

phaloux of bead-drawers who have since formed the élite of the muster-roll of the honoured sixties in succeeding years. The same initiative is not met by the "Gymnastes" of France, in their pending experience under canvas on the Plain of Vincennes, just outside the fortifications to the eastward of Paris, as they have, with a singular, yet prudent modesty (we will allow for the time) entirely eschewed target-practice even at the most diminished ranges from the programme of their "Meeting!"

What is announced as the XV. Fête Fédérale, on gigantic posters, countersigned by President Carnot, the Prefect of the Seine, and the head of the Paris police in company, is to commence to-morrow, Sunday, but during the last few days, the gay and hopeful youth of France, aided by the artillery and engineers of the garrison of Vincennes, have been pitching tents for the accommodation of themselves and the foreign (Swiss, Belgian, Spanish) visitors, who it is hoped, will respond to their invitations and swell the chorus of the admiration they personally seek.

Your volunteer abroad must digress, if only to note that no Germans or Italians (as yet) need apply! If you have any gymnastic associations on your side of the water, who care to come to the Vincennes Camp, they are sure to be courteously, if not with a sincere heart, yet perforce well received. It seems invidious, but it is worth while noting that if the French youth were as well up in the history of their own and native land as they should be, they would have, for self-esteem alone, chosen another site for their copy of a Wimbledon gathering. Their long array of tents in symmetrical order are raised and pegged immediately in view of the Donjon of Vincennes, an architectural reproduction of the veritable stronghold built by the English for the shelter of the skilful archers and doughty men-at-arms of whom Shakespeare wrote. The former edifice, whose duplicate now exists, was thrown up about A.D. 1430, when the English had dominated in Paris and the better part of France for nearly three centuries beforehand.

The drier details of the "gypsy" rendezvous and outing, which will last over a week from present date, are set forth in the public advertisement before alluded to. Magniloquent and prolix in sentence and phrase, and further, pictorially made evident, by the illustration of a handsome youth, whose like would be rare to find in France, rushing up an acclivity and expending his lungs into a bugle as big as himself, the poster sets forth that the French and foreign gymnasts will arrive at the Camp between the 6th and 7th June. The succeeding Friday and Saturday will be devoted to furnishing and settling down within the tents, and arranging the *cuisine* and messes.

Sunday, 9th June, Réveillé at 4.30 a.m., followed by salvoes of artillery from the Château de Vincennes, to proclaim the opening of the fête. From 5.30 to 11 a.m., preparatory exercises for a general repetition of gymnastic feats. Noon: luncheon at canteens, whilst at 3 p.m. the "Meeting" is to be officially inaugurated by President Carnot, who will review the assemblage of the 12,000 "jumpers" convened to the camp and attend at their defile before the State tribune with bugles sounding, drums beating and colours flying. The President will, in succession, then present a standard of honour to the Central Committee of the Gymnastic Societies of the Republic, and in return, the crack tumblers of the country will indulge the President with a few of their physical and non-political tricks, etc. In the evening of the same day the Camp will be free of access to the public, and the fraternal welcome enhanced by the illumination of the tented field, and concerts, *al fresco*, given by the bands of the artillery and Garde Republicaine, to be followed by a *bal champêtre*, which will be kept up all night.

On Monday, at 10 a.m., after breakfast, all the societies will form in procession to march from the Vincennes Camp to the Place de la Bastille, Paris, a distance of about 2½ miles, and about noon they will be represented by a delegation to the Municipal Council of Paris, at the Hotel de Ville. Another defile past will be arranged, preceding a march through the streets, on the eastern side of the city, and the cortege will then return to camp to meet the visit of the Minister of War at 3 p.m., who will preside at the opening of the prize competition in feats of strength and agility. At 9 p.m., the heads of the societies will be received in full state by the civic authorities, at the Hotel de Ville, and the prize-winners of the day will be awarded their several guerdons and marks of distinction the same night.

On Tuesday, excursions to St. Cloud, Ville d'Avray, and Versailles are planned for different divisions of the camp, and at night, again in canvas quarters, a sumptuous banquet will be offered by the Central Committee to the delegates from all the provincial and foreign associations who have responded to the invitations of the Union.

Two days remaining will be devoted to business, *i.e.*, the purely gymnastic exercises that have been advertised as the sole object of the gathering that was to transplant Wimbledon to Paris, and in eating, drinking and gallivanting, there is no doubt our neighbours will beat us off the field, in every kind of contest that may tempt pleasure first and only involve business afterwards.

Regimental News.

Lieut. Newton Vosburgh, of the 54th Battalion, and formerly a member of the Prince of Wales Rifles, Montreal, was drowned on Saturday, 8th inst. He slipped and fell into the tail race of a mill, and probably having been stunned was drowned though a good swimmer.

It is believed that Lt.-Col. Tilton will be under the necessity of resigning the command of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, in consequence of a new regulation against deputy heads of the Civil Service holding military posts as well. He is Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

Lt.-Col. Irving, Brigade Major, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., is at Fredericton to take a special course at the Royal School of Infantry. Lt.-Col. Worsley, deputy-adjutant-general of Nova Scotia, and Lieut.-Col. MacShane, Brigade Major of that district, are expected there shortly to take a "special course."

On Saturday evening the non-commissioned officers of No. 1 Co., G.G.F.G., held a smoking party in McCaffrey's Hall. Quite a number of guests were present by special invitation, including Lt.-Col. Tilton and several other officers of the regiment, with a sprinkling of private citizens. Songs were given by musical members of the party, and a general good time enjoyed.

It is reported that the command of the Sixth Military District, held by the late Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne, is likely to be assigned to the commandant of the St. John's Infantry School, Lieut.-Col. D'Orsonnens. The commandants of the other infantry schools are also deputy adjutants-general. In the case of Col. D'Orsonnens, his school is not actually within the Sixth District, but it is stated that it is close enough for him to hold the command without inconvenience should it be otherwise desirable for him to do so.

This is from the Montreal *Herald*:—Capt. John Hood, of "A" Company, Royal Scots, intimated to the members of the company which he has so long and creditably commanded, on Saturday last, that that would in all probability be the last occasion on which he would command them, it being understood that he was going to qualify for majorship previous to his going to Wimbledon as Adjutant of the Canadian team. The announcement was received with general regret by all whom it concerned, but, while they regret losing their able commander, they rejoice at his well merited promotion, and feel that what will be a company loss will be a battalion gain.

It is not often, says the *Empire*, that the members of the Toronto regiments engage in festivity, but when they do so they always make the affair a red letter night in the lives of those present. Last week a number of the members of "A" Co., Royal Grenadiers, assembled at No. 9 Colborne street for the purpose of celebrating the departure of the four Ontario representatives to the Wimbledon match. Sergt. Mowat presided, and the guests of the evening were Staff-Sergt. Ashall, Q.O.R.; Staff-Sergt. McVittie, Royal Grenadiers; Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, Royal Grenadiers; Sergt. Curzon, Royal Grenadiers; Capt Kemp, Staff-Sergt. Hutchison, Royal Grenadiers, and Sergt.-Major Cox, Royal Grenadiers. Sergts. Ashall, McVittie, Mitchell and Curzon have been chosen to sustain the honour of Canadian shooting in the coming contest.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS.

"The best inspection the Guards ever passed," was the general remark last Monday evening, as the great crowd gathered on Cartier Square, saw the G. G. F. G. move off the field into the Drill Hall. While, perhaps, too sweeping, this verdict at least showed that the public were eminently well satisfied with the manner in which the regiment acquitted itself. The Guards paraded at the Drill Hall before seven o'clock, and by half-past seven the five city companies were drawn up in line on Cartier Square awaiting the arrival of No. 5 from New Edinburgh. They had not long to wait. The six companies presented a very soldierlike appearance, the handsome new uniforms showing off to the best advantage. The strength on parade was as follows:

Adjutant—Capt. W. E. Hodgins.

Paymaster—Capt. C. Berkeley Powell.

Surgeon—Dr. Horsey, Assistant Surgeon Dr. J. A. Grant.

Sergeant Major—C. Conroy.

No. 1 Company—Lieut. Winter (in command), Lieut. Watters, four sergeants, thirty-three men.

No. 2 Company—Capt. Gray, Lieut. Fairweather, four sergeants, twenty-nine men.

No. 3 Company—Capt. Cote, Lieuts. White and Macpherson, four sergeants and thirty-one men.

No. 4 Company—Lieuts. Lambe (in command) and Jarvis, four sergeants, twenty-eight men.