

At a meeting of the officers of the British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery, held on 23rd ult., a resolution was passed, that in view of the fact that the General Commanding had recommended the issue of Martini-Henry rifles to all artillery corps, and that as the matches of the Dominion Rifle Association will, this year, be shot with that weapon, the Department of Militia and Defence be requisitioned for the necessary rifles to replace the Snider.

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Capt. May, C.B., R. N., delivered his lecture on Gunnery, more particularly as applied to coast defence against naval attack, at C Battery barracks, on the afternoon of 30th ult. He had an appreciative audience, which included many visitors besides the officers and men of the Battery, and the interest was well sustained throughout the hour and a half occupied in delivery. Col. Holmes tendered to Capt. May a vote of thanks very heartily accorded to him for the kindness which prompted him to lecture there.

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The British Columbia members of Parliament interviewed Hon. J. C. Patterson on 11th March, and urged the establishment of a volunteer mounted infantry corps for the interior of British Columbia, with headquarters somewhere east of the Cascade mountains.

LONDON.

The veterans of the Northwest rebellion of 1885 celebrated the eighth anniversary of their departure for the scene of conflict by a banquet at the Tecumseh House, on 7th inst. Headed by the excellent band of the Seventh Fusiliers, the men marched from the City Hall, via Richmond street to Queen's avenue, to Park avenue, to Dundas street, and then by Richmond street to their destination.

Major Smith presided at the banquet, and on either side were seated the following guests:—Major Denison, Paymaster Hobbs, Lieut. Carpenter, J. B. Cox, Lieut.-Colonel Dawson, Major Smith, Rev. Mr. Ball, Col. Gartshore, Capt. McKenzie, Capt. Geo. M. Reid, Lieut. Banty, W. Thomas, Pte. Labatt, Major J. B. Smyth, Bugler Millie, Pte. Ironside, Pte. Dignan, P. Moore, W. Owens, J. Farrell, T. Cowan, J. Dokes, Alex. Beef, Dr. Mitchell, Lieuts. Graves, Kingsmill, Magee, Fitzgerald and Dawson, Sergt. Line, Ptes. McCormick, J. Smith, Chanmer, T. Bayley, J. Cowan, F. Leonard, Parkinson, Brazier, Miles, McNamara, Arbuckle, Burleigh, O'Brien and Hyttenrauch, Staff-Sergt. Conroy, Ptes. Johnson and Moriarity, Quartermaster-Sergt. Jury, Capt. Burke, Sergt. Mills, Color-Sergt. McDonald, Ptes. Somerville, Notley, Coughlin, Watson, Smith and Graham, Dr. Geo. C. Davis, ex-chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners; Mayor Essery, Col. Macbeth, Major Vidal, Sergt. Leslie, Color-Sergt. Jackson, Sergt. Anundson, Lieut.-Col. Bayne, Dr. Niven, Capt. Dillon, Dr. Weld, Lieut. Pope, Ptes. Martin, Heyden, Mercer, H. Martin, and Wanless, Lieut. Chisholm, Sergt.-Major McCrimmon, Lieut. Dennison, Lieut. Taylor, Ptes. F. McNamara, Jacobs, Westland, Sinnett, Lovell and Kineally.

"The Queen" was responded to by the company singing the National Anthem, accompanied by the band.

"The Army and Navy" was followed by the singing of "Rule Britannia," and an animated speech by Capt. Denison, a song by Mr. John Cowan, and a duett by Messrs. J. and T. Cowan.

"The Veterans of '66" brought brief replies from Colonel John Macbeth, Rev. Mr. Ball, of Vanneck, Mayor Essery, Capt. McKenzie, Q. M. S. Jury, Pte. Fred. Leonard (song).

Old times were brought closer still by Pte. Leonard's singing of the well-known song, "Marching Through the Gaps."

The toast of "Our Departed Comrades" was honored in silence, the company rising. Among the brave volunteers who have, since the stirring times of '85, departed this life, were Surgeon Fraser, Captain Hudson, Sgt. Harris, Ptes. Barrell, Stanfield, Screation, Davis, Geo. Hall, Brennan and Barlow.

"Our Dominion" elicited responses from Lieut. Chisholm, Major J. B. Smyth, J. P., Dr. Geo. C. Davis and Private Dignan.

"Our noble selves, those who slugged bullets and those who slugged oats," was the next toast proposed. Captain Dillon, Adjutant Geo. M. Reid, W. Thomas (song) and Pte. Thos. Martin (song) replied.

After toasts to "The Ladies" and "The Press," the company dispersed.

Much credit is due the originators and promoters of the celebration, particularly the energetic secretary, Sergt.-Major Ironside.

Before the banquet closed a permanent organization was formed, and the following officers were elected:

President—Major Smith.

Vice-President—Lieut.-Col. Gartshore.

Treasurer—Capt. Geo. M. Reid.

Secretary—Robt. Ironside.

Executive Committee—Lt.-Col. Payne, Lieut. Chisholm, Quartermaster-Sergt. Jury, Corp. Wanless, and Pts Watson, Dignan, Leonard, Pontey and Cowan.

The veterans are well pleased with the success of their first reunion, and intend hereafter to hold a similar one each year.

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The 7th Fusiliers turned out for the first time on the 10th inst., being the starting of the annual drill for the year. The regiment paraded over 200 strong. Lieut.-Col. Payne was in command, and the other officers present were: Major Hayes, Capts. Moore and Dawson, Lieuts. Graham, Fitzgerald, Taylor, Magee and Graves.

Taking into account a recruit class of about forty men, the outlook is very promising for a strong Battalion this year. The Battalion was put through several movements in Company and Battalion drill, and acquitted themselves creditably, showing that they had forgotten very little of their drill since last year. The men are looking forward to their annual outing on Queen's Birthday.

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Lieut.-Col. Gartshore has been granted permission to move the headquarters of "A" troop 1st Hussars from St. Thomas to London. Sergt.-Major Baxter was recently at St. Thomas shipping up the saddlery, clothing and arms. It is understood that Mr. George M. Reid and Dr. Weld are to be the first officers of the troop. Recruits will principally be drawn from the rural districts, those owning horses being given the preference. This will give us two troops, with headquarters in the city, each troop being composed of three officers and forty-two non-commissioned officers and men. No men will be enlisted under 5 ft. 7 inches high, and it is hoped that a good class of horses can be had which will make a very "swagger" troop.

WOODSTOCK.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 22nd Battalion, "Oxford Rifles," was held on 6th inst. at the Commercial Hotel, Woodstock.

The following officers of the Battalion were present: Lt.-Col. Munro, Majors Hegler and Macqueen, Captains D. R. Ross, Quinn, Davis, Ball, John Ross, Knight, Surgeon McWilliam, Asst.-Surgeon Rice, Lieuts. Perry, Vance and Morton.

The reports of the regimental and mess committees were presented and proved very satisfactory to all. The report of the rifle committee showed a balance of \$39.24 on hand. The financial condition of the battalion was never so good as at the present time.

The Band Committee made a report on the condition of the band, which was adopted and the following were elected the band committee for the ensuing year: Capt. Sutherland, Major Macqueen, and Capt. Ball, who were given the full power in regard to the reorganization of the band.

The Regimental Committee elected were Major Hegler, Major Day, and Capt. Knight. The Mess Committee for the year will be the same as last year, Major McQueen, Capt. Sutherland and Surgeon McWilliam.

It was moved by Major Hegler and seconded by Major McQueen that the thanks of the officers of the regiment be rendered D. R. Ross for the handsome trophy contributed by him for presentation to the company obtaining the highest record for cleanliness and punctuality on parade. Carried unanimously.

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