

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOR THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—Can you inform me if the military boards which used to be convened for the examination of Volunteer officers have been permanently discontinued; and if not, when they are likely to sit again. If I remember rightly they were held every three months, up to April, 1868, and I do not know of one since.

I was gazetted (provisionally) nearly 12 months ago, and was then prepared to undergo the examination for a second class certificate, but have had no chance up to the present time, and the consequence is that I am outranked by other officers, holding M. S. certificates, who have been appointed long since I was. Now I cannot afford the time necessary to attend the Military School, and, therefore, if a certificate is to be obtained in no other way, I may as well give up at once; I have no doubt that other officers are placed in the same position as myself.

If you can throw any light on the subject, please do so and oblige

Yours truly,

LIEUTENANT.

[As there were no applications for examination before a Board there was no order for its assembling, but we are led to believe that there will appear in General Orders, perhaps this week, an order for the assembling of boards for the purpose desired by our correspondent.—ED. V. R.]

FROM TORONTO.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Your correspondent, imbued with his usual erratic spirit, wandered off to Hamilton on Monday morning to see how the residents of the "Ambitious City" celebrated the day. The weather being fine the cars and steamboats were crowded with pleasure seekers to see the Review, German Carnival, Horticultural Exhibition, &c. In accordance with time honored custom the gallant 13th, under Col. Skinner, paraded 300 strong, and fired the customary *feu de joie* at noon. The firing was not quite what I had anticipated, although not badly done, but the few manœuvres gone through were very credible indeed, and every man was dressed with a neatness seldom seen in a Volunteer regiment. The German Festival was a miserable affair, which I have often seen excelled by village *Calethumpians*. In order to have somewhat to make the day memorable your correspondent and a friend returned on foot by road to Toronto—46 miles—and reminded the various settlers along the road that loyal citizens were afloat by singing a stave of the National Anthem, and firing off a rocket before their houses. The trip took from 8 p.m. to 9 a.m., and I don't think will be repeated.

The H Battery of Artillery is leaving by

detachments, and being replaced by a battery from Montreal.

Programmes of the Provincial Match are printed and will be circulated so soon as answers respecting railway fares are received from the several managers. Wind screens are allowed and camp accommodation provided—every Volunteer bringing his own blankets. All the matches but three are restricted to residents of Ontario. In anticipation of this match the "Common" is now the favorite resort of Volunteers. In the return match between Smokers vs. Non-Smokers of the Rifle Club the latter were again victorious for the fourth time, by 91 points. Smoking evidently is no assistance to say the least.

FROM BROCKVILLE.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The good people of Perth having decided to celebrate the fiftieth Birth Day of our most gracious sovereign Queen Victoria in a right loyal manner, they extended invitations to a large number of Volunteer Companies, including the three here, and as the Volunteers as well as citizens turned out strong, your correspondent could not resist the current towards the B. & O. Railway depot, where at 6.45 a.m., the several Companies had assembled, as follows: Brockville & Ottawa Railway Gov. Art. Capt. Worsley, with 6-pounder gun and gunners under command of Lieut. Lowe. No. 1 Co. 41st Batt. Capt. Coll, No. 2 Co. 42nd Batt. Lieut. Wilkinson. I also noticed the following staff and field officers with their horses, viz: Lt. Col. Atcherley, D.A.G., Lt. Col. Jackson, B.M., Lt. Col. Buell, 42nd Batt., Majors Rivers and Abbott, retired list,—Dr. Sparham, 41st Batt. Ensign Stcale, Acting Adjutant 42nd Batt. The gun was properly packed on the platform car, and the whole embarked ready for starting at 7 a.m. The train proceeded rapidly on, adding large numbers to our living freight at all the way stations, at Smith's Falls we joined the train from the north with the following Cos.: No. 5, 41st Batt. Carleton Place, Capt. Brown; No. 6, 41st Batt. Pakenham, Capt. O'Neil; No. 1, 42nd Batt. Almonte, Capt. McDougall, with Major Gemmill and Dr. Mostyn, surgeon; No. 4, 42nd Batt., Fitzroy, Capt. Fraser. The trains being united we proceeded rapidly to Perth, where we were received by Mr. Shaw, the Mayor and Members of the Town Council. Major Scott, Lieut. Matheson with the Perth Infantry, Firemen and citize. Two 3-pounder guns firing a welcome salute from the Town Hall. The following extract from the Carleton Place *Herald*, does better justice to the subject, than your correspondent can hope to, consequently I will only trouble you with the distribution on the field. The eight companies already named were drawn up at open order, with the Gun and Artillery on the right. At 11.30 Lt. Col. Atcherly, D. A. G., accompanied by Lt. Col. Jackson, B.M.

and Majors Abbott and Rivers, galloped rapidly on the ground. The Volunteers under command of Lt. Col. Buell presented arms. The bugles sounded the usual salute, after which the reviewing officer Col. Atcherly with his staff rode up and down the ranks. At 12 o'clock, the *Feu-de-joie* was fired, immediately after which, the field day commenced. The firing and movements of the gun were rapidly and well executed, and the continuous peals of musketry, showed the superiority of the Snider Rifle.

The excellent arrangements and management of the Railway officials, and the expeditious manner in which the Gunners disembarked and embarked the gun and horses deserve special mention. On parade eight mounted officers with splendid chargers. Total 370 officers and men, and the whole of the men conducted themselves in a most soldierlike manner.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY IN PERTH.

Monday last being the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, it was celebrated with great *éclat* in the county town of this county. An invitation having been extended to the Volunteers of this section to assemble in Perth, and Major Abbott, of the Brockville & Ottawa Railway, having kindly consented to carry them over the road free, together with as many of their friends as wished to accompany them at one fare for the double journey, a large number availed themselves of the privilege. The train from the north received on board successively the Fitzroy, Pakenham, Almonte and Carleton Place Volunteer Companies, who at Smith's Falls were joined by the two Brockville Cos., and the B. & O. R. battery of Artillery, with their field gun. On arriving at Perth the Companies were met at the Station by the Perth Infantry and Firemen, and all marched to the Town Hall, in front of which the Volunteer Cos. were inspected by Lt. Col. Jackson, Brigade Major. They were then marched to a field at the south end of the town, where at 12 o'clock a *feu-de-joie* was fired, after which the troops marched past, and performed a number of evolutions very creditably, under the command of Lt. Col. Buell, 42nd Battalion. They then proceeded to the Drill Shed, where a bountiful and sumptuous repast had been prepared for them. After having regaled the inner man, R. Shaw, Esq., Mayor of Perth, who occupied the chair, supported on the right and left by Lt. Col. Atcherly, D.A.G., and Lt. Col. Jackson, proposed the following toasts:—

"The Queen—God Bless Her."

Band. "God save the Queen."

"The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family."

Band. "Red, White and Blue."

"The Governor General."

Band. "For he's a jolly good fellow."

"The Army, Navy and Volunteers."

Band. "British Grenadiers."

Responded to by Lt. Col. Atcherly, and more especially on behalf of the Volunteers by Lt. Col. Jackson.

"Our Guests," responded to by Lt. Col. Buell.

"The Dominion of Canada and Province of Ontario," responded to by A. Code, Esq. M.P.P.

"The Brockville and Ottawa Railway," responded to by Major Abbott.

Lt. Col. Atcherly then proposed the health of the Mayor and Town Council of Perth, together with the Firemen and citizens who