

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

(We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?)

35TH BATT.—Companies Nos. 1 and 5, whose headquarters are at Barrie, have begun voluntary drills, which they propose continuing through the spring.

Company orders, No. 1. In pursuance of regimental orders, 29th ult., No. 1 company will parade every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., at the drill shed.

No. 2. The commanding officer has been pleased to make the following promotions: To be sergeant, Bandsman John Deans, vice Barrand, promoted; to be corporal, Private Wm. Hudson, vice White, discharged.

CHAS. S. F. SPRY, Capt. commanding No. 1.

TORONTO.—The Queen's Own turned out last Wednesday nearly 400 strong. Col. Miller put them through the manual and firing exercises, the regiment being hampered as usual by want of space. The bugle band furnished the music.

The men who were on active service are requested to sign pay sheets now ready for some \$8 or \$10 kit money due them.

The non-commissioned officers' class will meet Fridays instead of Wednesdays, as heretofore. Peremptory orders have been issued for every non-com. to attend.

The ambulance corps' drill and lectures begin Monday evening at 8.

The signal corps will meet Saturday evening for reorganization.

The following promotions have been made: To be assistant sergt-major, Col.-Sergt. Crean; to be orderly room clerk, Col.-Sergt. J. S. Macdonald, vice Walker; to be sergeant of pioneers, Sergt. Hart, vice Foreman, transferred to the band; to be col.-sergt. F. Co., Sergt. J. McLaren, vice Austin; to be sergeants, Corporal Robinson, vice McLaren, Corporal Gibson, vice Rough, placed on the supernumerary list, and Corporal McIntosh, vice Forster; to be corporal, Private George, vice McIntosh, promoted.

The Grenadiers paraded on Thursday about 250 strong, under the command of Major Harrison. Great sympathy with the Colonel was expressed throughout the regiment for his second bereavement within so short a time, by the death of his brother, Mr. George Grasett. At the funeral on Friday the officers sent flowers as a testimony of their heartfelt sympathy with their beloved colonel, and most of the officers who were in the city attended the ceremony.

Mrs. J. Fletcher, 20 St. Joseph street, writes to *The Mail* as follows:—The anniversary is approaching of the death of those brave men whom Toronto lost in the North-west rebellion. Would it not be as well that we should have (like our sister in the United States) an annual commemoration day, to show that our noble dead still live in the remembrance of those for whom they sacrificed themselves; and also that when we are gone our children's children may still do homage to the memories of those who fell in the defence of their common country. Ontario should also in this, her capital city, raise some monument, on which the names of all her departed heroes should be inscribed.

DUFFERIN RIFLES.—Regimental parade on Thursday evening next and each succeeding Thursday. Recruit class next Tuesday and each succeeding Tuesday.—*Brantford Telegram*.

63RD RIFLES.—The quarterly meeting of No. 2 company, under the command of Capt. Hechler, was held in their orderly room last Monday evening, when several new members were enrolled.

The battalion paraded in the drill shed in drill order last Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

A. Co., I. S. C.—Sergeant Polkinhorn has been promoted to the position of instructor on the staff of the infantry school. This is an excellent appointment, Staff Sergeant Polkinhorn having formerly been a color sergeant in a line regiment, and has displayed special qualifications as an instructor. The staff now comprises Sergts. Fowlie, Polkinhorn, Chapelle and Sutton—all thoroughly competent instructors.—*Fredericton Capital*.

Col. Maunsell has issued the following general order as D.A.G.: The officers of the School of Infantry, and attached officers as well as officers 71st battalion, will wear crape when in uniform for one month from this date, as shown in Queen's Regulations, in memory of the late Lieut. Russell.

P. E. I. BRIG. GAR. ART.—The Governor-General's prizes for general efficiency and for shifting ordnance, competed for under the conditions and rules fixed by the Dominion Artillery Association, have again been carried off by this brigade. No. 1 battery, Capt. Passmore, winning the latter, and No. 2 battery, Capt. Moore, the former—and the following individual prizes for shooting in small prize artillery competitions: Sergt. Weatherbie, No. 3 battery, Georgetown, 1st prize, \$8; Corpl. Offer, No. 1 battery, 2nd prize, \$5; Gunner McLeod, No. 2 battery, \$4; Gunner Music, No. 2 battery, \$4; Gunner Moore, No. 2 battery, \$4; Gunner Aitken, No. 1 battery, \$2; Sergt. Down, No. 2 battery, \$2; Corpl. Connolly No. 1 battery, \$2.

The general efficiency prize was carried off by No. 2 battery with a score of 108, in face of very great odds. The battery coming nearest to them—namely, the Toronto battery—having been inspected while doing garrison duty at the new fort, Toronto, therefore having the advantage of continuous drills and discipline.

The time made by No. 1 battery in the shifting ordnance competition is looked upon by experienced artillery men as wonderful, and reflects great credit on Sergt. Palmer, who was the No. 1 in charge of the detachment, and we hope to hear of his being selected as a member of the Canadian artillery team to Shoeburyness this year.

The honor of possessing the two most efficient batteries in the Dominion of Canada is something of which Charlottetown may well be proud.—*Patriot*.

LINDSAY.—The students attending Lindsay High School are to receive drill instructions weekly, Capt. and Adj. S. Hughes having volunteered to perform the service gratuitously.

Already preparations are being made for the June camp.

The Band of the 45th battalion will give a grand concert here on 6th May. Proceeds partly in aid of the European trip fund, and partly for the purchase of a military bell for the new chimes on St. Paul's Church, Lindsay.

Capt. Wallace has completed the alterations in his armory. It is now splendidly fitted up.

OMEMEE.—Capt. Evans and Lieut. Thoruton, of No. 5, Omemees Co. 45th battalion, having kindly consented to drill the students of Omemees High School, the Board have, we learn, accepted their free offer. Drill begins at an early date.

VICTORIA RIFLES.—The members of the "Vic's" had a largely attended meeting at their armory on Sherbrooke street, on Friday evening last, it being the 1st annual meeting of the Cricket Association of the battalion. After the regular meeting of the association had been gone through the following were elected officers for the year: Patron, Major-Gen. Middleton; Hon. President, Col. Crawford; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Major Davidson and Henshaw; President, Capt. Radiger; Vice-Presidents, Capt. Bacon and Lieut. Wardlow; Secretary-Treasurer, Sergt. R. P. Adams; Committee, Capts. Edwards and Becket, Lieut. Wake, Sergts. Ramsay and Fletcher, Ptes. Thom, Liddle and C. Ramsay; Match Committee, Lieuts. Wake and Doucet, Sergt. Ramsey, Ptes. Holliday and Liddle. It was decided to arrange dates with those clubs that played the club last year and also to open communications with other clubs. The club will practise every Saturday afternoon on St. Helen's Island.

5TH ROYAL SCOTS.—This regiment has entered most vigorously upon its company drills, and the parades held are well attended; all the vacancies in the companies have been filled, and some of them have a large roll of applicants waiting or vacancies to occur. This battalion has also held several meetings preparing for the summer shooting.

6TH FUSILIERS.—This battalion has been putting in company drill at its armory for some weeks past preparatory to commencing the annual drills. On the 15th inst., examination of applicants for the vacancies caused by the retirement of non-commissioned officers will be held. There is a large number of aspirants for the positions and a keen and interesting competition is anticipated.

7TH FUSILIERS.—For the past few years this corps has performed its drill at battalion headquarters in the evening, and up to the time the battalion went to the North-west it had not been under canvas for some years. This season, however, it is proposed to go to camp and drill in the morning and evening, allowing the members to attend to business during the day. This plan has been tried by a Montreal battery of artillery for some years, and found to work admirably. Reveille sounds at 5 a.m.; drill, from 5.30 to 6.30; breakfast, and then dismissal for the day. In the evening tea is served at 6; the battalian falls in at 6.30 and drills until 8.30. From the latter hour until 10 the men amuse themselves, and then "last post" blows, while fifteen minutes later "lights out" sounds. By this means the men get an insight into camp duties, which it is quite as necessary for them to learn as drill. The strength of the battalion is rapidly increasing, and at present 53 recruits comprise the strength of the "akward squad." Sergt.-Major Byrne, assisted by Sergts. McDonald, Mills and Summers, are engaged in drilling the recruits, while Capt Tracy and Lieuts. Bapty and Pope instruct the older members in rifle exercise. Besides this, Sergt.-Major Byrne has a class consisting of about twenty officers and sergeants who meet at the orderly-room weekly for drill and instruction. Another class is also being trained in the sword exercise. The success of Capt. Little and Lieut. Pope in gaining certificates at the military school has excited a spirit of emulation among the officers which has also extended to the men, and, as a consequence, the battalion is rapidly being put upon a war footing.—*London Advertiser*.

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