

The following Certificates have been issued during the Year 1880.

	Long Course.				Short Course.					Total.
	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	4th Class.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	4th Class.	Attendance.	
Officers.....					2	1				3
Non-commissioned officers and men.....			4	2			2	9	14	31
Total.....			4	2	2	1	2	9	14	34

REMARKS.

1. There has been a very marked decrease during the past year, not only in the number of applicants for a short course of instruction, but also in the number of recruits for three years' service in the battery. This is attributable, no doubt, in a very great degree, to the improvement in the labour market, and also, probably, in some measure, to the length of time that the battery has been available as a school of instruction to volunteer batteries, nearly all of which have now in their ranks a considerable number of well-drilled soldiers.

2. The battery left Tête de Pont Barracks, Kingston, on the 14th June, and arrived at the Citadel, Quebec, on the morning of the 16th, relieving "B" Battery at this station. On arrival at Quebec, the strength of the battery was increased by one officer, one sergeant and fifteen men, transferred from "B" Battery.

3. On the 21st September, six men of the battery were granted their discharges, for the purpose of joining the North-West Mounted Police.

4. During July and August, detachments from the battery were stationed at the Engineer Camp, Point Levis, and carried on the usual rifle practice of forty rounds per man at the ranges there, prizes amounting to \$40 being given out of the canteen funds.

5. The annual competitive field gun practice, and "shifting ordnance competition" with "B" Battery, was held on the 22nd and 23rd October. After close contests, "B" Battery was successful in the former, and "A" Battery in the latter competition.

6. Since the arrival of the battery at Quebec, very considerable repairs to buildings, drains, &c., have been carried out by the Public Works Department, and a large amount of repairing work, glazing, &c., has been executed by the battery artificers, and, in connection with this subject, I must again point out the advantages, both in economy and despatch, which would result from the enlistment, in "A" Battery, of a few masons, bricklayers, &c., who could be permanently employed in the necessary repairs constantly required in such extended fortifications.

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