

any other employment by which they could earn a livelihood. While any of those officers mentioned will be heartily welcomed by the officers of this district, still they would be much better pleased if the officer whom they were replacing was recognized by the Government as that rank should be.

THE season's socials of the different corps have now started. The sergeants' mess of the 6th Fusiliers were the first to open the ball, and had a most enjoyable affair. The Field Battery opened their season on Wednesday, and on Friday the artillery started their monthly hops. The cavalry intend opening about the 1st of December. The quarters of this corps have undergone a complete change for the better. They have been newly furnished and by the time their socials start they will have a pleasant surprise for their many friends.

THE Victoria Rifles Bowling Association held their annual meeting on Saturday night. There was a large attendance and everything looks well for a good season's work. The secretary's report was very favorable; the officers for the ensuing year were appointed, and votes of thanks awarded to the retiring officers. They are engaged for a number of league fixtures. Last year they made a very good showing, having tied with Quebec for second place, and making very few points less than the Ottawa club, which secured the League Cup.

THE present quarters of the Montreal Military Institute are far too small. It has been decided to look out for more commodious and suitable premises as soon as the finances of the institute will warrant it. At present there is a notice of motion for the next annual meeting to increase the subscription fee to \$7. This will not come into force until the first of the year, so that all those who wish to join between now and the first of January should do so at once, as it is understood that they will be admitted at the old rate.

WHAT are the authorities going to do about the Cote St. Luc ranges? Unless something is done, and that very soon, the Montreal corps will have no range for the new rifle next season. In the state they are at present they are none too safe for the Snider and utterly unsafe for the new rifle. It is about time that a move was made in the matter if this district is to enjoy the privilege of handling the new rifle next year at the ranges.

IT is to be hoped that the officers of this district will take up the encouragement of route marching and shooting competitions. This competition was ably carried out in No. 2 District by Lieut.-Col. Otter, and there is no reason why it should not also be carried out here. Besides being of great benefit to all concerned it would be the means of training the men to work which they would have to go through if ever called upon to go to the front.

THE Prince of Wales' Rifles celebrated the Prince of Wales' birthday on Monday night. Never since 1860, the year after the Prince's visit to this country, has such an enjoyable evening been passed. Either the officers or non-coms. have never allowed the event to pass without some celebration. The honor fell this year on the sergeants, and certainly they fully maintained the praiseworthy custom. The recreation room of the armory was beautifully decorated with bunting, etc. Sergt.-Major Watson presided. On his right sat Lieut.-Col. Butler, and on his left Lieut.-Col. Bond, an ex-commanding officer. Lieut.-Col. Butler proposed the health of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. He gave it in a few appropriate and graceful sentences, and boasted that no regiment had a more constant and interested patron than the 1st P.W.R. of Canada. Deputy Surgeon-General Campbell, replying to the toast of the guests in a splendid speech, recounted the many matters of interest that had occurred since he donned the uniform of the P.W.R., 41 years ago. A number of other toasts followed. Songs and story

passed a most pleasant evening. During the day Lieut.-Col. Butler sent a cablegram congratulating him on his natal day, to which came a reply thanking them for their loyal and true sentiments.

COL. MITCHELL FLOYD, a veteran of the 7th Regiment, New York, and now of Boston, came to the city for a few days' outing. He is charmed with its people, delighted with its clubs, and almost willing to become a citizen. He says many kind words with regard to his reception. In the course of conversation he stated that he would make it his pleasure early in the summer to return and spend a few months with his family.

FORT GEORGE.

INSPECTION OF THE 62ND FUSILIERS.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Nov. 11--The inspection report of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers, inspected on September 17, has been issued by Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, inspector of infantry, and is as follows: "62nd St. John Fusiliers, Lieut.-Col. Tucker, St. John, N.B. Present on parade, all ranks, 238. Drill: This is a fine city battalion. Owing, however, to the wet weather, the inspection was in the drill hall, and the battalion having drilled previously on the barrack grounds, appeared somewhat at a disadvantage in the limited space. Manual and firing exercises under Major McLean and battalion drill under Major Sturdee, the adjutant and several captains, was well performed, except as regards the tendency to crowd in the ranks at times for want of space. Officers mostly qualified. Non-com. officers should, I submit, be afforded an opportunity to qualify at local school of instruction; the officer commanding established such a school at his own cost two years ago with excellent results. The length of service of the men of the different companies is above the average. Discipline, good. Interior economy, very good. This battalion makes a specialty of the efficient working of the section system. Arms, accoutrements and clothing, well kept. The drill hall is too far from the homes of the men to be useful in winter."

THE comparative efficiency returns show the total points gained by each company as follows: "A" Company, 113.45; "B" Company, 116.03; "C" Company, 104.72; "D" Company, 103.71; "E" Company, 120.22; "F" Company, 115.41, and battalion drill by commanding officer, 28, making battalion figure of merit 140.25. This is a high figure and will be found higher than any corps in the Maritime Provinces, and probably in Quebec.

IT will be noticed that the inspecting officer calls attention to the unsuitable situation of the drill shed, which it is hoped will have some weight with the Government in considering the application of the St. John militia which will be made in the near future for a new shed. One meeting in this connection has already been held, and in continuation of the object a largely attended meeting of the officers of the militia of the city was held last evening at the regimental rooms of the 62nd Fusiliers to further consider the question of having a new drill shed. Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, 3rd C.A., was in the chair, and Major Sturdee, Fusiliers, acted as secretary. A general discussion in regard the needs of the force was indulged in, and several sites were discussed. The committee appointed at the last meeting reported, but not having had time to procure all information, were granted further time. Great interest was manifested in the matter and the discussion by all present showed the earnest feeling in favor of a new hall. On motion the meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman.

REGULATIONS and orders, were, it was stated some months ago, being revised and we were to have a new edition. What has become of it? Have the authorities been waiting to put in the new brevet regulations, and are any dress regulations to be included