

MILITARY SCHOOL BEGINS WORK.

KINGSTON, April 4. — The special course of military instruction has been commenced. The class meets in the 14th Batt. Armory, in the Artillery Park Barracks. It was expected that an officer, and two non-coms. from the Toronto company of the R. R. C. I., would be sent to act as instructors, but, the attendance at the course having proved much smaller than was anticipated, one non-commissioned officer only—Sergt. Campbell—has been attached. Most of the officers of the 14th Batt. are attending the course, which was intended for officers only. Permission has been obtained, however, for non-coms. and men of the local corps to attend. Only the officers attending will be permitted to write for certificates of qualification. Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D. A. G., is commandant of the school, and is a very popular officer. His lectures to the class are models in accuracy, scope, conciseness, and clearness of detail, and they cannot fail to prove of great value to those for whose instruction they are delivered. Lieut. E. Sears, of the 4th Hus-sars, is the only member of the class who is not a member of the 14th Batt. It is very improbable that any of the officers of the 47th Batt. will be able to attend the course.

Dr. C. L. Curtis, of this city, has been gazetted surgeon to the 47th Batt. Lieut.-Col. Hunter and the officers and men of the 47th justly congratulate themselves on their good fortune in getting Dr. Curtis. He has had a valuable experience, having served throughout the war of 1861-4 in the United States, as surgeon to a Northern regiment. He is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, one of Kingston's most successful medical practitioners, and his popularity is attested by his election for several years past as an alderman. He is the favorite candidate for the mayoralty of the city for 1897.

Dr. D. Cunningham has been appointed surgeon to the Kingston Field Battery, vice Saunders deceased. Dr. Cunningham comes of a military family, and will, beyond a doubt, be a valuable acquisition to the battery.

Sergt.-Major Morgan, R. M. C., retires from the 14th Batt. this year, and the vacancy will be filled by the promotion of Sergt. John Cannon, of No. 3 company, upon his obtaining the requisite qualification.

The duties of instructor, which formerly were performed by Sergt.-Major Morgan, are this year to be performed by J. Davis, a new-comer in the regiment. He has had considerable experience, it is said, in the United States army, and was some years ago a member of the 14th.

Considerable dissatisfaction exists on the parts of non-coms who have been discharged from the 14th in the re-organization of the corps. The complaint is made that ser-

geants holding certificates of qualification from the schools of instruction have been discharged and their places filled with men who do not possess the necessary qualification. "They have no power to discharge me without first trying me by court-martial, and I have not given any cause for such action. How, then, my discharge can be given me I cannot understand," remarked an ex-color-sergeant, in speaking of the affair. "Yet, I am discharged without a trial, no charge of crime being laid against me and no reason being given for dealing out such treatment to me. And my place is taken by a non-qualified man, who has not had one quarter of my term of service."

No preparations are being made here for the usual celebration of the Queen's Birthday, by the military, and no invitation has yet been given to any outside corps to visit the city on that day.

Ald. Drennan, major of the Kingston Field Battery, gave notice at the City Council meeting, on Monday night last, that in the event of the annual camp of instruction being located here this year, he will move to have one of the fire department's engines used to pump water to supply the camp. Agreeable to Major Drennan's request a deputation from the Council, that will shortly visit Ottawa on other business, will interview the Minister of Militia to locate the annual camp for this military district at Kingston this season.

The rumor that a movement was being made to convert the 14th Batt., P. W. O. R., into a battalion of garrison artillery, proved groundless. Some years ago such a proposal was made, and the Militia Department was called upon to assist. The demands of those responsible for the origin of the scheme were too heavy for the Department to grant, however, and as there was no disposition on the part of the advocates of the proposed change to assume the expense themselves, the scheme fell through.

The promise has been given that, provided the City Council will place one of the engines of the fire department on Barriefield Common, to provide an adequate supply of water, the brigade camp will be located here this season.

Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., M.D. No. 3, Capt. Ogilvie, "A" Battery, and Staff-Sergt. Long, "A" Battery, have been ordered to England for six months for instructional purposes. Capt. Ogilvie and Staff-Sergt. Long sail on the 18th inst.

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DOINGS IN THE QUEEN CITY.

TORONTO, April 3—The spring drill is about to commence, and while it is a little early to prophesy, certain signs point to a successful season. Of course, the treatment of the militia as a whole, as displayed last season, is bound to have a dampening effect on one's enthusiasm, but

even with this handicap the officers of the various regiments feel that matters have reached their worst, and that for the future better treatment and better appreciation of the militia are among the good things that are in store.

The drill season for 1896 was this year opened by the Grenadiers, who paraded 425 strong for commanding officer's inspection on Thursday evening, the 26th March.

It is unusual for the Grens. to start the season, the general rule being either the Q.O.R. or Highlanders. The latter commenced on the 27th March, but the former did not start until Wednesday evening, 1st April.

Capt. Stimson gave a dinner at Scholes' to the non-coms. and men of his company on Wednesday evening, 25th ult. It went off very successfully.

A unique and interesting concert, gotten up by the Grenadiers, is promised for the 9th April. It embraces a band concert, musical ride by ladies and gentlemen on wheels, bicycle drill by the Grenadiers' Cyclist Corps, which will make its first appearance on this occasion, tent pegging, etc., on bicycles.

The first of a series of sweepstake matches was given by the Queen's Own Revolver Association on Friday, 20th March. Obtaining permission, they have fitted up one of the shooting galleries in the Armory and have a first-class 25-yard range. The matches proved most successful and the entries exceeded the anticipations of the committee. The first prize was won by Lieut. J. B. Miller, Q. O. R.; 2nd by Lieut. A. D. Crooks, Q. O. R., and the third by Sergt. G. Bailey, Q. O. R. At the request of several of the competitors these matches will be held oftener in the near future, and quite a number have signified their intention to join. The object of the association is the cultivation and encouragement of revolver shooting, especially among officers and non-coms. It is surprising, from actual tests, to see how very few officers one can find around the different regiments who can make anything like a score at 25 yards distance, and it has often been suggested that they should be required to put in a return similar to that required from the non-coms. and men, using the revolver instead of the rifle.

Arrangements are fully completed, it is said, for supplying the white tunics to the 48th Highlanders; in fact, they are now in the Custom House. They expect to wear them the first time the regiment parades in kilts this spring.

Sergt.-Instr. Hollinger was the recipient of a piece of plate, given by the members of the Non Com. Class of the Highlanders who have been profiting by his instruction for some months past.

The committee of the City Council has decided to recommend the closing of C