

in the Drill Hall were arranged as follows: Monday, Victoria Rifles and 5th Royal Scots; Tuesday, Prince of Wales Regiment; Wednesday, 66th and Hussars; Thursday, 6th Fusiliers; Friday, Garrison Artillery and Field Battery. The 5th and 6th both wanted Thursday night and drew lots, the 6th winning. Colonel Strathy of the Scots was then offered an evening for his regiment alone, as they had been doubled up with the 6th last year, but as the other corps were anxious to retain their nights, Colonel Strathy and Colonel Starke arrived at an agreement to share Monday, and next year both of these regiments will be entitled to a night by themselves.

The acceptance by the Victoria Rifles of the invitation to visit Kingston on the Queen's Birthday puts a stop to the plans for Brigade field manoeuvres on that holiday, and it has been finally decided to call the affair off, but to set to work at once to try and carry out some such scheme on a large scale in 1895. The 6th Fusiliers have also decided to go somewhere for a trip on Dominion Day, leaving Montreal June 29th and arriving back home on the morning of July 2.

The annual inspections of the Montreal Infantry Regiments will this year in all probability take place on the following dates, which have been applied for: 3rd Victoria Rifles, Saturday, June 9th; 5th Royal Scots, June 16th; 65th Rifles, June 23rd; 6th Fusiliers, June 29th; 1st P. W. R., June 30th. The inspections this year will all be pretty much after the style of that of the Prince of Wales Regiment last year. The companies will be inspected separately in company drill, etc., on certain nights during the week of the battalion inspection. The latter will take place the Saturday afternoons stated above, and the roll-call will be then made. Now that ceremonial is ruthlessly tabooed, and battalion drill is curtailed, it is difficult to see how the battalions will be able to make their inspections interesting.

There will be quite a few changes among shooting men this year. Jack Drysdale and several of the cracks of the old Garrison Artillery team will shoot this year in the Prince of Wales Rifles uniform, and that regiment may fairly be expected to take up its place once more as one of the crack shooting battalions of the Dominion. Three of the regiment's new officers, Major Lawrie and Captains Hood and Finlayson, are a good team in themselves.

Hamilton.

Squads of the 13th Battalion in physical drill paraded on Monday, April 16th, at 8 o'clock, from E and F Companies, under Sergt. Richmond, and from G and H Companies under Col.-Sergt. Stewart. Squads in bayonet exercise paraded on Tuesday, April 17th, at 8 o'clock, from H and

C Companies under Sergt. Allan, and from B and D Companies under Col.-Sergt. Atkinson. This is in preparation for the entertainment on May 1 and 2.

The weekly drill of the 13th Battalion was well attended on the night of April 13th, there being 328 men on parade. Lieut.-Col. Moore was in command, and other members of the staff present were Major McLaren, Surgeon Griffin and Chaplain Forneret, and Capt. Tidswell was acting-adjutant. The regiment marched out on James street to Main, up to Bay, and down King and James streets to the armory, after which drill was practiced for some time.

The usual crowd of spectators were present. The attendance by companies was: A 51, B 32, C 18, D 46, E 32, F 33, G 34, H 34, and both bands were on parade.

The following orders were issued:

HEADQUARTERS 13TH BATT., A. M.,
HAMILTON, April 13, 1894.

No. 25—Private F. G. Smith and Bugler E. Poupard have received attendance certificates from the Royal School of Infantry.

No. 26—Officers commanding companies will return into regimental stores on or before Friday, April 20, all winter caps, receiving from the quartermaster a receipt for the number sent in.

No. 27—Orderly officer next week, Capt. Mewburn; next for duty, Lieut. Herring.

(By order) J. J. STEWART,
Major and Capt.-Adjt.

Fergus.

The 30th Wellington Rifles.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 30th Wellington Rifles was held in the North American Hotel, Fergus, on Tuesday, March 27th. Lieut.-Col. W. W. White, Commandant, presided, and eighteen officers were present.

The annual reports were submitted. The report of the Band Committee shows the organization is rapidly approaching a high state of efficiency. The receipts were \$1,265.93, and expenditures \$1,304.61, and the number of new members 30. A number of new instruments were purchased during the year. Great credit is due the Managing Committee in Guelph for their unremitting labors, and to the citizens for their liberal support.

Sergt.-Major Wideman, who takes a great interest in and superintends the bugle band, reported it in a very satisfactory state. There are on the roll twenty-three regular members, comprising fourteen buglers and nine drummers. This organization is now self-sustaining. Through the efforts of Bugle-Major Ivey a very creditable minstrel and dramatic troupe has been formed. They intend at an early date to give a series of entertainments at the different company headquarters for the purpose of more fully equipping the band. A committee has been formed for working up a monster demonstration on the 2nd and 3rd days of July in the City of Guelph, to supplement the fund of the Regimental Band. The committee are desirous of presenting a grand "assault-at-arms" as a special attraction, and would be prepared to pay any reasonable sum for the same. The following committees were appointed:

Auditing—Capts. Johnson and Gray. Regimental—Majors Mutrie, Allan and Capt. Foster. Band—Lieut.-Col. White, president; Major Mutrie, Capts. Johnson, Coyne and Gray. Mess—Lieut.-Col. White, Capts. Johnson, Gray, Mason and Sgt. Johnson. The commanding officer, since assuming the command of that battalion about a year ago, has been very active in promoting the interests of the battalion. The band has been transferred to Guelph, with good results. The colonel has also removed to Guelph, and hopes in the near future to have three companies instead of only one located at Guelph. It was the unanimous opinion of all officers present that if annual drills were performed the force would be very materially improved, and that sixteen days should be the minimum; also that from the 16th to the 18th June is by far the most leisurely time in the whole year for the farming community, not excepting the winter months, as advocated by some, that being a period when the majority of farmers are more tied than any other. They can employ men to plough, but they always want to superintend personally the feeding of their fat cattle. Besides, the many days during the winter it would be utterly impossible to drill outside.

The 30th numbers ten companies, and invariably turns out full strength.

We hope to enter three or four teams in the league matches this year, but so far have not received any notice of the rules, regulations, etc.

Toronto.

The Queen's Own Rifles marched out for the first time this season last evening under Lieut. Col. Hamilton, 610 strong, with a recruit class of 84. An immense crowd of people accompanied the regiment to the new armory, and more or less difficulty was experienced all along the route of march, which was by way of King and York streets, until their destination was reached. The new armory is close to the district known as "The Ward," and many of the people of that section of the city turned out in large numbers to view the manoeuvres. The crush at the shed was tremendous. The crowd rushed into the building as soon as the regiment was inside, and the band, which had remained without, as usual, was unable to effect an entrance. The members suffered considerably at the hands of the crowd, which, up to this time, had been good humored enough. Word was sent inside of the state of affairs and a detachment of 16 men, under Sergt. Gray and Col.-Sergt. Higginbotham, of I company, was ordered to clear the way. In doing so they aroused the antagonism of several ruffians in the crowd, and bricks and other missiles were thrown. A brick struck Private Harry Mussin's head, glanced off and hit Private Wm. Mathers on the cheek. Mussin was knocked senseless for a few minutes, and was taken to the armory. The feeling of the crowd seemed to grow, and missiles flew everywhere. It looked so much like a riot that word was sent to No. 2 station, and a small squad of police were sent to reduce the mob to order. By the time they arrived, however, the men of I company had restored order. Privates Mussin and Mathers were not seriously hurt, and will not be much the worse for their first experience in actual warfare. Several members of the band lost their music and had