

prosecuted, drew the magistrate's attention to the fact that the law provided for a fine of \$5 per diem for absentees, at the same time requesting that as Witherspoon's case was pushed merely for the purpose of making an example of him, he be fined but for one day's absence, which was accordingly done.

The Binbrook Company of the 77th Battalion paraded for pay a few nights since, on which occasion the officers of the company gave their men a supper. A number of toasts were proposed and responded to and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Lieut. Chas. A. Chapman, Thirteenth Battalion, was entertained at dinner a few days ago, on the occasion of his departure for the Western States, where he means taking up his permanent abode. Mr. Chapman left with the best wishes of many friends, both in and out of the battalion.

The average soldier feels infinitely more secure on a raft than in a canoe, a fact which was practically illustrated at the Beach on Saturday last when two gallant defenders, ranking as full privates, undertook to manipulate the craft which is alone common to the red man and bank clerk. Either their misfortune in not belonging to one of the above species, or the fact of too strenuous and anxious efforts, which you will, the consequence was an involuntary and hardly appreciated bath in the pellucid waters of Burlington Bay. "GIRTH."

The Sixth District Camp at Three Rivers.

At this camp, recently concluded, the following corps were in attendance, mustering well: The 80th Bn., Lt.-Col. De Foy; 83rd Bn., Lt.-Col. Sheppard; 84th Bn., Lt.-Col. Denis; 85th Bn., Lt.-Col. Brosseau; 86th Bn., Major Dufresne.

The situation chosen was good, being high and dry. The regimental parade ground in the front of the respective lines was well adapted for the purpose, and the brigade parade ground was spacious enough to have accommodated over 5,000 men. An excellent rifle range, as safe as convenient, was available, and the musketry instruction of the brigade was satisfactorily performed under the able direction of Capt. Bosse, of the 65th Bn., an officer of valuable experience, he having been second in command of the Wimbledon team in 1884.

The 65th Battalion, under Major Hector Prevost's command, joined the brigade on Friday, the 29th June, went through their annual target practice, were inspected by the D. A. G., and returned home after having been complimented on their appearance, drill and good behaviour. Their bugle band was admired by everybody, their drummers coming in for special praise.

General Middleton, with his A. D. C., arrived in camp on 3rd July at 6.30 a.m., and first making a minute inspection of the rifle ranges, he expressed satisfaction at the facilities there provided. After partaking of breakfast in the staff's mess tent, with the officers commanding the several corps, he commenced the regimental inspections, being accompanied by Lt.-Col. Lamontagne, the D. A. G., Brigade Major Hector Prevost, and the A. D. C. The General inspected every battalion singly, subsequently declaring to the officers commanding corps that he was well pleased with what he had seen.

On Sunday, 1st July, divine service was celebrated in camp, His Grace Bishop Lafleche, of Three Rivers, presiding. The service was attended by a large number of citizens from the city.

No accidents occurred during camp. Unrestricted reciprocity of friendship and politeness prevailed between the citizens of Three Rivers and the staff and officers.

Montreal.

It is now some weeks since you have heard from "Busby," owing to the fact of the departure of that highly esteemed and much respected member of the Vic's to his new home in Vancouver, B.C., where he has secured a very lucrative position. He left Montreal on the 4th of July, and carries with him the good wishes of all. The loss which the regiment has sustained by the departure of Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby ("Busby") is very great indeed, and it will be very difficult to secure another to fill his place; he was loved by all with whom he came in contact, his genial manner and the faithful and willing way in which he performed any duty assigned to him gained for him the highest respect of all. He is gone—aye gone—but not forgotten.

What's the matter with the Queen's Own? They're all right! Oh yes!! On the 30th of June the Vic's mustered in full war paint at their armoury about half-past eight in the evening, and after a short address by Lt.-Col. Henshaw, and he had presented to our late Colonel, Lt.-Col. Crawford, a handsomely framed picture of the officers of the Vic's, which was suitably received by the Colonel, we marched to Bonaventure Station and there boarded the special train which was to bear us to Toronto, and at about 10 o'clock she steamed out of the station amid the cheers of the people who were congregated there to see us off. We arrived in Toronto on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and were met

at the station by a squad of ex-Vic's, under the command of ex-Capt. Kellond of No. 5 Co., and a large concourse of people. We then marched, led by the splendid band of the Queen's Own playing lively airs, to the commodious apartments provided for us on Leader Lane, where the men had an opportunity of "fixing up" before dinner. After dinner had been served the regiment fell in on Toronto St. and proceeded to the Church of the Redeemer, on Bloor St., where a very able discourse was listened to. After returning to our quarters the men were dismissed, and were at liberty to utilize their time as they deemed best until 8 o'clock on Monday night when we had to "fall in" in order to catch the train for our return journey. After having been dismissed on Sunday afternoon the men scattered in all directions to visit their friends and admire Toronto, and on Monday morning many of the boys went over on the steamer to Niagara, where I understand they very much enjoyed themselves. On Monday afternoon the Sergeants of the Queen's Own very hospitably took the Sergeants of the Vic's out for a drive round the city, which was very much appreciated by all, and upon their return to the mess room a sumptuous dinner was partaken of, after which songs, dancing, etc., were indulged in, and heartily enjoyed. The party broke up about half-past seven, and proceeded with the regiment to the station, where all boarded the train amid deafening cheers from the people assembled there. It will be long ere the Vics will forget their trip to Toronto and it is the earnest wish of all that the Queen's Own will favour us with a visit at no far distant date, when we will endeavour to return their kindness.

Shooting matters here are very dull at present on account of there being no ranges yet erected, but it is expected that they will be completed in the course of two or three weeks, when I have no doubt they will be eagerly sought after by the shooting men of Montreal.

The annual inspection of the Prince of Wales Rifles took place on the Champ de Mars on Saturday last the 14th inst. They mustered about 250 strong, including their new brass band, and passed a very creditable inspection, performing the various movements with a steadiness worthy of "The Reg'lar Army 'O." An immense crowd witnessed the inspection which was certainly well worth seeing, it being a credit to the regiment.

Speculation is rife as to whom Lt.-Col. Henshaw will see fit to appoint as Orderly Room Clerk in the place and stead of the late Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby. Time will tell.

STRIPES.

General Middleton at Fredericton.

(From the Capital, 14th July.)

General Middleton, commanding the militia of the Dominion, accompanied by his A.D.C., Capt. Wise, arrived in Fredericton on Thursday last, and both officers took up their quarters at the quarters of the Commandant of the Infantry School Corps in the barracks.

Yesterday morning, the General inspected the Permanent Corps stationed in this garrison. After a minute inspection of the clothing, arms, and accoutrements of every non-commissioned officer and man, the General reviewed the corps.

It was first put through the manual and firing exercises by Major Gordon; then Lieut. and Adjutant Young was called to the front, and put the corps through the bayonet exercise; after which Lieutenants Hemming, Drolet, Ward, Eaton, and Benn, by the General's orders, handled the corps in battalion drill, the various movements of which were executed in an exceedingly creditable manner. After advancing in review order, the parade was dismissed. A large number of lady and gentlemen spectators were present. The corps certainly looked in splendid order the clothing and arms and equipment being faultlessly clean and bright; and the General expressed his entire satisfaction with the appearance and drill of the corps, and with the condition of the barrack and guard rooms, the hospital, drill hall and armouries.

In the afternoon, Major-General Middleton delivered a lecture in the drill hall, on "Outposts," and other kindred subjects, before the Commandant and officers and men of the Royal School of Infantry, and the attached officers of the corps and some of the officers of the 71st Battalion. A large number of ladies graced the occasion with their presence. Although the lecture occupied over an hour in its delivery, the General invested it with such a charm that the time appeared to be not over half an hour.

When the first vessel completed the passage of the then new Erie canal in 1825, there being no such thing as a telegraph in those days, the news was communicated to New York and to Buffalo by cannon placed within hearing of each other all the way from Albany to each of the other cities. The signal was passed along in this way from Albany to New York city and back again in 48 minutes. This is quicker than a telegraph message can be sent over the same route and answered nowadays, considering the time usually consumed in the delivery at each end.