

out detracting in the least degree from the merits of his predecessors, or robbing them of well-deserved recognition of their zeal in promoting its welfare, or their capacity in the position of commanding officer, was never in a more efficient condition, or its *esprit de corps* so generally maintained as at the present time. It will be with regret, therefore, that it will be learned, that, as the result of an Order-in-Council having recently passed disqualifying deputy heads of departments from holding commands in the militia, Lieut.-Col. Tilton has been forced to resign. It may be assumed that this decision was arrived at in the interests of the public service. Lieut.-Col. Tilton having no alternative but to submit to the inevitable, is now relieved of his command, and his successor will soon have to be chosen. He leaves the regiment carrying with him the esteem and confidence of officers and men, who, naturally enough, will deplore the fact of the severance of the military tie which bound them together soon after he assumed control; while his friends in the city who are not members of the force, will join with them in regretting that he has not had an opportunity of developing to a fuller extent those military qualities which experience has proved he possesses in a high degree."

#### A GALLANT YOUNG OFFICER DROWNED.

Lt. C. J. L. Daley, son of Capt. Daley, of the Digby Battery G. A., was drowned at Digby, N.S., by the swamping of his boat in a squall on the 13th June. This promising young officer, though not 20 years of age at the time of his death, had obtained a first class Gunnery School certificate, and will be remembered by those who were there as having charge of the Digby firing detachment at the Island of Orleans, Quebec, last year. He was well and favourably known in his community, and enjoyed the full confidence of the officers and men of his battery, to which he was very much attached. By the untimely death of Lt. Daley the militia force of the Dominion loses an accomplished and active member and the Digby Battery an officer that it cannot easily replace. Lt. Daley was a fine all round athlete and an excellent swimmer. It is generally believed that he lost his own life endeavouring to save the lad he had with him, who could not swim. A boat arrived at the spot half an hour after the accident, but the rough waters had closed over them for ever. A part of Daley's clothing was found floating. The boat being heavily ballasted, had sunk in 40 fathoms of water, where she still remains. The bodies have not been recovered.

#### THE 53RD SHERBROOKE BATTALION.

The 53rd Battalion of Sherbrooke, P.Q., had their annual inspection on Saturday, the 15th June, by Lt.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., assisted by Lt.-Col. Mattice, B.M. The battalion turned out in full strength, and looked extremely well. The following were the officers and number of men on parade: Lt.-Col. E. P. Felton, commanding; Major W. A. Morehouse; A Co., Capt. H. R. Fraser, Lt. Lloyd, 42 men all ranks; B Co., Capt. T. Somers, 42 men all ranks; C Co., Capt. E. Worthington, Lts. McNicol and Morris, 42 men all ranks; D Co., Capt. Thomas Rawson, Lt. Spearing, 42 men all ranks; Capt. and Actg. Adj. E. W. Farwell; Paymaster H. A. Odell; Surgeon N. A. Worthington; Quartermaster A. Winters. The battalion received the reviewing officer in line, and after a minute inspection (more fully so as a medal is awarded the company showing the best drill and efficiency, the award being made by the inspecting officer), the regiment marched past in column, quarter column, and at the double (No. 3 marching at the double extremely well), and performed also a few battalion movements; also, for the first time, the new system of attack was gone through, to the entire satisfaction of the inspecting officer, who expressed great surprise at the progress the battalion had made in the new drill. The regiment was put through the manual and firing exercise by Major Morehouse, and Capt. Worthington and Fraser directed battalion drill. The battalion then marched through the principal streets to the drill shed, and were dismissed until evening, when a promenade concert and dance was held in the drill shed. The fine band of the battalion, under the leadership of Prof. F. Cline, rendered some excellent music. The prizes were awarded during the evening, presentations being made by prominent city ladies, viz: 1st battalion prize, silver bugle, to be held one year (or until won again) by the company making the highest aggregate score of 20 men at annual target practice, won by No. 4 Company with an average of 52.45 per man; No. 1 Company second with an average of 56.5. 2nd, battalion medal for best individual shot in the battalion, won by Qr-Master Sergt. A. Martin, No. 4 Co., 65 points. 3rd, battalion medal for general proficiency in drill, attendance, etc., won by No. 4 Co.

Company Prizes for Shooting—No. 1 Co., 1st medal, Pte. A. Foss, 64 points; 2nd, for best shot in recruits, Pte. Williams, 60 points. No. 2 Co., medal, Corpl. Loomis, 59 points. No. 3 Co., 1st medal, Corpl. Boyd, 64 points; 2nd medal, Sergt. Bloomfield, 58 points. No. 4 Co., 1st medal, Qr-Master Sergt. A. Martin, 65 points; 2nd medal, Corpl. Davies, 64 points; 3rd medal, for member who has never won a prize before, Col.-Sergt. Irwin, 61 points.

The following are the scores of the 20 members of No. 4 Company, winners of the bugle: Qr-Master Sergt. A. Martin, 65; Corp. Davies, 64; Capt. Thomas Rawson, 63; Pte. Fissette, 62; Col.-Sergt. Irwin, 61; Pte. J. D. Simpson, 60; Pte. Shorten, 59; Sergt.-Major Hinton, 57; Sergt. Hume, 53; Pte. Hallett, 50; Pte. Donnelly, 48; Pte. Milford, 48; Pte. Swenor, 47; Pte. Mulvey, 46; Pte. Hancock, 45; Pte. Morehouse, 45; Pte. Jewell, 45; Pte. Mills, 45; Corpl. J. J. Park, 43; Lc.-Sergt. G. Parks, 43.

#### THE FOURTEENTH AT ST. CATHERINES.

The following are extracts from the Kingston *News* report of the visit of the Fourteenth Batt., of Kingston, to St. Catharines for Dominion Day:

"At Port Dalhousie, three miles from the city of St. Catharines, a tug, with the Port Dalhousie band on board, met the *Norseman* and accompanied her some distance, playing a welcome to the visiting troops. This graceful act was due to the suggestion of Col. Carlisle, of the 19th, but the willingness of the Port Dalhousie band to act on the colonel's suggestion also deserves mention. At about five in the afternoon the city was reached by way of the old Welland Canal, in lock No. 2 of which the boat tied up during the stay. At the wharf to receive the 14th were Col. Carlisle and the officers of the 19th Batt. Citizens and citizenesses, it is unnecessary to say, were down in large numbers to meet the Kingston soldiers. After meeting the officers of the 14th and welcoming them heartily to a dinner for that evening, the officers of the 19th retired, leaving the impression, afterward proved to be correct, that they were gentlemen and jolly hospitable fellows. \* \* \* In replying to the toast to the 14th at the citizens' lunch on Dominion Day, Col. Smith said that words failed him when he tried to express his appreciation for the boundless hospitality of the St. Catharines people in general, but particularly of Col. Carlisle and the officers of the 19th Batt., who had gone to so much expense and taken so much trouble to render this the pleasantest trip that the 14th had had for years. Hospitality so profuse was altogether unprecedented, and the colonel only hoped that the St. Catharines troops would sometime give their Kingston brethren in arms an opportunity of returning in some slight degree the kindness showered so lavishly upon his men and himself by the St. Catharines troops. The drill shed re-echoed with the cheers for Queen and country, for Col. Carlisle, for Col. Smith and for Mayor MacIntyre.

The St. Catharines *Journal*, speaking of the P.W.O.R. says: "In passing down St. Paul street the immense crowd on the sidewalks was struck with the excellent military precision and steady swing of the rifles, and it is just proper to state the fine battalion, which we believe numbered, all told, about 275 men, created an excellent impression, and they knew it. A feature in the regiment was their hospital corps of about twenty men, some of whom bore stretchers and had the red cross of the ambulance on their arms. Many of the men wore medals for service in the North-west, yet all were young and in the prime of manhood, showing a representation of citizen soldiery, of which our Dominion and their native city of Kingston should feel justly proud."

#### Brantford.

This is from the *Courier* of the 26th June: "The officers of the Dufferin Rifles have as yet received no word from Ottawa touching the plans for the new drill shed. The delay is a very annoying one to them, and it is to be hoped that a definite report will soon be forthcoming."

Says the *Expositor* of the 25th June: "Major and Mrs. Jones entertained the officers of the Dufferin Rifles on Friday evening at their handsome new residence, 'Hillcrest,' on Chestnut Avenue. The officers appeared in mess uniform, and speak in the highest terms of Mr. and Mrs. Jones' hospitality."

#### Montreal.

No less than three of our city battalions went out of town on Saturday to spend Dominion Day. The Victoria Rifles went to Chambly, the Garrison Artillery to Brockville, and the Prince of Wales Rifles to Kingston.

The Montreal Garrison Artillery paraded on the Champ de Mars 298 strong all told. The following were the officers: Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Majors Cole and Atkinson; Capt. Howard, acting adjutant; Capt. Ogilvie, Lewis, Finlayson, Costigan and Crathern; Lieuts. Major, McFarlane, Anderson, Bisette and Greger; quartermaster, Capt. Maxwell; Surgeon Finlay; Assistant Surgeon D. Elder. The brigade was drawn up in line and received the inspecting officer, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., with the general salute. They then marched past in open column, quarter column and at the double, after which they formed line to the left on the rear battery. Major Cole then put them through the manual and firing exercises. The brigade then changed front to the right on the right battery and to the left on No. 3. They then advanced in echelon from the right, formed company squares and prepared to receive cavalry, after which they formed line on No. 3. Major At-