

men of No. 1 Co., 41st Battalion, Brockville Rifles, lately under your command, cannot follow the occasion of your promotion to the rank of field officer to pass without expressing the confidence and respect they have always had for you as their commanding officer. For a period of over fourteen years you have been connected with the Company, filling every position from that of a private to captain, and we have no hesitation in saying that we consider you one of the most efficient officers in the Volunteer Force. We feel confident that in your enlarged sphere of usefulness in connection with the militia the same zeal which has hitherto animated you will still be displayed, and that though your promotion may be a loss to us we shall share in the gain experienced by the Battalion at large. We beg to request your acceptance of the accompanying sword as a slight token of our esteem, and we trust you may long be spared to wear it and to be a credit to your Battalion.

On behalf of the non-commissioned officers and men—

W. M. PHILLIPS,
Color Sergt.

After which Major Cole made a suitable and patriotic reply.

In the afternoon a field day and sham fight on a large scale took place. The brigade was composed of the 41st Batt., under command of Major Cole, and the 42nd, Lt.-Col. Buell, the whole commanded by Lt.-Col. Atcherley, D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Jackson performing his duties of Brigade Major. I cannot think of encroaching so much as to give a detailed account of the day, suffice it to say that the skirmishing, the independent and volley firing, and the whole of the movements were fairly and steadily done, and showed that the men had paid particular attention to their instruction, this day being calculated to give them an idea of moving in larger bodies than in companies and battalions. The enemy was composed of the Kerrickville Rifles under command of Capt. Wright, and showed its efficiency by the admirable manner in which they adapted themselves to the occasion. Capt. Wright and his officers and men deserve special mention for their steadiness and intelligence shown. I will not particularise further as all done their part with great precision, and the day was the most successful we have ever witnessed in this locality. After marching through the town to the music alternately discoursed by the bands of the 41st and 42nd (and which have added so much to the cheerfulness of the camp) the brigade was formed on the parade ground, when Lt.-Col. Atcherley expressed to the officers and men his entire satisfaction at the manner all had acquitted themselves during the day. On Friday morning each battalion was inspected separately by Lt.-Col. Atcherley, after which tents were struck and the several companies proceeded to their homes as the boats and cars departed on the different routes. The greater portion, however, did not leave until 5 p.m. by the Brockville and Ottawa railway, the manager of which was generous enough to convey the Volunteers for the Government

allowance, which sum is not one-quarter of the usual fares. On leaving, the men gave three cheers for Lt.-Cols. Jackson, Crawford and Buell and Majors Scott and Cole, and as the train moved off were greeted with cheers from those assembled to witness their departure, all seeming well pleased with their first eight days of camp life.

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

The camp at Cobourg this year was a decided success, composed of the Northumberland and Durham Squadrons of Cavalry who entered camp on the 23rd Sept., 113 strong, remarkably well mounted, at the head of the squadron a splendid band, mounted, 15 in number, played them into camp.

This force is composed of the Prince of Wales' Canadian Dragoon Guards uniformed in scarlet. Helmets and gauntlets *fac simile* of the Prince of Wales' Dragoon Guards, commanded by Lt.-Col. Boulton, and the Durham Light Cavalry commanded by Lt.-Col. Smart, uniformed as Hussars. The band was raised through the instrumentality of Colonel Smart and is on the strength of his troop numbering together 61 officers, non-commissioned officers and men. The whole commanded by Lt.-Col. Boulton, a Volunteer of 1837 in the incorporated battalion of the Queen's Own, under Lt.-Col. Kingsville, and commanding his present troop since its first organization in 1855. The squadron had only 70 saddles of military pattern, a great oversight at headquarters that it is so short of saddlery. The state of efficiency of this squadron deserves the best attention at the hands of the Government.

The entire squadron volunteered to attend the review announced to take place at Toronto in honor of Prince Arthur and were greatly disappointed that the order was countermanded.

The 40th Battalion under the command of Lt. Col. Smith, an old soldier, entered the camp on the 22nd Sept., numbering about 400 all told, and an efficient band included. The deportment of this Battalion in camp and drill drew strong commendation from the inspecting field officer. The camp was under the command of Lt.-Col. Boulton.

Drill was prosecuted with vigour by both arms in camp, only one raining afternoon occurred during the drill which ended on 30th Sept., and that rain was a drencher, falling on the force when under inspection of the Adjutant General, who had barely time to ride down the ranks before he had to dismiss the parade and hasten to town soaked thoroughly.

Lt.-Col. MacPherson, A. A.G. and Brigade Major Patterson spent the last days of the drill in the neighbourhood of the camp taking great interest in the progress of the drill.

On the 28th the 46th Battalion, under Lt.-Col. Williams, and the Cobourg Camp under Lt.-Col. Boulton met midway between

Port Hope and Cobourg, the latter *en route* were taken by surprise by the Port Hope Battalion and Col. Smart's troop who concealed in a wood opened a vigorous fire upon the column in motion, which with great spirit answered the attack by throwing out lines of skirmishers in excellent order, whilst the cavalry from Cobourg scoured the hills and protected the flanks of the advancing line from the opposing cavalry who were hovering in the vicinity watching every opportunity to charge in upon the ranks of the attacking party. Col. Williams was thrown upon the defensive and driven out of the wood a mile across the country.

The farmers enjoyed the sight and cheerfully yielded the use of their fields for which they received due thanks. The battle being compromised, each line drawn up opposite to the other in a beautiful field where no blood was shed, gave three hearty cheers for the Queen and marched homewards. The day's drill was an excellent pastime, illustrative of what has to be done in actual warfare.

On Sept. the 29th review and inspection by Lt.-Col. MacPherson took place. He expressed great surprise at the efficient state of the cavalry and was altogether, he said, highly gratified with the exhibition of drill and efficiency of both branches of the service he reviewed.

I have already extended this article too much, but as I seldom trouble you I hope you will excuse me. The ladies of Cobourg entertained the officers after the review with lunch.

I am, &c.,
Cobourg, Oct 1, 1869. A VOLUNTEER.

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR:—In my letter in your number of the 27th ult., I said "The Montreal Club would never shoot a simultaneous match with any club again." I now withdraw that statement, so far as it applies to the Hamilton and St. Catharines Clubs, as should either of the above Clubs (who when shooting together beat us at Laprairie last autumn) desire a match with us during the shooting season of 1870, we will be happy to accommodate them.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
JAS. ESDAILE.
Secy., Montreal Rifle Club.

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