

report without overlooking it, and trouble of an unpleasant nature awaited the "delegated one" the next day on his appearance in camp in the shape of a "ducking." The facts are as follow: The delegated one, (an inexperienced, would be, military critic) took it into his unwise head (he being what Homer calls a beardless boy) to cast a slur on the 14th P. W. O. Rifles by informing the readers of the *Globe* that they were a dirty looking regiment, without any discipline, and under no sort of command, etc.; he also criticised the appearance etc., of some other corps on the ground; consequently the men composing these corps determined to punish "the rash youth" by ducking him at the earliest opportunity, which occurred on the very afternoon the *Globe's* report appeared in camp. However, thro' the intervention of the staff and some other officers, who happened to be near at hand, he escaped the punishment awaiting him. With regard to the 14th P. W. O. Rifles, and their efficiency I may here state that I was informed by the Brigade Major of the 1st Brigade to which the 14th belonged, that they always were particularly remarked by him for their clean personal appearance when parading for guard or piquet, as also for the extreme cleanliness of their arms and accoutrements.

On Monday Lord Dufferin came to Kingston by special train from Ottawa to inspect the Division, and for the first time learn what sort of soldiers Her Majesty possesses in Canada. He arrived punctually at 12 noon, and was received at the barrack gate station by a guard of honor of "A" Battery and a very fine body of men they were, whom his Excellency then inspected. He then mounted and rode over to camp, escorted by a Troop of cavalry, from Lt.-Col. Boulton's squadron: he rode straight to the Divisional Staff camp, where lunch was prepared for him in the staff mess tent. His Excellency, previous to lunch, held a levee in the marquee used as the Divisional office, and which had been carpeted and furnished for his use as a reception tent. All the officers in camp were here introduced to His Excellency by the Commandant of the Camp.

Luncheon having been partaken of, the Staff galloped off to parade, and the day's work began. His Excellency was received with the general salute, after which the Division marched past, and a sham fight took place which being ended troops were formed up in a hollow square, and His Excellency having taken up his position inside the square, distributed the prizes to the best shots in each Company, and Battalion, as also the prize to the best shot in the District; after which his Excellency addressed the troops in a short speech in which he expressed himself greatly pleased at their fine appearance and their soldierly bearing on the field.

The prize for the best shot in Military District, was won by Sgt. John Baillie of the 47th Frontenac Battalion. I enclose a list of the winners of the Company and Battalions prizes.

On Tuesday evening 1st, the Mayor and citizens gave a grand Ball to Col. Jarvis and the officers in camp, which went off with great eclat. The room was beautifully decorated and looked extremely pretty when the various uniforms were seen in contrast with the handsome dresses of the ladies.

Wednesday morning broke bright and clear, and about six o'clock the 16th Prince Edward Battalion, and Picton troop of Cavalry, embarked on board the steamer, destined to convey them home. The 49th Hastings Rifles and the 15th Argyllshire Light Infantry, left by train at 9 a. m. for home; and the 57th Peterborough, and 46th East Durham, proceeded home likewise by rail, at 7 p. m. The 48th left during the afternoon, as did also the 47th by waggons, the Amherst Island Company going up by the steamer *Maud*, at 4.30 p. m.

I have attached below the general order issued by the Adjutant General, by command of His Excellency, as also the District Order by Lt. Col. Jarvis, both of which speak for themselves, and need no comment of mine. In concluding my report for your paper, I beg to remind you that circumstances forbid my criticizing anything or anybody—good taste forbids it, as does also the fact that in criticizing others, I would lay myself open to the same. Lastly, allow me to request you to publish with this the *Kingston Daily News's* article on the *Globe* Reporter and the Volunteers, as also the *Globe* correspondent's letter which appeared in last evening's *Daily News*, and which ought to be made as public as possible. I trust that in future the *Globe* correspondent (whoever he may be) will take more care as to who he trusts to write for him, for a more unjust, unwarrantable attack, than that on the 14th P. W. O. Rifles, never was written.

YOUR CORRESPONDENT AT KINGSTON.

IN CAMP, July 1st. 1872.

The Adjutant General of Militia has received the commands of his Excellency the Governor General to express to the officers and men composing the force of the 3rd Military District assembled at Kingston camp for Annual Drill; His Excellency's extreme gratification at the soldier-like appearance, good conduct, and efficiency displayed during their training in camp,

The inspection which took place on the 1st inst. has given His Excellency a most favourable impression of the troops of the Dominion, which he will not fail to convey to Her Majesty the Queen.

The Adjutant General desires that the order be read at the head of every regiment in camp, before they leave for their respective homes.

(Signed)

P. ROBERTSON ROSS,  
Col. Adj. Gen.

Succeeding the above, the D. A. General,

adds the subjoined complimentary address:—

IN CAMP, July 2, 1872.

DIVISIONAL ORDERS.

The Deputy Adjutant General commanding the Division Kingston Camp has much pleasure in publishing the foregoing order, issued by the Adjutant General on behalf of His Excellency the Governor General.

It is a source of great pride and satisfaction to the Deputy Adjutant General that he has been permitted to command a body of men whose conduct and efficiency have elicited from the Governor General of Canada an expression of opinion so favorable to the force at large, and especially to those composing the camp at Kingston; and he begs to thank both officers and men for their ready obedience to all orders emanating from the Divisional Staff, as well as for their attention to drill and military duties while in camp, and also for their very regular and soldierlike conduct during the whole time they have been assembled.

The officers composing the Divisional and Brigade Staffs have, without exception, performed their arduous duties with the highest credit to themselves and to the officer commanding, and he cannot permit them to leave their posts without recognizing their energy and skill as Staff officers.

S. P. JARVIS, Lt.-Col. D. A. G.

Third Military District.

THE "GLOBE" REPORTER AND THE VOLUNTEERS.—Upon examining the letter received concerning the above gentleman and the 14th P. W. O. Regiment, we consider it rather *personal*, but in justice to the Battalion, we think that the facts, as represented in the communication, should go before the public. They are as follows:—“In Saturday's issue of the *Globe*, in describing the movements of the division on Barriefield Common, the correspondent singles out the 14th P. W. O. Rifles in the despatch as unworthy of favorable notice, and in the other as a disgrace to the city. Such is his decision. Let us hear others. When the 14th was marching past on Friday, so steady were the men in the ranks (and many of them are recruits) that Colonel Robertson Ross, the Adjutant General, spoke out in a loud voice these words: “Well done 14th.” and frequently when the men of the Battalion paraded with the brigade piquets and at guard mounting, they were complimented on the clean state of their arms and accoutrements, and were more than once referred to as an example to others in this respect. The Brigadier also spoke highly of the Battalion in the presence of several officers, who were ~~not~~ about the correspondent's despatch. The officers mentioned have had good opportunities of judging the character of the battalion, and I only publish their complimentary remarks in order to counteract the impressions which may be formed by the misrepresentations of the correspondent, leaving the public to judge for themselves. I am sorry that the 14th is not stronger than it is but this can be accounted for by the absence of a supply of clothing when the battalion was about to proceed to camp; but, if not large, its members are quite as well acquainted with their duties as any other battalion on the ground. None of us are perfect. We came to camp to learn. The 14th are always glad to see their brethren in arms of other battalions march well, and are willing to give them all the credit they deserve, but they feel it that *they alone* of all the infantry in the field should be individualized and subjected to undeserved abuse, especially by one who describes himself a Kingstonian.—*Kingston Daily News*.