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NEWS OF THE SERVICE.

Our readers are requested to contribute promptly to this department all important items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice.

Commanding officers and adjutants should see that full particulars are promptly sent of anything out of the ordinary that may be done in connection with their corps. All members of the force are invited to express their opinion on subjects under discussion or to make suggestions that may improve the efficiency of the service. If news items are not inserted and this may frequently happen it will be because other and perhaps more important matter has come in ahead of it, or the news may be stale. Lack of space usually prevents the publication of full scores at other than the larger matches.

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REGIMENTAL NEWS.

THE 25TH BATTALION INSPECTED.

THE annual inspection of the 25th Battalion took place at St. Thomas on Monday evening, November 16, instead of on the dates mentioned in last issue. The change was welcome, all preferring to get the ordeal over in one long parade. The inspector of infantry, Lieut.-Col. Otter, of Toronto, was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. H. Smith, D.O.C., of London. The former inspected the right half and the latter the left half battalion. While the 25th Battalion did not come out of this trying ordeal without some errors, the members have the gratification of knowing that the result must be better than any previous year. The regiment was over-strength, and had a full compliment of officers (save that the Majority is vacant), something never before happening in the corps' history. The sole weakness displayed on inspection was the work in sections and company drill.

The furnishing of the new officers' quarters at the "25th Batt. Club" has been completed, and the rooms are now occupied by them. The non-coms. have also taken possession of their new quarters. By the addition of the new quarters the members of the corps now flatter themselves that they have the most extensive and complete club rooms in Western Ontario. The formal openings of the new quarters have not yet taken place, but an early announcement of details may be expected.

Everything possible that can be done will be inaugurated to keep up the esprit de corps during the winter months, when there is no drill. The open-air rink is in course of construction, and all sorts of ice sports will take place there. Each member of the regiment will have the full privileges extended to him.

The last GAZETTE contains the notice of the promotion to a captaincy of Lieut. Geo. W. Campbell, who for some time has been in command of "A" Co.; of the appointment of Mr. E. E. Weldon to be second lieutenant, and of the transfer of 2nd-Lieut. D. W. B. Spry from the 35th Batt. to the 25th.

Lieut.-Col. C. A. O'Malley, formerly commandant of the 25th,

gave evidence of the interest ex-members take in the local corps by writing a congratulatory letter to Lieut.-Col. Stacey, "on the splendid showing of the 25th on inspection." Col. O'Malley's letter was a very interesting one, as it referred to military matters as far back as 1864, at which time he was senior to Lieut.-Col. Otter, and the present commanding officer of the Queen's Own (Toronto) was a private in Col. (then Capt.) O'Malley's company. This gentleman now resides at Niagara Falls. The letter will go among the archives of the regiment as one of its most interesting documents.

At last, shooting has been done on the long-looked-for rifle range. Thanksgiving Day was the opening day, and a large number availed themselves of the opportunity of doing target practice.

The officers of the 25th Batt. entertained the inspecting officers at dinner at the 25th Batt. Club on the evening of inspection.

WILL DABEE.

PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS INSPECTED.

The city brigade of militia will have good reason to be thankful when the new drill hall is completed, for the accommodation for the force in this city the past five years has been simply scandalous. This total want of conveniences is felt more as the time for the annual inspection comes on, when the weather calls for some shelter for the men who assemble for drill. The last of our city corps has now been inspected, and none too soon, for the weather has become too cold for drill in the open air and the ruins of the old drill shed do not give either proper shelter or afford room for modern military movements.

Lieut.-Col. Maunsell inspected the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers on Tuesday, the 24th ult., and the inspecting officers and the officers commanding the regiment must have been well pleased. It had been raining all day, but, fortunately, cleared up just before night, and, while the drill ground was soft and muddy, the weather was much milder than could be expected so late in the season. As the men paraded without overcoats, this was fortunate.

On Tuesday night the inspecting officers were received by the Fusiliers in line, or rather in three sides of a square, for the yard is not large enough to receive in line, and this fine body of men certainly looked well and must be a source of pride to Col. Humphrey and his officers. They were 504 strong. The staff was received with a salute, and then inspected the regiment. The band and fife and drum corps was particularly noticed, they being in full strength. After the manual and firing exercises Major Weston took charge, but the space was too small to handle so large a body, and very little could be done. The D.O.C. next proceeded with company inspection, the companies commanded by Capts. King,