

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

TORONTO.

The organization of the fall recruit class of the Queen's Own Rifles commenced on the 3rd inst. at the drill shed. A large number of names were enrolled. Drill was held on the following Wednesday and will be continued every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening.

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Following are the regimental orders of the Grenadiers for the week ending August 20: Detail for week—Orderly officer, Lieut. Stimson; orderly sergeant, Sergt. Howard. Leave of absence has been granted to Capt. Heward for six months from 1st September, 1892. A second-class certificate of qualification, grade B, from the Royal School of Infantry, has been granted to each of the under-named. Pte. J. Blackhall, A Company; Lance Corp. W. Hall, E. Company. Drill for recruits will commence on Tuesday, 30th August. Non-commissioned officers wishing to act as instructors of recruits during the fall drill will report to the sergeant-major at once.

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Lieut.-Col. Davidson has given permission to a detachment of the 48th Highlanders to visit Collingwood on the civic holiday, going into camp there from Saturday evening until Monday. The citizens of Collingwood will look after the detachment while there and a big demonstration and programme of Scotch games will be given in the town on Monday, when about \$1,000 in prizes will be distributed. The pipes and the bugle band of the 48th will accompany the contingent.

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The regular monthly meeting of Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans was held on the 9th inst. in Occident Hall, the president, Mr. Alexander Muir in the chair. The following gentlemen were elected as members: Major L. N. T. Crozier, late of the 15th Battalion and late Commissioner of the North West Mounted Police; Sergt. John Madden, 19th Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own); Louis Stead, second 17th Regiment. A resolution expelling the late Secretary-Treas. Dawson from the society, for his questionable practices among city merchants recently was passed unanimously by a standing vote. Alfred Bower late of Her Majesty's 1st Life Guards, was elected to the position thus vacated. The veterans will parade on Monday next at the corner of Yonge and Melinda Streets, and, headed by their band, will march via Yonge and Shuter streets to Moss Park, where the annual tournament will take place. The sports will commence sharp at 2 p.m., and will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Stanley. Col. Sweny and Mrs. Sweny have consented to present the prizes. The band of the Army and Navy Veterans will render selections during the afternoon under the leadership of Mr. Corlett. A very handsome silver medal has been offered by Mr. H. M. Pearce, of the St. Charles, to the winner in the sword ~~versus~~ lance contest. Three other valuable medals have been offered in addition to numerous other handsome and desirable trophies. The programme of games is very complete, and promises to be exceedingly successful.

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The members of the regimental teams of the Royal Grenadiers, Queen's Own and 12th Battalion, who were competing in the Province of Quebec Rifle Association matches at Montreal last week, arrived in the city on the 13th inst, and were given a grand reception in appreciation of the honours they had won for their regiments. At the station the band played "See the Conquering Hero Comes." Lieut. Col. Dawson and officers and men shook hands with the victorious riflemen, and heartily congratulated them on their success at Montreal.

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General indignation is expressed at the lack of progress in the erection of a new drill-shed. The city, at a large expenditure, secured a suitable site, and had it prepared ready for the contractors nearly two years ago, but up to the present scarcely anything has been done, except a partial excavation for the foundations, and the laying of a few yards of stone. The appliances on the work at present seem to consist of a few hand derricks, some scaffolding, a quantity of sand, and some stone. A look around showed that some men were

engaged in sifting gravel and some others were hauling stone; this was about all that was going on.

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All the contracts for the new rifle range have now been awarded. The City Council has authorized the necessary expenditure for fences, butts, etc., and Commissioner Chambers, whose duty it is to see the work properly done, says he will rush everything so that the O. R. A. matches can be fired on the new range.

QUEBEC.

Recent events in connection with the attempt made towards the expression of the smuggling of liquor on the lower St. Lawrence, have largely been open to criticism mainly as regards the part taken by "B" Battery, R.C.A. Two detachments having been sent out, the first in command of Capt. Farley, with 15 men, and the second under Major Wilson, 50 in strength, their movements were anxiously watched by the citizens. The latter detachment returned to the city on Saturday, 23rd July, bringing with them as prisoners two of the smugglers, one of whom, by name Bouchard, has figured of late as one of the chief offenders against the laws of the land.

The first detachment sent out returned during the course of the past week.

Public opinion is divided as to the outcome of the capture. That smuggling has been going on for years no one appears to dispute, but that the chief offenders have been caught is a different matter and is subject to discussion.

The trial of the accused will no doubt prove interesting, not only to the prisoners but to the general public.

Saturday morning the 30th of July saw the departure of another detachment of "B" Battery, under command of Captains Farley and Rutherford, some 30 strong. In view of the representations made by Lieut.-Colonel J. Bell Forsyth of H. M. Customs, it is assumed that the Isle-aux-Coudres will prove to have been their objective point.

Actual service of this nature will serve to relieve the monotony of barrack life, but cannot be called most suitable for soldiers. The policy of the Government with regard to the naval force employed for duty on the lower St. Lawrence is at present subject to criticism, and the part taken by the cruiser "Constance" requires to be thoroughly investigated; but that the proceedings will admit of this remains to be seen.

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The following officers reached here during the past week and are attending a course of equitation at the Royal School of Cavalry. Lieuts. T. W. VanTuys, R.M.C., unattached list, and George Peters of the Governor-General's Body Guard, Toronto.

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Captain C. E. English of the Royal Military College Staff, has been spending a few days in the city, the guest of Lieut. Forester of the Canadian Dragoons.

Captains A. G. G. Würtele, R. M. C. Staff, H. S. Greenwood, Adjutant 4th Regiment of Cavalry and Lieut. A. Kelly Evens, R. M. C. Unattached List, have visited this city recently.

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Saturday afternoon witnessed a game of cricket between the Crescents of this city and the Canadian Dragoons. The former were captained by Mr. Wright and the latter by Lieut. W. Forester. The game was closely contested and resulted in favour of the city by one run, the scores being 32 to 31.

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The Quebec Field Battery are preparing to go into camp at St. Joseph de Levis, the date selected being Tuesday next the 16th inst.

Major Crawford Lindsay, who is recovering from a serious illness, will likely be present in camp, but will not take an active part in the work. This will devolve upon Captain J. George Garneau, an energetic and careful officer, and in whose care the work can be safely and judiciously placed.

The Field Division of "B" Battery, R.C.A., will also be present in camp at the Old Engineer Quarters.

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The last League Match, which was fired on Saturday last, proved unfavourable to the Quebecers in the way of a dis-