

the proficiency shown in their drill, and expressing the opinion that as long as the present spirit pervaded the members of the corps it would continue to be a source of pride to its commander and the city. Referring to the proposed trip to Quebec last spring, which had not taken place in consequence of the outbreak of the insurrection, he expressed a hope that the efficiency of the battalion would continue satisfactory so as to permit of it being carried into effect next year. Besides the company officers, the following officers were present at the inspection: Lieut.-Col. Ross, commanding; Majors Macpherson and Tilton; Capt. Hodgins, adjutant; Surgeon Horsey and Assistant Surgeon Grant, and Capt. Heron, quartermaster. Bandmaster Bonner and Bugle Major Taylor were in charge of the bands. The total number of officers on parade was 23, of musicians 46, and of n.c.o. and men 209, being 3 officers under, and 3 men over the establishment of the corps.

The annual dinner of No. 5 Co., G.G.F.G., took place last Friday evening at Acres' Coffee House. Sergt.-Major Conroy, Staff-Sergt. Benbow, and the members of the Ottawa sharpshooters were presents as guests. An excellent repast was provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent, with songs and speeches. It is the intention of the officers of this company to have company parade throughout the winter for drills and marches out.—*Citizen.*

INSPECTIONS OF TORONTO TROOPS.

On Thanksgiving Day the Queen's Own and Royal Grenadiers turned out in full strength on Garrison Common to be reviewed by General Sir Frederick Middleton. The day was fine but the ground wet and sloppy. There was a large concourse of spectators, numbering probably 20,000. When the General reached the ground, only the Queen's Own were present. They received him with a general salute and then waited in quarter column for the Grenadiers, who, on their arrival, formed line on the left of the Rifles and saluted. The brigade then moved to the right in fours, changed direction on the saluting base, and marched past in column, closing to quarter column at the end of the saluting base, changing ranks and marching past in quarter column, during which the front of the Queen's Own column was broken by a restive horse. After a few brigade movements the two battalions formed line and advanced to the salute in review order, the inspection closing earlier than anticipated in consequence of indisposition of the General.

Before the Grenadiers left their drill-shed for the common, the regiment was presented with a handsome flag by ladies of Toronto. The intention of the ladies having been announced by Mr. Beatty, M.P., in a felicitous speech, Miss Impey then presented the banner, and Miss Rogers an accompanying address to Col. Grasett, who made a forcible and touching reply. The flag, a very handsome silk one, is attached to a light pole surmounted by a golden crown. Neatly worked on the field, in satin, are the words "Fish Creek, Batoche, 1885." In the upper dexter section is the Canadian Coat-of-arms, surrounded by the words "Royal Grenadiers," and "Ready aye Ready." The address was beautifully written and framed.

On returning to the drill-shed the men of both battalions who had been on actual service were dismissed, and the remainder were mustered for pay.

On Friday the General inspected the drill associations of the Toronto public schools at Wellesley school. The boys were formed into a battalion of four companies, consisting of two companies from Wellesley school, and one each from Dufferin and Ryerson schools, Capt. Thompson being in command. After receiving Sir Frederick with a general salute the battalion marched past in column and quarter column, formed line and went through the manual, and again broke into column and closed to quarter distance, when the General expressed himself pleased with their proficiency.

He then witnessed Miss Keown's senior fifth book class of girls go through their calisthenic exercises.

On Friday "C" company were also inspected in their barrack square by Gen. Middleton. They were under command of Major Smith, with Lieuts. Sears and Wadmore as right and left guides. The General, accompanied by Col. Otter, Capt. Wise, A.D.C., and Surgeon Strange, proceeded to inspect the company after the general salute had been given. The General scrutinised closely the equipment, arms and accoutrements, and expressed his entire satisfaction. The march past in quick and double time followed, the closing the ranks, and the dividing of the corps into two companies were performed with admirable precision and steadiness. The battalion was exercised in turn by the company officers. At the close the outer sections of the line were wheeled inwards, and the General addressed the company. He expressed his pleasure in meeting them again for the first time after their return from the North-west, and his gratification on finding they had retained their high standing in drill, soldierly bearing and steadiness. He referred in terms of pride and pleasure to the manner in which they had performed their duty in the recent campaign—their first experience in actual war. They had done their part well in commencing the record of the permanent forces of Canada so creditably, and had greatly aided in the establishment of a high standard of attainment for the future. In fact they could not have done better. The next time he inspected them he hoped to see on their breasts the medals they had so gallantly merited, and he trusted that the possession of these medals would prove an additional incentive to maintain their *esprit de corps*. Addressing himself to the colonel, he said he could scarcely express the satisfaction he felt at the services rendered by him and his officers in the campaign, and that the state of efficiency in which the corps has been and now was is highly creditable to him and his officers. He concluded by impressing upon officers and men the importance of maintaining the efficiency of the force, and a constant readiness for action.

On Thursday morning the General made a thorough inspection of the barracks and interior management of the establishment.

In the evening the officers of "C" company entertained the General to dinner, to which a company of twenty-four sat down. Among those present were His Worship Mayor Manning, Col. C. W. Robinson, of the Rifle Brigade, brother of Lieut.-Governor Robinson, Col. Gilmor, Col. Milsom, Col. Miller, Col. Grasett and Col. Alger.

INSPECTION OF THE DUFFERIN RIFLES.

BRANTFORD.—The Dufferin Rifles took advantage of Thanksgiving day for their annual inspection. The regiment paraded at the armory at two o'clock, and marched by way of Colborne street to the Agricultural park, headed by the

pioneers, brass and bugle bands and signal corps, and followed by the ambulance corps. The regiment never appeared to better advantage. The marching of the men was much admired, and several changes of formation on the street were done with great precision. The regiment was in command of Col. Jones, and on arriving at the park was drawn up in line at open order awaiting the arrival of Col. Denison, D.A.G., who was received with a general salute. A very minute inspection of every man was made by Col. Denison, after which Col. Jones was called upon to put the regiment through such movements as were directed by the inspecting officer. Several of these movements had not before been practised, owing to the limited space in the armory. The march past in column, quarter column, and also in double time was performed with great regularity. Receiving cavalry in line and in square, and marching in square were well done. After several other movements the pay rolls were called over by Col. Alger, district paymaster. Every company mustered over its strength. After the conclusion of the manoeuvres Col. Denison addressed the regiment, complimenting it in high terms. He said each year he inspected it he found a marked improvement, and he had not had the pleasure of inspecting a finer regiment in his district. During the evolutions a man dropped in the ranks, and the ambulance corps, with remarkable dexterity, bound up his broken leg, using the man's rifle as a splint, and carried him off the field. This fine corps has received its instruction from Surgeon Harris, assisted by Hospital Sergeant Gough, the signal corps having been instructed by Capt. T. Harry Jones.

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WILLIAM WHITE,  
Secretary.

Post Office Department, Canada,  
Ottawa, 1st October, 1885.

N.B.—The time for the reception of tenders for the supply of Mail Bags has been extended by the Postmaster-General for one month (until noon on Wednesday, the 2nd December, 1885), certain changes having been made in the form of tender, as shown in the amended form of proposal to be had from the Postmasters of the following places:—Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B., Charlottetown, P.E.I., Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Man., Victoria, B.C., or at the Post Office Department at Ottawa.

WILLIAM WHITE,  
Post Office Department, Canada,  
Ottawa, 24th October, 1885.