

kinson then took command and formed square on Nos. 1 and 4. After reforming in line they deployed to the left on Nos. 1 and 4. Quarter column was then formed on No. 1, and the brigade moved to the left in fours at the double. These and a number of other movements were gone through with the utmost precision, and the steadiness of the marching was very favourably commented upon by the inspecting officer. The physique of the men, their general appearance and drill, all shewed a marked improvement on last year, and they were repeatedly cheered by the crowd. After a very complimentary address from Col. Houghton the corps marched back to the armoury and then proceeded to the Richelieu Hotel, where supper was served, after which they marched to the Bonaventure depot to take a special train at 6 o'clock to Brockville.

THE PRINCE OF WALES RIFLES.

Immediately after the Garrison Artillery had left the field, the Prince of Wales Rifles marched on, 267 strong. Following were the officers: Lieut.-Col. Butler, Major Campbell; adjutant, Capt. Lighthall; Capt. R. H. Wilson, Lefebvre, Cook, Henshaw, Scott, Lepréhon and Hanson; Lieuts. Howell, Milloy, Bourne, Buie, Dunton and Bartlett; quartermaster, Capt. Johnston; paymaster, Major Milloy; surgeon, Dr. Roddick.

Says the *Gazette*: "The regiment made a very fair showing, the principal drawback being the apparently large number of recruits in the ranks. The manual and firing exercises were very creditably gone through, and the marching of the leading companies was very good, but the others were rather unsteady. After supper the regiment took a special train from the Bonaventure station for Kingston. The corporation of that city has made all preparations for their reception and voted \$350 to entertain them. Mr. J. B. Murphy has given them a building for their use while they remain in Kingston."

The ground was kept during the parade by detachments of the 6th Fusiliers and Royal Scots, and they performed that duty well.

THE VIC'S AT CHAMBLY.

Notwithstanding that the Victoria Rifles put in some hard work during their short camp at Chambly, they had an enjoyable time in every way. They started for camp on Saturday afternoon, some sixty strong, including band. They proceeded to Longueuil wharf in heavy marching order, and there the boat was taken for Longueuil, upon reaching which they, having placed their overcoats and haversacks in the waggons, set out on the somewhat stiff march to Chambly, which was gained in about five and a half hours, the inhabitants of the district cheering them as they passed along the road. Not a single man fell out during the whole of the march, upon which only three stoppages were made—once for supper and twice for water. At Chambly, everything was found ready, a fatigue party having gone out on the Friday to pitch tents, etc. On Sunday morning there was church parade, divine service being attended at the English Church. Tuesday afternoon they started for home by rail, which was reached in due time. During their absence, they were under strict military discipline, and were put through thorough military drill. All stood the hard work well, and returned home in the best of health and spirits, and are quite ready to undertake a similar march whenever again called upon. The officers in camp were Major Starke, Lieuts. Townshend, Desbarats, Shaw, Stewart, Capt. Bell and Sergt.-Major Gardner.

THE SIXTH FUSILIERS' INSPECTION.

The annual inspection of the Sixth Fusiliers took place on the Champ de Mars, Montreal, on the 22nd June. The ground was kept by a strong detachment of the Royal Scots. Several times civilians attempted to rush across the field, but each time they were captured by the Scots, who ran them back at full speed and shoved them over the embankment. For every such feat they were cheered by the crowd. The Sixth paraded 313 strong, including besides the six companies, the brass band, drum and fife corps, six pioneers, six signallers, and six of the ambulance corps. The officers present were Lieut.-Col. Massey, Majors Mooney and Burland, Captain Pettigrew, Adjutant; Captain Seath, Paymaster; Capt. McLaren, Quartermaster; Surgeon Jas. Bell, Assistant Surgeon J. Harry Bell. Capt. Dixon, Patterson, Ross, Vidal, Stanway and Macaulay, Lieuts. Chambers, Newman, Shorey, Kemp, Dixon, Smith and Anderson. After the general salute the following movements were executed: March past, in column and quarter column, and at the double; preparing for cavalry in line from right; advancing in echelon from right; forming company squares; forming line on the rear company; changing front to right on the right company, and firing volleys from right; new bayonet exercise; quarter column on the right at the double; line to left at double; deploying to left at double; column to right; square on leading company; open to column; into line left form; advancing by fours from right of companies; reforming line by companies front form; retiring by fours from line; forming half battalions. New attack, by half battalions, companies 1 and 4 fighting line and supports, companies 2 and 5 second line, remainder reserve.

This was splendidly executed (with blank ammunition), the second line being brought up for final charge in good shape; the whole forming quickly on their markers afterwards, receiving loud cheers from the crowd. The *Montreal Gazette* says: "It was exceedingly well done. Altogether the Sixth have reason to be proud of their day's work. Col. Houghton delivered a brief address, complimenting the corps on their appearance and drill. He had great pleasure in inspecting them last year, but this year he was even better pleased on account of the vast improvement they had made. Their accoutrements were in perfect order, their physique excellent, and the manner in which they had gone through these difficult movements exceedingly praiseworthy. He was particularly pleased with the new attack drill. The regiment then marched off the field and accompanied the 65th, who were on their way to the Quebec train, along St. James street to Place d'Armes."

The Sixty-fifth were also inspected on the afternoon of the 22nd. Says the *Gazette*:—"They marched on the ground shortly after three o'clock and were inspected by Major Roy, B. M. The men looked very well in their white helmets, and were on the whole very tidy in their appearance. The manual and firing exercises were creditably gone through, but the marching was somewhat unsteady. At the march past some of the companies were almost doubled up. The second and third companies did well, and the leading company fairly well, but the remainder were off. This seemed to be in no way the fault of the officers, who are probably as efficient as any, but was due to the fact that the ranks were mainly filled with recruits who, though smart enough, have not yet had time to learn the new drill. They labour under the disadvantage, also, of getting their orders in a foreign language. There was one pretty manoeuvre, which has been revived after having been dropped for many years. The left wing marched by fours through the regiment and formed up on the right. It was very well done. At the close of the inspection the 65th marched back to the drill hall to prepare for their trip to Quebec."

MONTREAL MINIATURE MILITIAMEN.

The competition in military drill between the various companies of High School boys for the Elliott medal took place at Montreal on the 20th June in the playground in front of the school before a very large crowd of spectators, including many militia officers and prominent citizens. The First Battalion was under command of Lieut. Gregor, of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, and comprised three companies of the High School boys. The Second Battalion, under command of Captain Macaulay, of the Sixth Fusiliers, comprised three companies of the Preparatory and one of the High School. Both of the commanding officers appeared in the full uniform of their respective corps. The conditions were three battalion movements, the choice to be left to the commanding officers, the maximum number of points being four for each movement. The judges were Lieut.-Col. Gardner of the Sixth Fusiliers and Major Cole of the M. G. A., with Lieut.-Col. Dugas of the 65th, as referee.

Lieut. Gregor formed his battalion in line, open order and advanced in review order. Then he formed quarter column by the right on No. 1 company and marched past in column, quarter column and at the double. The battalion wheeled twice and formed into line to the left on the rear company.

Capt. Macaulay formed his battalion into line, and advanced and retired in line. Then they advanced in echelon of companies, formed company squares and reformed line on the rear company. Then they formed into column to the right and closed to quarter column. They afterwards wheeled in quarter column, and being drawn up on the Metcalfe street side went through the new attack drill, the orders being given by whistle.

All these movements were gone through with the utmost steadiness, particularly the advancing in echelon of companies, which was almost perfection. No. 2 company of the Second Battalion, which is composed of the smallest boys in the school, secured a liberal share of the applause for their steady marching. The drill all through would have done credit to any of our volunteer battalions. It is true that if they had been carrying arms their marching might not have been so good, but even under the same conditions it is very doubtful whether the boys could be beaten by any corps in the city.

The competition for company drill followed, the conditions being the same. The movements included forming company square, forming to the right and left, and No. 4 company of the second battalion (fourth form A), which won the prize, went through the attack drill as for companies. At the conclusion the miniature soldiers were drawn up on three sides of a hollow square, and after the judges had compared notes Col. Gardner addressed the boys, telling them how pleased he and his brother officers had been to witness such a fine drill. It was a credit to the High School, and a credit to the city to have such a lot of young soldiers. He hoped to see them taking part in the next Queen's birthday celebration, when they would have their new uniform. The inspec-