

Regimental and Other News.

Major Davidson, of the Royal Military College, Inspector of Engineers in Canada, last Tuesday evening inspected the Montreal Engineers previous to his departure for England. Lieut.-Col. Kennedy was in command. The men, who had mustered well, were put through manual exercise, and their knowledge of field work was tested by a series of practical questions. The answers were very satisfactory. Major Davidson, in addressing the men, spoke of the kind treatment he had received from the Engineers and from Canadians generally. Col. Kennedy, on behalf of the men, thanked the Major, and wished him *bon voyage*. Three hearty cheers were then given for him.

During the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to Montreal, No. 1 Troop of the 6th Regiment of Cavalry performed the escort duty with much credit to the officer in command, Bt.-Major McArthur, and the troop. Lieut.-Col. Barr, commanding the regiment, drew the attention of H.R.H. to the time of the Fenian trouble in 1870 when part of this regiment accompanied H.R.H. along the frontier of this province, and intimated to the Duke the pleasure it would give the regiment to have some designation harmonizing with his title as a memento of H.R.H.'s visits to this city. The name suggested was the Duke of Connaught Royal Canadian Hussars. The Duke caused a very kind note to be forwarded to Lieut.-Col. Barr, expressing an earnest hope that the Militia Department would also confirm the arrangement of the name. Militia general orders of the 20th June establishes the above title to the regiment. This corps is composed of No. 1 Troop, Montreal, Bt.-Major McArthur commanding; No. 2 Troop, St. Andrew's, Capt. Wanless; No. 3 Troop, Havelock, Huntingdon County, Capt. Barr; No. 4 Troop, Capt. Bush, Clarenceville. The regiment for the past few years has only drilled in camp every alternate year, which has been found to be quite inadequate for a cavalry regiment. An application has been forwarded to the Militia Department at headquarters to obtain permission to go into camp in the vicinity of Montreal during September next to perform its annual drill at its headquarters, for the first time since its formation.

THE SIXTH AT QUEBEC.

The Sixth Fusiliers, of Montreal, celebrated Dominion Day at Quebec, and a jolly time they appear to have had. They arrived by boat on Sunday morning. They were met and escorted to their camp on the Cove Field by B Battery band, the 8th Royal Rifles and their band and the Quebec High School Cadets, the streets through which they passed being lined with people who seemed delighted to welcome the red coat regiment from Montreal, so long were Quebecers accustomed to the British red coats. Everybody was favourably impressed by the fine appearance of the visiting corps, who were accompanied by their splendid band and by a number of officers and men of the Montreal High School Cadets, and also of the Montreal Cadets, the regimental colours being carried by two of the former. On their arrival at the drill-hall the Eighth halted and presented arms as the Fusiliers passed. Soon after arriving at the camp, which is in a dry, comfortable spot at the westerly end of the drill-hall, a warm breakfast was served out to the men, and after brushing up, both the Eighth and Fusiliers mustered for church parade to the Anglican Cathedral. Mayor Fremont made an official call on Col. Massey and officers of the battalion at their quarters in camp. His Worship, who was accompanied by Councillor Chambers (brother of Capt. Chambers of the 6th), welcomed the visitors in the name of the city and was most hospitably received, the Colonel and officers heartily reciprocating the attention paid them by the chief magistrate of the city. The members of the district staff and nearly all the commanding officers of the local military corps also called upon the Fusilier officers on Sunday afternoon. The visiting non-commissioned officers were taken in hand by their friends of the Cavalry School and B Battery.

By permission of Col. Massey the fine band of the Fusiliers performed a choice selection of sacred and other concert music on Dufferin Terrace Sunday night, and the performance attracted an immense crowd of promenaders, who immensely enjoyed the beautiful music to which they were treated.

The Royal Military College.

The closing exercises of the Royal Military College, Kingston, took place on Thursday afternoon last, 26th June. The Commandant, Major-General Cameron, read his annual report in the gymnasium in the presence of a large and fashionable audience. He stated that the instructional staff had confirmed the high opinion he had of them last year. He alluded to the departure of Major Davidson and Major Rigg, and said that he could not too strongly emphasize the fact that the prevalent system of admitting cadets with insufficient mathematical training is a source of harassment to them while in residence, a serious interference with the

freedom which the professors should enjoy to arrange the details of their instruction in a natural and dependent order, and a grievous check to general progress. One of his most pleasing duties during the year was conveying to Sergeant-Major Morgans the medal bestowed by Her Majesty in recognition of eighteen years' irreproachable and soldierly conduct. The general conduct of the cadets has been satisfactory. Following are the names of the graduating class in order of merit:—H. Campbell, L. Amos, R. E. Leckie, R. Morris, C. M. Dobell, F. Anderson, J. Domville, A. Matheson, T. Browne, J. Houlston, W. Cook, E. Morris, G. G. Rose, F. B. Emery.

Senior of second class—Sergt. D. S. McInnes. Senior of third class—Cadet W. Dumble. Senior of fourth class—Cadet B. Armstrong. There were the usual brilliant exercises on the campus during the afternoon. The *élite* of the city enjoyed the events. The cadets paraded, showing marvellous steadiness and good training. The gymnastic performances were interesting and the marine explosions thrilling. The prizes were presented amid great applause. The winners were cheered time and again.

The cadets met their society friends at a closing ball on Tuesday evening. The affair passed off as pleasantly as the warm weather would permit, and even the heat was considerably modified by the ingenuity of the cadets who had charge of the decorations. Adjoining the ball room was the drawing room tastefully draped with flags and bunting and decorated with military emblems, a prominent feature being a life-size figure of "Leo, the Royal Cadet," with a sword in his hand as if leading a charge against the Zulus. Just opposite the drawing-room was a cool sitting-room whose central attraction was a rookery covered with wild flowers and mosses and a huge block of ice whose grateful presence lent a delightful coolness to the air which was most acceptable. At the same end of the hall a large Union Jack curtained off steps leading to a window through which many of the heated dancers retired to the roof of the portico to enjoy the beautiful view of the lighted city, the moonlight on the water and the refreshing breeze which came down the lake. The celebrated "Pullman car" was located in the same old place at the head of the stairs, and was as usual "taken" all the time. Many other resting places there were all artistically decorated and comfortably furnished; especially the refreshment room at the east end, where ice cream, lemonade and other light refreshments were served all evening. There were over 300 guests.

Quebec Messenger Pigeon Association.

Pursuant to a resolution passed at a meeting held at the Citadel, Quebec, 30th May, after an interesting and instructive lecture by Major-General Cameron, C.M.G., Commandant Royal Military College of Canada, the following gentlemen met at the St. Louis Hotel, Quebec, on the 9th June for the purpose of forming a Messenger Pigeon Association for the Province of Quebec, viz.: Lt.-Col. Duchesnay, D. A. G. No. 7 M. D.; Mr. W. Lee, Warden of Quebec County; Mr. W. E. Russell; Capt. W. Imlah, R.C.A.; Mr. H. J. M'Hugh, signal service; Sergt.-Major Lynden, B Battery. The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That Colonel Duchesnay be Honorary President.
2. That Mr. W. E. Russell be President.
3. That Capt. Imlah be Secretary-Treasurer.
4. That the annual subscription to this Association be five dollars.
5. That the Honorary President be requested to communicate with the Militia and Marine and Fisheries Departments, with a view to obtaining grants to this Association.
6. That the President be authorized to employ a "trainer" for the Association.

Mr. H. J. M'Hugh reported that in response to requests Mr. J. J. Annett, postmaster, Gaspé, and Mr. G. Pope, signal service, S.W. Point, Anticosti, had agreed to take charge of pigeons to be sent them.

A hundred pigeons have been safely imported from Belgium by Monsieur A. de Pierpont, Montreal, and on the 25th June twenty-five birds arrived by the Allan SS. *Corean* for the Marine Department at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Active steps are being taken in organizing the Ontario and New Brunswick Provincial Associations, and the prospectuses of the Dominion Messenger Pigeon Association are just about to be issued. Those interested in the subject are invited to communicate with Major Mason, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, Honorary Secretary Dominion Messenger Pigeon Association, or with the Deputy-Adjutants-General at Provincial Capitals.

General von Caprivi, the new German Chancellor, never has a pipe out of his mouth when he is awake, except during his meals, and he drinks beer by the gallon. He is a man of considerable ability and most deliberate in all his proceedings. He always meditates for a minute or two before answering even the most trifling question.