's Own for the manly way in which they came forward to pull the tug over the second time.

The following are the winners of the races:—

Quarter-mile race—Gunner Parker, No. 2 Bat., 2nd Sgt. Brown, No. 2 Bat.

Sack race—Pte. Daniels, R.G., 2nd Sergt. Brown.

Potatoe race—Gunner Parker, 2nd Sergt. Brown.

Half-mile drill order race—Pte. Richardson, R. G., 2nd Sergt.-Major Crean, Q.O.R.

Relief race—Gunnery Miller and Parker, 2nd Corpl. Knowles and Gunner Gore.

Fire and water race—Pte. Daniels, R.G., 2nd Pte. Richardson, R.G.

Obstacle race—Gunner Miller, 2nd Sergt. Brown.

Gunner Parker was winner of the sweepstake medal with 15 points and Sergt. Brown came 2nd with 12 points.

At the close of the games Mrs. Col. Macdonald presented the prizes to the successful winners.

The visiting teams and members present were entertained to an oyster supper in the Wellington Hotel by the artillerymen, which passed off very pleasantly. The usual toasts were drank with cold water and hot coffee (Guelph being a Scott act town in a sort of a way.) Songs were sung by Adjutant Manley, Sergt.-Major Crean and others, and the evening was brought to a close by singing God save the Queen, led by Col.-Sergt. Cooper. Much credit is due to the committee for the way in which they managed the tournament. Lieut. Higinbotham, Sergt.-Major Snyder, Sergts. Merriweather and Brown formed the committee.

### THIRTEENTH BATTALION ANNUAL INSPECTION.

**Hamilton.**—The annual inspection of the Thirteenth battalion took place on Thursday evening last, before Lieut.-Col. Otter, D. A. G., and Lieut.-Col. Alger, district paymaster. A Hamilton paper says: The battalion mustered in full strength at its headquarters, old Canada Life buildings, at 8 o'clock, and after the several companies had been put through company drill, marched out to the open square east of the Gore park. The following officers were present: Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Major Moore, Major McLaren, Surg.-Major Ryall, Major Mason, Qr.-Mr. Asst. Surg. Griffin, Capt. and Adj. Stuart, Capt. Barnard, Adam, Stoneman, Reid, Zealand, Brown and Moore, Lieuts. Osborne, Gillespie, Mewlurn, Watson, Ross, Tuckett, Hobson, Tidswell, Chapman, Cameron and Bowman. It was the largest turnout the battalion has known, and it was a decidedly creditable one, every man looking clean and soldierly. The inspection was conducted under great disadvantages—no drill shed and very poor light. The same disadvantages have tended to militate against the efficiency of the battalion ever since the burning of the shed, and only the indefatigable efforts of the officers and the attention of the men have kept up the standard. After half an hour's battalion drill, Col. Otter arrived and was greeted with the usual salutes. He proceeded at once with the inspection, the battalion moving under word of command from Lieut.-Col. Gibson. For half an hour the inspection lasted, the electric lamps giving just enough light to let the movements be seen. The D. A. G. afterwards addressed the battalion, saying that he was pleased with the result of the inspection, particularly so considering the great disadvantages to be contended against in having no drill shed. This evil he hoped would be remedied early in the spring. The battalion movements were very good indeed, but in manual exercises and company drill there might be a good deal of improvement made, and he hoped it would be made by close attention to squad drill. The battalion then marched to the Royal rink where the roll was called, after which the band played a few selections and the affair was over.

### THE VICTORIA RIFLES' ARMOURY.

**Montreal.**—Saturday 12th was a read letter day in the history of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone of the new armoury on Cathcart street. The building will, it is expected, be completed by next spring, and will, with the land, cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000, of which \$10,000 has already been subscribed. Before any outside subscriptions were asked for, no less a sum than \$4,000 was raised among the members of the regiment themselves. As the citizens of Montreal are always found ready to aid in the furtherance of a worthy object, there is felt to be no reason for doubt but that the \$20,000 balance required will in due time be forthcoming. The *Gazette* says of the event of Saturday: Notwithstanding the extreme cold weather of Saturday, long before the hour named for the ceremony to commence, a very large number of ladies and gentlemen friends of this popular regiment had assembled to witness it. A platform, the front of which was tastefully decorated with flags and the coat of arms of the regiment, was erected on the cross beams which will support the ground floor, and a large marquee tent was placed upon it, for the protection of the regiment's guests from the cold. Among the officers of other corps present were noticed Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, C.M.G.; Lieut.-Col. Oswald, of the Garrison Artillery, who was accompanied by Sir John Kaye and Mr. Cochrane, of England; Lieut.-Col. DeBellefeuille, paymaster of the sixth military district; Lieut.-Col. Lyman, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, Major Lyman, Capt. Hood, Capt. Newton and Lieut. Linton, 5th Royal Scots; Lieut.-Col. Massey and Lieut. Engelke, 6th Fusiliers; Lieut.-Col. Bruce-Campbell, 84th battalion; Capt. Campbell and Capt. Cooke, Prince of Wales Rifles; Major Atkinson and Major Turnbull, Montreal Garrison Artillery; Sir William Dawson, Mr. M. H. Gault, M.P.; Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., M. P.; Mr. John S. Hall, jr., M.P.P. Ald. Holland and Ald. Mount were also present. The officers and men of the Victorias mustered at their present armoury at three o'clock, and headed by their band marched to the new building, where they formed up facing the building, and awaited the arrival of the Minister of Militia. At 2.30 Sir Adolphe Caron arrived, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzic, D.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. Mattice, B.M.; Lieut.-Col. Hughes, B.M., and the Rev. Canon Ellegood, chap-