

5th Royal Scots, the regiment being out that evening for drill parade. Subsequently Lt. Col. Caverhill and the officers of the Royal Scots paid the compliment of a visit to the City Club to meet the old members of the Rangers, which was duly appreciated.

All separated at 11.30 p.m. after singing the National Anthem and having spent a most enjoyable evening.

#### Hamilton.

There was a fair turnout of the 13th Battalion on Wednesday evening, 21st inst., for the regular battalion parade. Major McLaren was in command, and Captain Tidswell was acting adjutant. Major McLaren put the regiment through a number of movements, notably "changes of front" and echelon movements, which were performed with remarkable steadiness and precision. After drill the men were addressed by Major McLaren, who complimented them on their neat appearance and regularity in drill. The next battalion parade will be on Friday evening, May 30th, at 7.45.

"D" Company paraded about 70 strong, including the bugle band, on Friday evening at 7.15, and after being inspected by Majors Moore and McLaren they marched down to the station in command of Captain Ross and 2nd Lieut. Fearman *en route* for Niagara Falls. The men were the perfection of neatness, and all looked forward to a good outing. They camped in Bender's Grove. A large number of people went to the station to see them off, amongst the number being Majors Moore and McLaren, Captains Stoneman, Zealand, Moore and Tidswell, and Lieuts. Osborne and Laidlaw. Lieut. Witton went on at two o'clock with an advance party. They arrived back in Hamilton on Sunday afternoon about 4.30, sunburnt and looking like veterans, and all well pleased with their trip.

"B" Co., 13th Battalion, commanded by Lieut. Domville, with Lieuts. Osborne and Bruce, went to Brantford on Saturday morning. They were met at Brantford by a detachment of the Dufferin Rifles (with the bugle band), commanded by Lieut. Killmaster, and escorted to the camping ground. On Sunday they attended church with the Dufferin Rifles, Lieut.-Col. Jones in command, and arrived back in Hamilton on Sunday evening after spending a very enjoyable time, and feeling all the better for their trip.

After reading the verses by Rudyard Kipling in the *Mail* of the 21st inst., regarding the remnant of the noble Six Hundred. I at once came to the conclusion that it was the duty of every British subject to subscribe his mite, be it ever so small, in trying to smooth the path of the last of the Light Brigade. I would suggest that an officer in the militia be appointed at every militia headquarters to act as treasurer, and perhaps the Deputy-Adjutant Generals would act as treasurer for their districts, and by this means the militia of Canada as well as the public generally would be reached.

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#### The Queen's Own.

In this week's issue I shall endeavour to give you as full an account as my limited time will permit of the Queen's birthday trip of the regiment to Peterboro'. Punctually at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 23rd inst. the regiment paraded in heavy marching order, with great coats rolled, and after a short delay moved from the shed up Jarvis, along Carlton (passing Lt.-Col. Allan's house) and up Yonge to North Toronto station, reaching there at about 9.30. After giving the express sufficient start, the regiment entered into the long special train, and at 10.10 p.m. moved off amidst the cheers from the immense throng assembled to witness the departure of the "boys in green." Shortly after 1 a.m. the train drew into the station at Peterboro', where ringing cheers from the large crowd, assembled despite the lateness of the hour, assured us of our hearty welcome to their hospitality.

Immediately on the stopping of the train an address of welcome was presented to Col. Hamilton by the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens, upon the conclusion of which the regiment fell in and, to the music of the bands, marched to the camp grounds, followed by hundreds of the townspeople and members of the 57th.

The gray streaks of dawn were visible before any one turned in, and not more than a couple of hours' sleep could be obtained before reveille sounded, and everyone was out polishing and cleaning up for the march out. About 10.30 the men fell in, and headed by a detachment of cavalry, started for the review grounds. At Ashburnham Road the 57th were drawn up, 250 strong, and accompanied the Queen's own to the grounds. After the feu-de-joie was fired, and three hearty cheers for the Queen were given, the regiments formed into column and marched past. All the movements were exceptionally well performed, considering the exceedingly bad condition of the ground. After a brief rest the march back to camp commenced, after which the men were dismissed for the day.

On Sunday a church parade was held to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, which was attended by both regiments. A splendid service was given, the singing being especially good; and the band of the Queen's Own, stationed in the gallery, rendered "The Heavens are telling"

chorus from Handel with splendid effect. On the return to camp heavy black clouds betokened dirty weather, and the men were speedily dismissed and set to work unrolling tent curtains and preparing for rain, and none too soon, for in a few moments the "Heavens did tell," deluging any luckless individual whose duty called him from cover. The rain poured through a number of the tents, and gave the men an idea of how well the old tents would protect them should it ever be necessary to use them again for a campaign. Despite "Old Probs" endeavours to put a damper on the spirits of the men, the "cook's parade" was held, and torrents of rain did not mar the success of that feature of Queen's Own camps.

At 10 p.m. the bugles sounded the fall-in and by this time the rain had ceased and the column moved off en route for home. A very hearty send off was given by the Peterborough folk as the train steamed off. Thus a very pleasant trip as far as Peterborough hospitality was concerned, was brought to a close.

Nothing could exceed the kindness of the townspeople and the 57th, and the citizens vied with each other in their endeavors to make the trip as pleasant as possible. On Saturday the officers were tendered a luncheon by the mayor and councillors, and in the evening the non-coms were tendered a moonlight excursion by their brother non-coms of the 57th, which was acknowledged on all sides to be an exceedingly pleasant surprise, and certainly will ensure a very happy return at the hands of the Q.O.R. non-coms when they visit Toronto during carnival week. The regiment reached town about 4 a.m. Monday carrying with them a splendid report of the hospitality of the Peterborough people.

#### BUGLE NOTES.

The enterprising photographer was on hand and secured some splendid pictures of the men, prominent among which will be E Company arrayed in every conceivable costume and supporting their company crest.

A splendid wake was held early one morning over one of the men where evidently the "corpse revener" has executed its deadly purpose, and under the direction of "Ignalius" suitable services were performed, assisted by a full choral service.

G Co. mascot was the pride of the Peterboro small boy as resplendent in his uniform he favoured all comers to selections on the mouth organ.

Murray's dandies did not let the rain depress their spirits, and helped wonderfully to pass the dull time the rain had caused.

It remained for a Toronto man to cap the climax the rain had brought, and that man was Caterer Betts. Dissatisfaction reigned on all sides after every meal, and the majority of the bops wended their way into town sooner than sit down to the tables, which, they said, never contained a particle of food fit for eating.

Exclamations of delight were heard on all sides at the beauty of the scenery round the camp, and certainly never was a camp held in a prettier place; surrounded by three sides by water, the scenery was of the prettiest, and the time spent at that delightful spot was altogether too short.

In the meantime the boys will wait until the carnival week gives them a chance of returning, as far as possible, the good cheer dispensed to them with such a hearty hand by the members of the 57th.

Perhaps the neatest programme card of the season is the pocket folder issued by the Victoria Rifle Club of Hamilton, giving the details of the twenty-eight events for which they have arranged, from the 17th May to the 23rd August. These include a series of spoon competitions with Snider and Martini rifles alternately, and for which the membership is to be divided into seniors and juniors.

The band of the Seventh Fusiliers gave a concert in the Queen's Avenue Rink, London, on Monday evening, in celebration of the Queen's birthday. The concert passed off very happily. The band, under the skilful leadership of Mr. W. E. Hiscott, acquitted themselves excellently. They were assisted by several vocalists, besides a choir of seven hundred school children. A detachment of the 7th Fusiliers, under Sergt. Anderson, performed the physical drill to their own credit and the satisfaction of the spectators.

On Sunday, the 18th inst., Nos. 1 and 2 Batteries, P.E.I., Garrison Artillery, headed by their own band, attended divine service in Zion Church, Charlottetown. Rev. Mr. Sutherland, the pastor, preached a most appropriate and eloquent discourse from 1 Tim. : 6. 12 : "Fight the good fight of faith." The parade was commanded by Lieut.-Col. Moore, who was supported by the following officers: No. 1 Battery, Capt. H. McL. Davidson; 1st Lieut. Carvell; 2nd Lieut. Sterns; No. 2 Battery, Capt. Longworth; 1st Lieut. Moore. The staff officers were: Adjutant Morson, Paymaster Hodgson, Surgeon Jenkins, Quartermaster Cameron and Sergt.-Major Hartz. The officers and men looked well, and heartily participated in the service.