

thing passed off without a hitch, thanks to the exertions of the regimental rifle committee—Major Delamere and Lieuts. Knifton and Rennie.

The cheerful face of Lieut. Knifton was clouded only by the thought that his company (E) was not the crack shooting company of the regiment. It is his proudest boast that he has been a member of E Company for twenty years, and he is just as much one of the boys now as he was when he first joined.

Archib. Mackenzie, of lacrosse fame, has been promoted to sergeant in F. Co. He will make a good sergeant and deserves his promotion. His loyal (but somewhat fishy) speech, which he made in London, Eng., while away with the Toronto Lacrosse Club, when he remarked that "every able-bodied Canadian is a volunteer and a lacrosse player," is still fresh in the minds of a grateful public.

F Company's "Darling Clementine" is now allowed to rest quietly in her grave "where the myrtle doth entwine."

G Company made a half-hearted attempt once this season to detail the interesting adventures of the "selected spooners of the gang," but the unfeeling remarks of other companies made them dry up.

I Company, "Murray's Dandies," feel the loss of the genial and large hearted Jack Cassells, who, although gone for some time now, is not by any means forgotten.

KUNE SOHN.

THE GRENADIERS TAKE THE FIELD.

The Grenadiers mustered at the drill shed on Saturday at 2 o'clock for the purpose of a march out to practice the new formation of the attack. Owing to the threatening state of the weather and the unsuitable hour of parade the muster was very weak, not more than 200 of all ranks turning out. Lieut.-Col. Dawson was in command and was assisted in the manoeuvres by the following officers: Majors Harrison and Mason, Adjutant Manley, Capts. Caston, Trotter, Michie, Morrow and Eliot, Lieuts. Maclean, Lambe, Cameron, Lowe, Hay. Surgeon King was in charge of the ambulance corps.

A company under Capt. Maclean and Lt. Lambe, formed the advance guard, and marched along King street as such, to the wonder of many spectators who did not understand the movement. Headed by the bands, the rest of the regiment following, they advanced along King, York, Queen, Beverley, St. George, when the enemy was found to be in force about the neighborhood of Consul Nordheimer's house. The advance guard was withdrawn and the regiment composed of six companies prepared for the attack. The left half companies of Nos. 1 and 2 and the right half companies of Nos. 3 and 4 formed the fighting line; their remaining half companies formed the support, Nos. 5 and 6 under Major Harrison being a reserve. The officers and men entered into the spirit of the affair and the movements were very interesting to the spectators. The half company volley firing and then the rushes under cover of the smoke was seen to be a most effective form of approaching an enemy. The support came up and then each captain found himself in command of his entire company. The reserve at the last stage doubled up and formed the rear rank of the now fighting line. Bayonets were now fixed, and with the front rank at the charge and the rear at the slope, the charge was sounded by the bugles and drums, and with a British cheer and in less time than it takes to write it the ridge of highland was in the hands of the Red coats.

The markers were thrown out and the companies assembled and, headed by the band, the regiment proceeded through the Consul's lovely grounds to take possession of the Nordheimer Citadel. Instead of the enemy, the jovial face of Mr. Nordheimer welcomed them, while the balconies of the house were gay with the attire of the large number of ladies who had been invited to receive the officers at an "At Home." The arms were piled and the freedom of the capacious grounds handed over to the men, who seemed to enjoy themselves very much among the apple trees and the refreshments, which had preceded them under charge of Quarter-Master Ellis and Quarter-Master Sergt. Dale. The officers adjourned, as soon as the mud was fairly scraped from their boots, to the drawing-rooms, where they were graciously received and welcomed by Mrs. Nordheimer and introduced to those who had graced the occasion by their presence. A choice repast regaled the sharp appetites of the officers, and a very pleasant hour was spent.

About 5.30 the "fall in" sounded and every officer and man was soon in his place. Col. Dawson drew the regiment up in quarter column and called for three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Nordheimer, which was heartily given as well as a tiger for "the children"—proposed by some good-hearted man in the ranks. The regiment then left and marched to the armory by way of Devonport-road, Yonge and King streets, all well satisfied with the pleasant outing, and feeling grateful to Consul Nordheimer for his kindness. Before dismissing the men, the colonel read a letter from the directors of the Industrial Exhibition thanking the regiment for their assistance at the "Siege of Sebastopol" and for their admirable conduct when so employed.

The manoeuvres were witnessed by Col. Otter, who generally turns up very unexpectedly in mutti on any such occasion, also by Col. Grissett and Surgeon Baldwin.

MUD SPLASHES.

Col. Dawson, Majors Harrison and Mason and Adjutant Manley were mounted on handsome steeds and were pictures.

"Hurrah for King Billy!" cried a man in King street as he saw "the Adj." prance along on a milk-white horse. Neither the reference to King William nor the frequent query of "Where's the red-headed girl?" disturbed the adjutant's serenity.

"H" Company's turning of itself inside out created great fun among the officers.

Lieut. McLean wore his military moustache, and his general appearance told well for the Press, of which he is a valuable member.

British Columbia.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

At Victoria, C Battery, R.C.A., on the morning of the 2nd instant, paraded at Beacon Hill Park for inspection by Major-Gen. Sir Fred Middleton. The Battery, headed by their splendid band, marched on to the review ground shortly after 10 o'clock and formed up in parade order, facing the saluting point, for the inspection of the inspecting officer. Shortly after the Major-General appeared on the ground and was received with the usual honours of the general salute. The Battery then marched past, first in quick time, right in front, then back again, left in front, afterwards at the double. Forming up in line and advancing in parade order they delivered the general salute. After the parade manoeuvres were over, the Battery were put through the manual exercise by Major Peters, and afterwards by Lieut. Ogilvie, followed by company movements. This part of the inspection being concluded, the Battery marched off to camp and donned their fighting costumes, with the new kit-pack, consisting of a kit and blanket rolled up in a waterproof and tied with a piece of bed cord. The ordinary barrack room bed strap being attached for the purpose of securing the pack on the back of the soldier. The troops took off the packs and put them on again in a short space of time compared with the regulation valise. They then extended in skirmishing order, and for about an hour or so acted as light infantry, forming and extending and other rapid movements. During the first part of the light infantry movements the troops unslung their packs, forming with them a kind of bullet proof parapet, from behind which the soldier delivered his fire. In advancing they tucked the pack under the arm and doubled to the front. On the top of Beacon Hill they undid their packs and repacked them again in an incredible short space of time.

INSPECTION OF THE MILITIA.

Major-General Middleton inspected the local volunteers at the drill shed last evening (the 6th). He was accompanied by Lt.-Col. Holmes, acting D.A.G., Capt. Wise, A.D.C., and Capt. Benson of C Battery. On his arrival the inspecting officer was received by the usual salute; after which Lt.-Col. Prior put the men through the manual and firing exercise. After this No. 2 Battery, Capt. P. A. Irving, was brought to the front, and at his command the men went through company drill in such a manner as to elicit favorable comments from the inspecting officer. The captain of No. 3 being on the sick list, his battery was passed over and No. 4, Capt. Smallfield, was put through company drill, which was also very well done. Subsequently the Victoria Rifle Company, Capt. Wollacott, was similarly inspected. At the close the Major-General addressed his respective commanders of the artillery and rifle, and expressed himself as satisfied with what he had seen, and also the hope that next time he visited the corps he would find them in a proper drill shed, the present quarters rendering battalion movements out of the question. He also complimented the men on their neat and steady appearance. After the parade had been dismissed, those of the officers who had not already met General Middleton were presented to him.

The Major-General was accompanied on the ground by Lt.-Col. Holmes, D.A.G., Captain Benson, acting A.D.C. Col. E. G. Prior, B.C.G.A., was also in attendance. Capt. Wise, having had his uniform detained on the railway, had to appear as a common civilian, and consequently kept in the background. Lady Middleton graced the review with her presence, and appeared as charming as ever. Her Ladyship was accompanied by Mrs. Peters. Several other ladies also were on the grounds, and evidently took great interest in the manoeuvres. Col. Wollenden and Capt. Roycraft were also present.

The Major-General went to Esquimalt subsequently and inspected the sites of proposed fortifications, also the new permanent barracks. Nothing seems to escape the critical eye of the gallant officer, and no doubt he will find ample material for a lengthy report to Ottawa on barrack accommodation, the fortifications, the utter absence of proper equipment, and other important subjects.