

In saying a word about equipment the Rifles will be better equipped than they have been since they attended the semi-centennial at Toronto. New helmets, which have arrived from Dolan & Co., London, England, and new plate, crests, etc., from Hobson & Son, London, England, have also been supplied. A signal corp will probably accompany the regiment as well as two bands, ambulance, etc., so that a good showing will be made before the crack Montreal corps.

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The appointment of Sergt. Major Morgan to a sergeant major of the Rifles has not taken place yet for some reason or other. The gallant sergeant major is a general favorite in the corp and has done much to advance the efficiency of the N. C. officers, so that no appointment would meet with such general favor as the N. C. above.

Several of the qualified N. C. officers of the Rifles will have positions as instructors at the coming camps, June 13th and 27th.

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On the 21st of last month the wife of Staff Sgt. Long presented him with a fine boy. "Charlie" is highly delighted as it is the first of that gender.

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Private H. Guy and W. Carson have been dismissed from No. 4 Company (Capt. Hord) for refusing to turn out on inspection day last year. This was a step in the right direction as several of these sorts of men make it a regular thing of joining the companies just for the advantages afforded by the annual trip, not caring whether they show up and answer their names at inspection or not, therefore putting their company to the expense of paying for the passage and billeting of them while on the annual trip and by their not coming to inspection it leaves no money recompense for the same as all men who do not answer their names at the muster parade, are, under the new regime immediately struck off the pay sheet by the paymaster. This year the Rifles will not have this class of men to work against as the inspection occurs somewhere about the 9th or 10th of June and the annual trip takes place on July 1st and only men who have been present at a muster parade will be entitled to participate in it.

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The examination of the signalling class of "A" Battery took place at the Royal Military College a few days ago with the following result: 1st, Sergt. W. C. Dunlop, 95.90 per cent.; 2nd, Sergt. P. W. Back, 94.26 per cent.; 3rd, Sergt. Jno. Pearson, 93.40 per cent.; 4th, Gunner Macdonald, 82.60 per cent.; 5th, Bombardier Simons, 46 per cent.

In justice to Gunner Macdonald, who is considered the best signaller of the class both by the members of it and others, it might be stated that five groups of letters were sent, but unfortunately has had his back to the sending and did not notice the message coming until the groups had been sent. Allowance is, I believe, to be made for that, which will give him about a 96 or 97 per cent. certificate.

The 14th Battalion has the only league team that has been entered in this city, the use of the Snider having been the objection put forward by the R. M. C., and "A" Battery teams. The 14th team will be unable to fire until the new butts are put in shape, workmen being engaged on them at present. Over \$3,000 will be spent in crib-work, etc., so as to make first class butts. They will also be moved to the old 200 yards firing point, which will bring them more to the west and clear of the hog and swampy ground at the old site.

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Major J. Galloway, 14th Batt., will act as adjutant to the 59th Batt. at the coming camp this month.

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The men's messes at the barracks have been arranged on a similar plan to that of the Toronto Infantry School. The battery has been divided into right and left sections for dining purposes, each division having a separate dining room, and regular staff in the kitchen, etc. The new arrangement is a great improvement on the old system, as the men have no "Orderly Man" to do now, which has always been looked upon as the most disagreeable of all fatigues. While all these improvements are still going on, the members of the messes have no additional messing fee to pay.

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Gunner J. Parsons has been appointed district gunner at Fort Henry vice the late Gunner J. Marsh, accidentally killed. Gunner McKenzie succeeds to the postman's billet made vacant by the promotion of Gunner Parsons.

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Sergt. W. C. Dunlop, "A" Battery, is at Coburg acting as gunnery instructor of the Garrison Artillery Company at that place.

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Riding Instructor Gimblett, of the Battery, is attending a month's course of the Royal School of Cavalry, Quebec.

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A signalling class of 15 members has been formed in connection with the 14th Batt. Mr. Macdonald, of "A" Battery, acts as instructor.

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To give your readers an idea of how the local volunteer corp is looked upon by the fair sex in this city, it might be stated that on battalion drill nights the drill shed is so crowded with ladies that it is impossible to do any movements whatever outside of marching in fours or advancing in line for a few paces, the crowd being so dense that anything but the very simplest of these movements cannot be practised at all. It is estimated that on the evening of the 29th there were over 3,00 ladies and gentlemen in the drill hall. Although the gallant boys in "Green" had no objection to admiration from the fair sex yet they must leave them drill well up if they expect to make a showing against the "cracks" of Montreal on the 2nd of July, so the only means at hand

are to sacrifice the above admiring glances and let the guard which does duty at the gate exclude all from coming into the shed. If this is done there is no doubt but that the few nights uninterrupted drill between now and the 1st will add greatly to the drill and manoeuvre of the battalion.

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The 45th Battalion had an excursion among the Thousand Islands on Monday before completing drills. Lt. Col. Straubenzie, D. A. G., issued orders that the lost time must be made up, and an additional half-hour drill for two days was imposed. One of the soldiers in camp at Barriefield was stricken with measles, and had to be removed to the hospital.

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William Killenbeck, a veteran of 1837-38, residing in Barrie township, was hoeing potatoes in his garden on Saturday 10th when a tree near by fell upon him. He lived three hours.

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There was a large attendance at the open air concert in Queen's Park on the night of the 15th by the Cavalry Band. The music was an improvement on previous performances. The sultry atmosphere rendered promenading somewhat irksome, and consequently shady nooks were in great demand. The Park is admirably adapted for such concerts, and the manager of the Street Railway Company is to be congratulated on the energy, thoughtfulness and enterprise displayed in getting up these and other pleasing entertainments.

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The annual meeting of the 26th Batt. Band was held at Glencoe a few nights ago, when Andrew McIntyre was elected president, Alf. Aldred vice-president and P. J. Morrison secretary-treasurer. New helmets have been provided for the band.

HALIFAX.

General Montgomery Moore arrived on the afternoon of the 13th by the Quebec express. He was met at the depot by a guard of honor from the Liverpool Regiment with band. A salute was fired from the Citadel.

A gunner of the Royal Artillery deserted the other day and nothing was heard of his whereabouts until a week later, when a message from Ketch Harbor stated that the artilleryman had rowed there in a small boat, and had left the craft here in charge of a man named Fagen and had proceeded westward on foot. The name George Mann was painted on the boat. This boat was taken from its moorings at the slip, evidently by the artilleryman.

Physical training is introduced in the curriculum of La Salle academy. In that direction a militia corps was organized by the students. They have made application to Ottawa for arms. For drill at present they are using rifles kindly loaned them by the 63rd Halifax Rifles.

Four officers of the Liverpool Regiment will row in the Bankers regatta. They