

ride out under command of Sergt. Hilliard. The men all work during the week and cannot get away, so they have decided to parade, if possible, every Sunday morning, and ride 15 or 20 miles to improve their equestrianism. They had a rattling good lot of horses on the Sunday in question. The men paraded with helmets and swords. They rode down to Major Van Wagner's residence on the beach and returned about 12 o'clock via Stony Creek. They had a very pleasant ride. The cost of furnishing the horses is borne by the men, but it is probable an entertainment will be given during the summer to furnish funds to defray the expense.

The first spoon shoot of the Victoria Rifle Club of the season was held at the ranges on Saturday 20th. The weather was good in the beginning of the afternoon; but the heavy rain spoilt some of the scores at 500 yards. Dr. Bertram won the senior and C. Greening the junior spoon. Ranges 200, 400, 500 yards, seven shots, Snider rifle. The following are a few scores:

	200	400	500	Tl
Dr. Bertram	-	-	-	31 31 30- 92
A. Miller	-	-	-	29 33 26- 88
G. Margetts	-	-	-	30 30 27- 87
W. H. Clarke	-	-	-	29 28 29- 86
E. Skedden	-	-	-	26 33 21- 80
C. Greening	-	-	-	27 28 22- 77
H. Bertram	-	-	-	29 31 16- 76

OTTAWA.

Clearly the new organization connected with the Sabbath schools of Canada, as well as of other countries—the boys' brigade—finds favor with the Government. Some time ago an order in council was passed authorizing the free admission of rifles for the boys' brigade and now the organization in St. John, N.B., have secured free entry of accoutrements. The concession is not a general one, however, each application being considered on its merits and with the fullest guarantee for protection of the public revenue.

The monument in Major's Hill park erected to the memory of Ptes. Osgoode and Rogers, of the Guards Sharpshooters, who fell in the engagement at Cut Knife 8 years ago April 26th, was beautifully decorated with wreaths and flowers through the instrumentality of Mr. Frank Newby, of the Inland Revenue Department, who took a vigorous part in securing the erection of the statue.

It is well known that the Minister of Militia is studying the question of arming the force with the Martini-Metford, and it is believed in departmental circles that next year will see a forward movement in this direction; Hon Mr. Bowell, Sir A. P. Caron and other Ministers who know something and appreciate the requirements of the militia force are strongly in favor of the adoption of a new weapon. When General Herbert returns from England he will give his earnest attention to the matter.

SHERBROOKE.

The 74th anniversary of our Gracious Queen, Victoria, was ushered in by the usual bang of fire arms and squibs of every description by the rising generation of our city. The heavy showers and high wind of the previous night had cleared the air and the day broke fair but windy. Flags were run up all over the city and the people seemed determined to enjoy the first holiday of the spring. The factories, machine shops and stores were all closed and the employees donned their Sunday best to go out and see whatever was to be seen.

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At nine o'clock the band of the 53rd Battalion emerged from their room and marched up to the drill shed, followed by the usual crowd, where the 53rd were already formed up, and as soon as ammunition was distributed the corps was marched to the Parade Ground for a field day and drill. The muster was not a large one but the men looked very well and marched fairly well. Arrived on the ground Lt.-Col. Morehouse, Major Worthington and Captain and Adjutant Fraser put them through various battalion movements in turn, including the march past, forming quarter column, deploying, forming square, changing line, etc.

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They then formed for attack and defence, Major Worthington taking command of the defence, and Capt. Fraser of the attack. These movements which included a good deal of firing, music by the band, etc., were of great interest to the large number of sight seers who were upon and about the grounds.

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At noon the Battalion were formed up at open order, a feu de joie fired and three hearty cheers given for the Queen, after which they returned to the drill shed and were dismissed.

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On Sunday the 28th, the 53rd Battalion had its annual church parade. The corps 53rd mustered fairly strong, and marched to St. Peter's Church, where the sermon was preached by the Rev. S. Adams, of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. The turn out though not large, was still highly creditable as the men were well set up, marched with a brisk, firm step, and altogether made a striking appearance with their white helmets and red tunics.

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The Battalion has always been fortunate in having a good band and on this occasion it sustained its reputation.

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The inspection is expected to take place on June 10th. Lieut.-Col. D'Orsonnens will be the inspection officer.

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The battalion has a trip in contemplation for Dominion Day. Quebec appears to be the favorite place.

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

The first shoot under the auspices of the Military Rifle League this season was fired on Saturday May the 27th, at 200, 400 and 500 yards. Some of the teams that competed last year are not competing this, but nevertheless there are a good number of teams entered, quite enough to show the necessity for such an organization as the league, if any doubts on that point existed. The scores are perhaps disappointing, but (it must be borne in mind that the weather throughout Canada was generally unfavorable for shooting, and that a very large proportion of the teams were composed of young shots, really a most satisfactory showing, for the league was instituted chiefly to bring out the young shots of the force. All of the teams have not yet reported, but below will be found scores sent in and also the names of those teams which have so far failed to report, in alphabetical order, so that our readers will, at a glance, be able to form an idea of the result:

No. 3 Coy. R.S.I., St. John	-	-	478
No. 4 Co., C. R. I., Fredericton	-	-	710
B Troop, Manitoba Dragoons	-	-	694
Halifax G. A.	-	-	796
Halifax G. A., 2nd	-	-	697
Halifax G. A., 3rd	-	-	553
Halifax G. A., 4th	-	-	560
New Brunswick G. A.	-	-	564
Montreal G. A., 1st	-	-	673
Montreal G. A., 2nd	-	-	496
B. Columbia G. A., 1st	-	-	684
B. Columbia G. A., 2nd	-	-	449
B. Columbia G. A., 3rd	-	-	271
B. Columbia G. A., 4th	-	-	412
B. Columbia G. A., 5th	-	-	395
B. C., N. Westminster 1st	-	-	727
B. C., N. Westminster, 2nd	-	-	537
G. Div. N. W. M. P.	-	-	572
G. G. F. G., Ottawa	-	-	811
G. G. F. G. 2nd	-	-	703
G. G. F. G., 3rd	-	-	235
Prince of Wales Rifles, Montreal	-	-	680
Prince of Wales Rifles, Montreal	-	-	478
Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, 1st	-	-	778
Queen's Own Rifles, 2nd	-	-	789
Queen's Own Rifles, 3rd	-	-	658
Queen's Own Rifles, 4th	-	-	573
Queen's Own Rifles, 5th	-	-	414
Queen's Own Rifles, 6th	-	-	366
Victoria Rifles, Montreal (did not shoot.)	-	-	
6th Fusiliers, Montreal, 1st	-	-	804
6th Fusiliers, Montreal, 2nd	-	-	558
7th Fusiliers, London	-	-	882
8th Royal Rifles, Quebec, 1st	-	-	780
8th Royal Rifles, 2nd	-	-	798
8th Royal Rifles, 3rd	-	-	705
10th R. Grenadiers, Toronto, 1st	-	-	859
10th R. Grenadiers, 2nd	-	-	723
10th R. Grenadiers, 3rd	-	-	630
12th Battalion, Toronto, 1st	-	-	833
12th Battalion, 2nd	-	-	564
13th Battalion, Hamilton, 1st	-	-	838
13th Battalion, 2nd	-	-	815
13th Battalion, 3rd	-	-	751
13th Battalion, 4th	-	-	730
13th Battalion, 5th	-	-	701
13th Battalion, 6th	-	-	545
20th Battalion, Milton, Ont.	-	-	803
21st Battalion, 1st	-	-	788
21st Battalion, 2nd	-	-	701
21st Battalion, 3rd	-	-	469
25th Battalion	-	-	468