

General for the camp, was unfortunately suffering from an acute attack of rheumatism, which prevented his riding on horse-back or walking any distance, but he continued at his post, and materially assisted in the success of the camp arrangements.

Dr. O. S. Strange, M. D. the principal Medical officer, was zealous in his daily inspection of the camp and men's tents, and in his endeavors to promote the health and comfort of the troops. He suggested sound sanitary improvements, and by his advice and influence persuaded the men to bathe at proper hours, and exert themselves in cleaning and purifying the camp grounds. The medical reports by regimental surgeons were daily received by him, and in serious cases, of which there were very few, he decided as to whether the patients should be sent to their homes or to the general hospital. The position and importance of a Principal Medical Officer in a military view, did not appear to be understood at first by the medical officers as a body, and some trouble was experienced in making them attend for their chief's orders, and in sending him their daily states. This might be remedied by a General Order on future occasions, specially calling the attention of Medical Volunteer officers to this duty.

The Supply Officer, Lieut. Col. Sweetman, contributed largely to the success of the camp. Where men are well fed and not harassed there will generally be good feeling. The Supply Officer's preparatory arrangements for the daily issues of supplies were perfect in themselves; the preparations were completed in good time; all appliances for weighing the provisions, and for conveying them from the issuing stores to the several regimental encampments, were thought of and ready, so that from the moment the first corps arrived in camp, the issues were made with unprecedented rapidity and despatch that would have reflected credit upon the most experienced issuer in Her Majesty's service. I beg to make special mention of this officer's great attention to his duties, and his uniform good temper and firmness in the performance of them.

The Chief Musketry Instructor, Major Graveley, proved another happy selection as staff officer. Not one hour was lost after the camp was formed in commencing target practice. At daylight on the 20th the corps that arrived on the previous day was at the ranges. Ammunition had been drawn over night and served out, the scoring papers ready, markers at the butts, targets painted and the shooting from that hour was carried out daily, with unremitting industry, until every man in the infantry corps had fired his 16 rounds. Major Graveley's report speaks in high terms of his assistants, Major John K. Macaulay, 47th Battalion, and Lieut. Johnson, 57th Battalion. These officers relieved each other at the butts, and one or other of them was constantly present when the firing was going on, from daylight till dark. The accomplishment of this duty in so limited a time, by so many men, is entirely due to the exertions and conscientious discharge of their work by Major Graveley and his assistants. Sergt. J. Bailli, 47th Battalion, was Musketry Sergeant Instructor, and was constantly at his post, rendering valuable assistance by his experience and personal skill as a rifle marksman. The sergeant proved this year, as he did last year, that he is the best shot in the District, scoring 59 points out of a possible 60.

(To be Continued)

An international chess tournament, for 2, in gold, fifty florins entrance, will commence at Vienna on the 20th July next.

## DOMINION OF CANADA.



### MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

#### HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 23rd June, 1873.

#### GENERAL ORDERS (14).

##### No 1.

#### ACTIVE MILITIA.

##### Parade on 1st July, (Dominion Day.)

The Active Militia Force in the several Cities and Towns of the Dominion and such other Corps as can conveniently do so, will assemble at the Head Quarters of Corps respectively, at Noon, on Tuesday, the 1st July, 1873, to celebrate the Anniversary of Confederation by a parade and firing a *feu de joie* in the usual manner. The Batteries of Artillery will fire the usual salute.

Such muster to be counted as one of 16 days' drill of three hours in the Annual Drill for the year 1873-74.

It is to be understood that no claims for transport will be allowed.

##### No. 2.

#### ANNUAL DRILL, 1873-74.

##### Eight Days' Drill.

1. Adverting to General Orders (12) of the 30th May, 1873, such Battalions of Infantry or Field Batteries of Artillery of the Active Militia, as may desire to perform the Annual Drill of 16 days for the financial year 1873-74 in eight days' continuous drill of six hours each day, at their respective Battalion or Field Battery Head Quarters, or at such other more convenient central place, of Assembly adjacent thereto, as may be selected by the commanding officer, may be permitted to do so, always excepting such companies, the Head Quarters of which are not within a convenient distance of the Battalion Head Quarters, say half a day's journey.

2. In such eight days to be spent at the Battalion or Field Battery Head Quarters, during which period drill for six hours each day is to be performed, with the exception of the days of concentration at, and departure from, the place of drill, on each of these two days, drill of three hours only is to be exacted, the whole period of eight days to be exclusive of any Sunday that intervene.

3. Tents and blankets will be issued if required, for such drill, from the Militia Stores under usual conditions on application by the commanding officer to the Deputy Adjutant General of the Military District, through the Brigade Major.

4. As commanding officers of Battalions and Field Batteries who may obtain tents and blankets for purposes of the drill, will be held responsible for their return into store in good condition on completion of the drill, such commanding officers will take steps to have the same returned to them before the men leave for their homes, and will assess all damages for losses, injury or deficiencies which may have occurred, certifying value of same upon the pay lists, and the amount of such assessment will be stopped from the pay of the corps. List of prices will be found on the pay list.

5. Rations cannot be supplied at the public expense, but the non-commissioned officers and men who shall have performed the above duty will receive eight dollars each before leaving for their homes, and the officers will receive sixteen each, subject under order of the commanding officer, to stoppages for necessary subsistence and all damages of, or losses, injuries to, or deficiencies in military stores which may occur during the period of drill.

6. Each mounted officer will receive an allowance of twelve dollars in addition for a horse, if the same has been actually present and used by him at drill, on the certificate of the commanding officer, and the sum of twelve dollars will be likewise allowed for each Field Battery horse actually and necessarily present, provided that such horses were present for the full period of drill.

7. Transport is not to be supplied on requisition issued by the Militia Department, but allowance in lieu of transport for such portion of the distance necessarily travelled over ordinary roads at the rate of six cents per mile for each officer, and three cents per mile for each non-commissioned officer and man, whose Corps or Company Head Quarters are distant more than three miles from the place of encampment, will be allowed proceeding to Battalion or Corps Head Quarters, the same rate to be allowed for the return journey.

8. In all cases where the whole or part of the journey is by railway or water communication, half the above rates will be allowed in lieu of transport for such portions of the journey as may be over such railway or by water communication, and the amount of such allowances is to be added to the Company pay lists and paid with the drill pay.

9. Commanding Officers are under no circumstances to issue requisitions for transport by railway or steamboat to be made a charge against the public.

10. Officers commanding Corps desirous of performing the annual drill under these regulations must give timely notice to the Deputy Adjutant General of the District, through the Brigade Major.

11. The nature of the Drill and exercises for the respective corps, to be as far as possible, in conformity with the instructions laid down in the General Order (12) of the 30th May, 1873, the Rifle instruction and