

by the pioneer corps and band, they marched to the parade ground, under the command of Lieut.-Col. E. B. Worthington. The other officers present were: Major H. R. Fraser, Capt. and Adj. E. W. Farwell, Surgeon N. Worthington, Paymaster H. A. Odell and Quartermaster Rawson. The inspecting officer was attended by Brigade-Major Pope and Capt. G. L. McNicol, of the 5th Dragoons. The battalion went through the various manoeuvres in a smart and orderly manner and the men presented a very soldierly appearance. After the inspection Lieut.-Col. Count D'Orsonnens complimented the men on their appearance and the manner in which they had acquitted themselves.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ON THE PACIFIC

VANCOUVER, B.C., June 6.—On Sunday, May 24th, Nos. 5 and 6 Companies of the 5th Regiment C.A. embarked on the ss. Charmer for Victoria, and after an exceedingly pleasant voyage arrived there about 8 p.m. One hundred and ten officers, non-coms. and men went down from the mainland under Capt. Worsnop, the respective companies being in charge of Lieut. Lacey R. Johnson and Capt. Bennett. Major Gregory and other officers met the boat and conducted the contingent to the splendid drill hall of the headquarter companies. Lieut.-Col. E. G. Prior welcomed the officers and men to Victoria, and blankets being served out, the men soon made themselves at home, and, selecting a soft plank, turned in. On Monday morning, after a short drill and instruction in outpost duty, parade was dismissed until next morning, the men enjoying themselves as they liked. On Tuesday, May 26th, the battalion paraded at 12.30 p.m. 280 strong, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Prior in command, Major Gregory as adjutant. Leaving the drill hall about 1 p.m., the review ground was reached at 2.20, when the forces were drawn up in line; a battery of guns, manned by Royal Marine Artillery, on the extreme right, with Bluejackets, Royal Marine Light Infantry and the 5th Regiment, in the order given.

The admiral of the Pacific Squadron as commander-in-chief was received with a general salute, Capt. Figgis, of H.M.S. Royal Arthur, acting as brigadier, after which a royal salute was given and a feu de joie fired, 21 guns being fired by the R.M.A.

The brigade marched past in column amid applause from the thousands of spectators, which was frequently renewed when the sailors gave an exhibition of physical drill with arms, followed by the R.M.L.I. with the bayonet exercise, which was also faultlessly done. The 5th Regiment executed the Manual exercise very creditably indeed,

but the Bluejackets with their field guns earned the bravos of the onlookers by their wonderful rapidity. In the fraction of a minute they brought their guns up, unlimbered, fired, took everything to pieces and appeared to be taking a rest. With the same celerity the wheels were replaced, gun mounted and they were off at the double. It was an excellent illustration of what combined action and drill will do.

Preparations were now made for the sham fight. The Bluejackets and Marines, who were to be the attacking party, were moved off; the outposts also left and the 5th Regiment marched into the new fort at Point Macaulay, which has only just been completed and has not been seen before except by Imperial troops. Some time previous to leaving the review ground a rumor of an accident rapidly spread, and great anxiety for the safety of friends and relatives was felt by all when it was learned that a carload of people (it has been proved since that 142 people were on the ill-fated car and 55 men, women and children were drowned) had crashed through a bridge into the water below while on their way to witness the sham fight. A few desultory shots denoted that the fight had commenced, but the admiral ordered "Cease fire" to be sounded, and the announcement was made that in consequence of the terrible accident which had occurred and the great anxiety of everyone, the fight would not go on, and soon after the 5th Regiment marched sadly and silently back to their drill shed. On their way back the wrecked bridge could be seen, with numerous boats and thousands of people on the banks, and in the streets an express load of bodies of the victims caused a shudder through the ranks.

It had been the intention to march the regiment over that same bridge, but Col. Prior thought that marching both ways and the sham fight would prove rather a hard day, and arranged to have a steamer transport the men to the ground; with the great number of people who always accompany them, and the great difficulty experienced in making the men "break step" it is more than probable that the 5th Regiment had a very narrow escape.

The Vancouver companies marched silently to their boat at midnight through a city of mourning, and although they had thoroughly enjoyed their visit, thanks to the hospitality of Victorians, still the great calamity overwhelmed everything.

On Saturday, May 30th, the second match in the Military League, Martinis, was shot at Central Park range, No. 4 Company, of New Westminster, as usual, making a good score, 850, their second team making 713. Two other teams from Vancouver also shot, the ninth team with 9 men

scoring 582. The D.A.G., Col. Peters, was over the range, and has let the contract to have it put in order, as the provincial matches will probably be held there this year.

On Sunday, May 31st, Nos. 5 and 6 Companies attended for divine service at St. James' church, the city band kindly giving their services for the occasion.

VANCOUVER.

AN INSTRUCTOR FOR THE P. W. O. R.

KINGSTON, June 13.—The 14th Batt. rifle team, that has taken part in the Canadian Military Rifle League matches, has distinguished itself by making remarkably good scores at every match so far fired. The shooting of the individual members has been uniformly good, and the battalion has reason to be proud of the record made by the team. In the match fired Saturday the team score was 859, the highest individual score, 93, having been made by Pte. W. Swain, who put up 30 points at 200 yards, 31 at 500 and 32 at 600 yards. The other individual scores were 89, 89, 88, 87, 86, 85, 84, 81, 77.

Lieut.-Col. Vidal, acting D.A.G., has examined the officers who attended the special short course of instruction, at Artillery Park Barracks, and to-day the result of the examination was made known. A very high percentage of the members of the class passed successfully, taking second-class Grade A certificates. The names of the successful candidates are: Lieut. E. Sears, 4th Hussars; Lieuts. Cunningham, Macnee, Richmond, Skinner and Sutherland, 14th Batt. Lieut.-Col. Vidal expressed himself as being well pleased with the result. The successful officers enjoyed lunch together in the class room at the barracks after the announcement had been made. Capt. Cartwright, R.R.C.I., Toronto, conducted the examination.

Sergt-Instructor Campbell, R.R.C.I., left for Toronto on Saturday to rejoin his corps, after having spent three months in this city as instructor to the class in attendance at the special short course of instruction. During his stay here he won the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and, moreover, proved himself a most capable and painstaking instructor. To-day he was presented by the members of the special class with a purse filled with gold coin, in token of esteem. He will return for the district camp, should it be held here, and he will instruct a special class of officers in preparation for first-class certificates here next spring.

Major Drennan, commanding No. 5 Kingston Field Battery, has been notified by the militia authorities at Ottawa that