

Kingston.

Number 5 company, 14th battalion, held a meeting on Friday night for the purpose of making a choice of color-sergeants between Sergeant F. C. Reid and Sergeant H. Walkem. The count showed that Sergeant Reid was the favorite, polling 14 ballots to Sergeant Walkem's 4.

At the annual meeting of "C" company of the 14th the following named officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, J. D. Cannon; Vice-president, E. C. Guildersleeve; Secretary-treasurer, O. H. Hooper; Recruiting committee, G. R. Low, R. Irving, C. Low.

Staff Sergeant Long will go to Toronto shortly to drill the Toronto Field battery, in preparation for the military tournament. The members of the Toronto Field battery swear by Sergeant "Charlie"

"A" Battery will send two squads to take part in the tournament.

Staff Sergeant Boutillier, of "B" battery, Quebec, and Mr. A. W. Horsey, of this city, will also compete.

Since the suggestion was first made in the *News'* military columns, a fortnight ago, regarding the formation of an Army and Navy Veteran's Society in this city, the military editor has received letters on the subject from several citizens, who have served their Queen by land and sea and who cordially favor the scheme. One veteran speaking of the project said "If there is any class of men who should band together for mutual assistance, that class is composed of the old British soldiers—not because they are not as competent to take care of themselves as other men, but because there are many ways in which they would be benefitted by such a union. If there were a society in this city, our influence would amount to something, and, without going into particulars just now, I would say that the sooner we go to work in that direction the better." Those interested in this matter should call a meeting forthwith and make arrangements for the formation of such a Society, or at least discuss the question in its various bearings.—*News April 23rd.*

The various companies of the 14th Battalion are drilling with praiseworthy regularity and earnestness. Both officers and men are doing their best, and when this can be said of a Battalion it may be taken for granted that, when the test comes, neither the rank nor file will be found wanting. All the same, it is to be hoped that it will be borne in mind, by the men especially, that the only end for which they are striving is not that the regiment will make a creditable showing on the 24th of May. There is a further and higher object, which should ever be kept in view—the

attainment of such efficiency as will do credit to the corps, and also to the city, at the annual inspection, and would warrant the Government in calling upon it, in time of need, to perform the duties and fulfil the purpose for which it was organized.

Halifax.

For a number of years the Queen's Birthday has been observed in this garrison by the regular troops lining the ramparts of the Citadel and firing a *feu de joie* with a royal salute from the saluting battery, but this year Lieut. Gen. Montgomery Moore decided to hold a review on the commons and invited the militia to cooperate. The Halifax G. Artillery and 66th Regiment P. L. F. willingly accepted the offer, and although the regular drill season had not commenced, succeeded in making a most creditable showing and were complimented by Gen. Moore upon their appearance and drill.

The line formed up at 11.50 and consisted of the Royal Artillery with six field guns on either flank, the Royal Engineers, Liverpool Regiment, Halifax G. Artillery and 66th Regiment P. L. F. Gen. Moore and staff inspected the troops, and at noon 21 guns were fired by the R. A. and a *feu de joie* by the line; then followed the royal salute and three cheers for Her Majesty.

The march past in column, quarter-column and line of columns, and the advance in review order, were well executed by the militia as well as the regulars, and the crowds of citizens who were present were delighted.

Lieut.-Gen. Moore, with his usual hospitality, entertained his staff, heads of departments, the Lieut.-Governor, D. A. G. of Militia and the commanding officers and adjutants of the H. G. A. and 66th P.L.A. at luncheon at 1.30.

The officers of the H. G. A. have been invited by the O. C. B. A. to be present at the fort inspection on the 29th instant.

A MILITARY SCHOOL.

A meeting of the special committee appointed by the City Council to consider the establishment of a school of military instruction in Montreal, was held on Saturday morning. Ald. Stevenson presided, and there were present Ald. Coitigan, Savignac and Robert. The Hon. J. J. Curran, solicitor general, was also present, as well as the following officers: Lieut.-Col's. Butler, Strathy, Barland and Prevost, Majors Ibbotson, Macaulay and Gault, Captains Lydon, Desnoyers, McKay, Sherry and Cameron, and Lieuts. Pelletier and Heriote.

Lieut.-Col. Butler, first Prince of Wales, pointed out that it was inconvenient for officers who wished to qualify to go to St. Johns. The volunteer force had always been ready to place its services at the disposal of the city whenever called upon. He believed the Government would put up a building costing from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The annual expenditure of the St. Johns school was about \$100,000, and that

amount would be spent every year in Montreal. In case of a riot or an emergency the city would be able to call upon a permanent force to assist the police, and a military spirit would be installed into the citizen.

Ald. Stevenson—It has been said that the city did enough when it gave \$147,000 for the drill shed site and handed it over to the Government for \$1 a year. And will they keep the St. Johns school?

Lieut.-Col. Butler did not know whether the St. Johns school would be removed or no, but they wanted one here anyway.

Ald. Stevenson—It is said that country officers will not come to Montreal.

Lieut.-Col. Butler—You will get four country officers to come into Montreal to one who will go to St. Johns. The officers will like to take up their residence in Montreal for the sake of a little jaunt. (Laughter). What we want the city to do is to grant us \$25,000.

Lieut. Col. Prevost, 65th battalion, endorsed Col. Butler's remarks. Toronto and London, both younger cities and with a less force, had schools.

Ald. Stevenson—But the Government did not go to the city of Toronto for any money.

Lieut. Col. Prevost said the lack of encouragement received by the militia of Montreal was one reason why the regiments could not keep up to their required strength.

Lieut.-Col. Burland, Sixth Fusilliers, said a permanent force would be a very great auxiliary to the police force, and would encourage a spirit of soldiery at times when people really needed it.

Lieut.-Col. Strathy and Captain Lydon, Fifth Royal Scots, endorsed the remarks of their brother officers.

The Hon. Mr. Curran said he had not been backward in pressing the claims of the militia upon the Government. General Herbert had expressed himself as most anxious for something to be done towards organizing a military school in the city. The Hon. Mr. Patterson, minister of militia, appeared to be fully impressed with its necessity and he told him that the only obstacle in the way was the cost, and he was doing his best to convince the Minister of Finance with the necessity of softening his heart and opening the public purse. He had no doubt that if the city of Montreal gave \$25,000, the Government would see its way clear to establish a school. (Laughter). Montreal should certainly contribute a fair share, as the establishment of the school was a purely local matter.

On motion of Ald. Robert, it was decided to report to council in favor of a grant of \$25,000.—*Montreal Gazette.*

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