

THE REVIEW AT HALIFAX.

About nine o'clock the men belonging to the various Volunteer Corps began to assemble at the Drill Room, Spring Garden, and about half-past nine about fifteen hundred officers and men were on parade. The different corps were formed on their private parades and then formed up in brigade in the Drill Yard when the word "fours right" was given and the whole moved off by successive companies from the front of battalions in the following order, viz: Halifax Field Battery (Capt. Graham); 1st Brigade Garrison Artillery, Lieut.-Col. Mitchell; 63rd Rifles, Lieut.-Col. Mackinlay; 66th Infantry, Lieut.-Col. Bromner; 2nd Brigade Garrison Artillery. The Windsor company was attached to the 66th Regiment for the day. Having arrived at the Common the brigade was wheeled into "Line of quarter columns" facing the west. The whole were then "deployed into line," the ranks opened and the Deputy Adjutant General was received with a general salute, the line presenting "arms." Col. Sinclair and Col. Laurie rode down the "Line" and inspected the different battalions, after which the ranks were closed and quarter column formed on the right company of battalions and the whole were moved into the saluting base for the purpose of "marching past." The order was now given to march past in column, and the brigade moved off in quick time by successive companies at wheeling distance the company officers being three paces in front of their respective companies. The brigade having cleared the southern end of the saluting base was halted in quarter columns, counter-marched and on the word "forward" moved past in quarter columns in quick time, having arrived on their original ground within the saluting base, they were again counter-marched, and now the order was to march past in "double time" which order having been complied with the brigade was next wheeled into a line of quarter columns on the original alignment, officers and colors having, taken post in front, the brigade advanced in "Review order."

By this time it had been learned that an enemy had landed at Point Pleasant, and was marching in force to the attack, and now all were preparing to repel the invaders. A division of the enemy's army having made its appearance beside the City Garden, a line was formed fronting in that direction, to receive them; and a telling fire opened which soon seemed too much for them, for they began to retire in confusion, our men following them up with a will; when the word to "charge" was given to the 1st Garrison Artillery and 63rd Rifles, and those gallant heroes dashed at them (cheering as only British soldiers know how) the enemy's retreat became a run, and our forces were all but in possession of the field when a second division of the enemy was found to be endeavoring to turn the left flank of our line, upon seeing which their first division began to rally and endeavored to effect a junction with their second division. Our commander immediately deployed the reserve into line, who received the now comers, and retired the old line to prevent it being cut off in case the enemy might drive back the new line, which was fronting to the eastward. The old line retired by half battalion, keeping up a sullen fire as they did

so, until the whole of our troops were concentrated, when a line of skirmishers with supports were formed by the 63rd, to protect the right flank of the line, the other corps being moved into reserve to support the new line which was dealing terrible destruction in the ranks of the enemy. They soon began to feel they had the worst of it, and commenced a retreat in the direction of Camphill, under a galling fire by the skirmishers of the 63rd. Their object was easily divined. It was to gain the heights and make another stand. The least delay on our part might have turned the tide of fortune for the day, but Colonel Laurie was equal to the emergency. He threw his lines around the hill, stormed the heights, and drove them from their position at the point of the bayonet before they could get their artillery in position. Having lost this most formidable position they became quite demoralized and retired in the greatest confusion; nor could the best effort of their officers rally them again. The victors formed quarter column on the top of the hill, and were moved into a hollow square, when they were addressed by Col. Laurie in very complimentary terms, and after giving three cheers for the Queen, Our Natal Day, and Col. Laurie, the Brigade moved down again on the Common, when they were dismissed.

The whole affair was a grand success, and it seemed as if each corps vied with its neighbour who should do best. When all did so well, it were invidious to particularize, so we will only say what an officer of the Regulars said to us of the marching past. It was this:—"All did remarkably well."

We will only add, that, judging from yesterday's proceedings, Col. Laurie will not be disappointed when he comes to show our City Brigade to the Magnates of the Militia Department at Ottawa.

LUNCH FOR 1ST HALIFAX RIFLES.

After the review and sham fight on the Common yesterday, when the various corps were dismissed on the Common, the 1st Halifax Rifles formed fours right and marched to Mason Hall, where they were entertained at lunch by M. J. Power, Esq., the ensign of the company. In the absence of Capt. Barron, Lieut. McKerron (who was in command of the company during the day) occupied the chair. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the chairman proposed the health of Capt. Barron, which was received with the greatest enthusiasm; he next proposed the health of Ensign Power, and in doing so paid a well-merited tribute to the character and efficiency of that officer. Mr. Power's health was drank with all the honors. A number of other toasts were proposed and responded to by the various gentlemen around the board, and the party broke up about three o'clock highly delighted.

Mr. Power is a deservedly popular officer with his company, and such courtesies as his of yesterday go far to strengthen the bonds of good feeling which now exist.—*Acadian Recorder.*

PRESENTATION TO MAJOR HUGH STEWART, 37TH BATTALION V. M.

At a little before four o'clock, on Wednesday last, the train arrived here from Niagara, having on board five companies of the 37th Battalion, Haldimand Rifles and one company of the Binbrook Infantry under command of Capt. Brown, when they were received by a crowd of over 1000 persons, some of whom had been anxiously waiting for some time to see the "Brave Sojer Boys."

As soon as the troops were disembarked, they were formed on the street and platform in the following order, viz:

Co. No. 3.—Caledonia, Capt. Thorburn.
Co. No. 4.—Ballsville, Capt. Glenn, (acting.)

Co. No. 5.—Hullsville, Capt. Ryan,
Co. No. 6.—Cheapside, Capt. Steele.
Co. No. 7.—Caledonia, Capt. McKinnon.

When they were marched to the front of the Town Hall (where the Binbrook Infantry had preceded them) commanded by Lieut.-Col. Davis, and accompanied by Major Stewart, Adjutant Williamson, and Quarter Master Rogers. After being formed up in solid column in front of the Town Hall, by Col. Davis, Alexander Taylor, Esq., ascended the platform, read the following address, and presented Major Stewart with a beautiful sword and belts, silver-mounted and manufactured expressly for the purpose.

ADDRESS.

To Major Stewart, 37th Battalion, Haldimand Rifles, V. M.

Sir,—Gladly congratulating you on your appointment as Major of the 37th Haldimand Rifles, it is with feelings of unfeigned pleasure that I, on behalf of the late members and friends of the 37th Battalion, V.M., present you with this sword and belt as a small testimony of the respect and esteem in which you are held by them both as an officer and gentleman, and as I am satisfied the weapon, in your hands, will never be sullied by lying idle, when this beloved country of ours calls for its use, or be drawn in an unjust or unholo cause. I hope that you may not only live long to enjoy your present well earned honors but still greater ones, sure to follow a gentleman of your well known energy, integrity and perseverance.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—Your kindness and liberality have quite taken me with surprise. While it is always gratifying to possess the esteem and good-will of our neighbors and friends, allow me to say that I am not aware of having done anything to merit this very handsome gift at your hands.

For a number of years past, it has been my privilege and pleasing duty to belong to the Volunteer force, and to join with you in doing what I could in an humble way for the defence of our Queen and country.

We have no standing army in Canada, and it is therefore to our Militia organization that we must look for the defence of our soil, and I shall ever be ready to do my utmost for its welfare and improvement and to assist in disseminating and building up a military spirit amongst our population.

And now allow me to thank you most sincerely and heartily for this very beautiful sword, and you may rest assured that it shall never be unsheathed except in the loyal defence of our Canadian homes and the upholding of the great Empire of Britain. I shall treasure it up in remembrance of many kind friends, and shall look back with pleasure upon this day to the remotest period of my life. My most earnest prayer is, that kind Providence may continue to rule over our now peaceful and prosperous Dominion, and that he may bless you all with health and the enjoyment of every earthly blessing. Again thanking you for your very great kindness, I will retire.

Immediately after the close of Major Stewart's reply the detachment was dismissed by Lieut. Col. Davis, the Ballsville, Hullsville, Cheapside and Binbrook Companies going to their respective headquarters, and the Captains of the Caledonia companies