

was very glad that his first duty as infantry inspector was to inspect the 6th Fusiliers. He had always heard that the 6th were a very fine regiment. He had seen them under the command of Lieut.-Col. Gardner and Lieut.-Col. Massey. Before he came there that day he had expected a great deal, having heard so much of the reputation of the 6th. He was glad to state to them that he was not disappointed. Their officers had worked hard to keep up the 6th, and he was glad to see that they were successful in their efforts. The work shown that afternoon was not merely the outcome of 12 days' drill, but must have taken months to bring to such a state of perfection. His duty as inspector of infantry, in conjunction with Col. Otter, was to bring about a uniformity and systematic drill, uniformity of discipline and uniformity of interior economy. He had to make out a report for the Major-General at the end of each inspection. There were some errors which would be reported, and which, by next inspection, would be rectified. As a matter of fact, he had really to give credit rather than to find fault. The officers whom he had called out handled the battalion well. The officers of companies, guides and markers, did their work well. The colonel told him that was greatly brought about by a class in connection with the battalion, and he hoped it would be kept up so that intelligent privates might go up and qualify. There were just one or two points he would like to refer to. He noticed that there was a tendency to too much crowding in the ranks. They should just be able to know that a man was on their right and left. Their cadence was very good. He was very pleased with the manual and firing exercises, but the manual exercise might be a little improved. After the colonel's remarks, the prizes won at the recent rifle competition were distributed to the men. The regiment paraded 273 men. Lieut.-Col. Burland was in command, and the other officers were Major John Bayne MacLean, Major Atkinson, Adjt.-Surgeon Harry Bell, Quartermaster Major W. D. McLaren, Major Seath, paymaster.

The third match of the Canadian Military Rifle League was fired by the local teams on Saturday at Cote St. Luc ranges. The weather was most favorable for shooting. The Victoria Rifles' first team had the highest score, having 821, being closely followed by the P.W.R. first team, with 817 points. Major Blaiklock, Royal Scots, was executive officer.

The end of this week will see the close of the temporary school which was opened three months ago for the benefit of the officers of the district. Since the start much interest has been taken in it by all ranks. Although the members fell away consider-

ably after the first few weeks, still the attendance has been well sustained. With such an efficient officer as Capt. McDougall, R.R.C.I., St. Johns, as adjutant, it was found that the officers attending would leave well qualified in their work. Capt. McDougall has been ably assisted by Sergt.-Major Butcher, Stanley Barracks, Toronto, and Sergts. Clunie and Wilson, St. Johns. All last week Lieut.-Col. D'Orsonnens has been examining the class in squad, arm and company drill. This week the written examinations will be taken up. On account of not having proper facilities for the examination in battalion drill four of the officers will proceed to St. Johns every morning to qualify in that work. So far as can be learned the work done by the officers has been very creditable.

Sergt.-Major Butcher, of Toronto, who acted as one of the instructors at the temporary school here, left for Toronto on Saturday night. The sergeant's style of imparting drill to the classes under him was very much admired by military men around the Armory.

Capt. Whitley, of the Hussars, has been delivering lectures to his troop each Monday evening on cavalry manoeuvres, outpost, advance and rear guard, duties. His style of laying down his ideas is very much admired by the men, and they are given in such a way that he can be followed to the smallest detail. Such lectures should be given more frequently to the other branches of the service. A full muster of the troops is the case every Monday night, and they are much enjoyed.

FORT GEORGE.

ALL QUIET IN QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, June 14.—Mr. J. E. L. Du Plessis, who was recently gazetted to the Royal Canadian Artillery, reported for duty on the 1st inst. Mr. Du Plessis is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada.

The many friends of Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G., are pleased to see him about again after his illness. The colonel was unable to attend the Toronto Military Tournament as originally contemplated by him.

Major-General Sir George Wolseley spent a couple of days in the city, and was shown the points of interest of a military character by Col. Panet, the Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, and Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G. The major-general was extended an opportunity of inspecting the Royal Canadian Artillery, the results of which were most satisfactory.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars were inspected on the Plains of Abraham on the afternoon of the 2nd inst. at 3.30. Major

Hethrington was in command of the corps. The inspection was made by Lieut.-Col. J. F. Wilson, R.C.A., owing to the illness of the D.A.G. He was accompanied by Messrs. H. C. Thacker and J. A. Benyon. The usual movements were gone through, such as the march past by squadron at the walk and trot, by sections and in single file. Capt. R. E. W. Turner put the squadron through the sword exercise, Major Hethrington through some field movements, and Mr. Ashmead through troop movements. This completed their annual training, and proved, as usual, a creditable one. It is to be regretted that the band are dismounted, and to be hoped that they may be allowed the horses in the future as in former years.

The 8th Batt. speak very highly of the treatment they received from the people of Sherbrooke. All that could be done to entertain the visitors was done fully. The experience obtained in this short outing was considerable, and Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White and officers are to be congratulated upon the success which met their efforts to give the corps a pleasant outing as well as an instructive one. Everything was done in proper form and the best of discipline maintained. The regiment left Quebec some 270 strong, and returned with the full complement. Quite a number of the members of the battalion were successful in taking prizes at the sports, among others being: Mr. R. J. Davidson, Corp. Scott, Privates Murphy, Piddington, Phillips, Watt, Parr, and Sergt. Norton. The tug of war between the 8th R.R. and the 53rd Batt. was won by the former by two straight pulls. The drill performed at Sherbrooke was a surprise to the people, as all hands were determined to give a good account of themselves, and did so. The bayonet exercise was done in a manner to bring credit upon the regiment. All arms, accoutrements and clothing have been returned into store and the men paid. The 9th having also done likewise, matters are assuming a quiet state in the military line here.

The promoters of the Lewis equipment anticipate being in a position to exhibit the same shortly made of buff and of brown leather, manufactured in England. This question of the equipment of the force should be seriously considered, in view of the present want of this necessary part of a soldier's requirements.

PATROL.

INSPECTION OF THE 53RD.

SHERBROOKE, June 16.—On Saturday afternoon the 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke, was inspected by Lieut.-Col. Count D'Orsonnens, D.A.G. sixth military district. The battalion, in marching order, mustered at drill shed 184 strong. Headed