

ing that "such fine driving had never been witnessed in the Dominion before.

General Luard, after the review, inspected the barracks, Battery books, &c., and, we understand, was highly pleased with everything connected with the School that came under his notice.

Royal Military College.

First Official Inspection by Major-General Luard.

On the 20th ult., Major-General Luard paid his first official visit to the Royal Military College. The hour announced for the inspection was half-past nine, at which time the cadets were drawn up in two companies, commanded by company Sergeants-Majors Doucett and Campbell respectively. Major Bidout coming down the battalion were drawn up in line ready to receive him. The recruits, in charge of Staff Sergeant Morgan, occupied a position on the left of the line. When the commandant arrived on the ground the cadets were allowed to fall out of the ranks, as the result of a delay of half an hour in the general's arrangements. He arrived on the ground on foot a few minutes before ten o'clock, accompanied by his A.D.C., Deputy-Adjutant-General Straubenzio, Brigade-Major Worsley, and Col. Strange, and was met by Col. Hewett. Drawn up in line in open order, the cadets gave a general salute, the band of B battery playing. The General inspected the ranks, scrutinizing each cadet minutely. The ranks having been closed, the line broke into column to the right, when the march past, a movement which is invariably the test of a British soldier's steadiness in the ranks, in quick and double time, took place. Both companies marched remarkably well, and the "little follows," as some one called the recruits, surprised the on-lookers. Line was re-formed and the recruits were then marched to their quarters. After a few necessary battalion movements, light infantry exercise followed. These were performed in a manner which proved the thoroughness of the training received. The cadets were then marched into the gymnasium, where a minute inspection of kits took place; every article supposed to be used by the soldier in heavy marching order was exposed to view. Artillery movements followed, in which the senior class did not participate. When it is considered that one-half of the cadets who stood to the guns during the progress of the movement had only four hours previous training, the manner in which they performed the duties assigned them merited the eulogistic remarks made. Company Sergeant-Major Campbell on being called to the front put the battery through a number of movements in succession, including advancing from the right in column of division, forming line to the left for action, ground to the right, having been taken meantime, firing changing front for action, firing advancing in line, firing and retiring when halt was made.

At the conclusion of the artillery movement the General inspected the model bridge constructed by the cadets and made from a plan furnished by Capt. Sankoy. Major Walker explained the nature of the work, and Col. Hewett pointed out the system upon which such practical engineering was taught the cadets.

The General then proceeded to the gymnasium, where athletic exhibitions were given by the instructor, Staff Sergeant Morgan, and the following cadets, Hubbell, Carothers, Lang, Neeland, Ryan, Weller, Greenwood, Winters, Taylor, Anderson, Duff, Clarks and Skinner. The various exercises elicited hearty applause. The boxing match between Skinner, (champion boxer of the college) and Hubbell excited considerable interest, and was sustained with vigour.

After luncheon the General visited the other depart-

ments, and inspected the records, &c. To the commandant he expressed himself highly pleased with the military exercises, while stating that his progress through the buildings demonstrated the want of sufficient accommodation. On the ground during the inspection were the military and civil professors, Hon. H. G. Joly, Quebec, and several ladies and members of the professors' families.

Militia Items.

His Excellency the Governor General paid a visit to the officers mess of "B" Royal School of Gunnery, on the afternoon of the 18th ult., being on a visit to Kingston in connection with the opening of the New Civil College.—he was received by the Commandant Lt. Col. Strange, R. A., the militia staff of the district and the officers of the Royal Military College, the mounted and dismounted division were turned out for His Excellency, who addressed a few words to the men—saying that he was glad to see the Battery so soon again—and had no doubt but that they would earn for themselves in Kingston as high a reputation as they had in Quebec.

Major-General Luard arrived in this city on the 18th ult., and remained in Kingston until the 22nd, taking up his quarters at the Royal School of Gunnery.

The Royal School of Gunnery were taken out on the 30th ult., by the Commandant to make a reconnaissance in force, an enemy being supposed to be advancing on the Gananoque road towards Kingston. The mounted division acted as "éclaireurs," who, having discovered and driven in the advance scouts of the attacking force, found their strength, disposition—and made a reconnaissance of the ground—the main body advancing in skirmishing order to the attack, but finding the enemy was strongly entrenched, retired, having accomplished its object by drawing the attention and fire of the enemy, whilst another division outflanked them on the left. Col. Strange, the Commandant, explained minutely to the officers and men the object and aim of such manoeuvres, all of which were executed in the most perfect manner. Such instruction as this cannot fail to be of the greatest value in many ways to the officers and men, especially the cavalry section attached to "B" Battery, Royal School of Gunnery.

At the 9 Pr. B. M. L. shooting competition which took place on the 22nd ult., at the Island of Orleans, between a detachment of sixteen men of "A" and "B" Batteries resulted in a victory for the latter by 133 points. The scores of the Batteries were "B" Battery, 547, and "A" Battery, 414. The highest individual score, 49 points, was made by Br. A. Roberts, "B" Battery, and the next, 47, by Corpl. Humphreys, of "A" Battery.

The Gaspé Battery of Garrison Artillery, under command of Major Slous, performed their annual target practice on Tuesday, 12th Oct., when they made the respectable score of 241 points, the highest individual score being 44. A much larger total would have been obtained had it not been for a strong breeze blowing across the range, and six shells bursting too late owing to defective fuzes. In the afternoon Lt. Col. Cotton inspected the Battery, when that officer expressed himself well satisfied with the evolutions performed considering the short time allowed for drill.

We are glad to be able to state on the best authority that the paragraph copied in our columns from the *Toronto Mail* with reference to the non-placing of targets by "A" Battery for the Montreal Field Battery at the late annual practice at Quebec was incorrect. Everything was done by "A" Battery to assist the Montreal Field Battery that on former occasions was carried out by "B" Battery, when quartered at Quebec. We are pleased to hear also that the bounds, of which Lt. Col.