

I regret that our efforts have not at present produced the desired effect, nor do I think that success in this important matter can be attained until there be, as recommended in my report as above, a joint arrangement made between the Provincial and Dominion Governments, with the view to "licensed schoolmasters being specially invited to attend our schools of military instruction, and on obtaining the necessary certificates of fitness, and on carrying on to the satisfaction of the Deputy Adjutant General of the District a prescribed course of drill in each school, and that a small Government grant being made the schoolmaster."

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. J. MAUNSELL, Lieut. Col.

Deputy Adjutant General,
Commanding Military District No. 8.
The Adjutant General of Militia,
Ottawa.

[A.]

St. JOHN, N. B., Nov. 22nd, 1875.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward to you my Annual Report of the state of the Artillery in your District.

FIELD BATTERIES.

Newcastle Field Battery.

The Newcastle Field Battery was inspected by me, in your company, on the 29th July, 1875. This battery performed its annual drill at its own head quarters. The horses looked well, and the harness, stores, &c., were in good order. The shot and shell practice made by the battery was very good. Major Call is a most energetic and useful officer, and evidently has the welfare of his battery thoroughly at heart.

Woodstock Field Battery.

The Woodstock Field Battery performed its annual drill at the Brigade Camp at St. Andrews. I had the pleasure of serving in your Staff at that camp, and so had excellent opportunities of not only inspecting the battery, but of observing its whole interior economy and discipline while in camp. Capt. W. P. Donnell (since deceased) was unable to be present, but in Lieut. H. Dibblee the battery had an excellent commanding officer. The horses were of an excellent stamp, and the drivers being principally their owners, had the proper inducement to see that they were well cared for in camp. The harness was well looked after, and well fitted, and the stores, &c., in good order. The battery worked well, both at its own drills and also when acting with the infantry in brigade. The shot and shell practice was very good. Lieut. Dibblee is a smart, capable, young officer, who would be a credit to any service, and whose knowledge of an artilleryman's duties speak well for the Dominion Schools of Gunnery, from one of which he had just returned.

GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The four Batteries of Garrison Artillery, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 10, New Brunswick Brigade performed their drill at their own hours, and were inspected by you on September 21st, 1875: On this day their annual competition in shot practice came off. I have, in my report to the Inspector of Artillery with regard to this competition, made the following remarks: "The guns used by these batteries are 32 pounder smooth bore guns, on sea service carriages, and when I state that they can all

fire five rounds from these guns at 1,400 yards under nine minutes, and make practice that could not be beaten, I think it is clear that they are thoroughly effective gunners."

Living, as I have done for many years, in the same place with these men, I have naturally taken a peculiar interest in them, and I feel pleasure in stating that they are as good a volunteer corps as can be seen anywhere.

No. 7 Battery (Brevet Major Gillespie) of this Brigade was inspected at Chatham, on the 14th September, 1875. The battery made some good shooting with their 24-pounder smooth bore gun. I have repeatedly pointed out the desirability of having proper platforms laid, and a small earth-work thrown up, and then a battery of guns mounted in it, for the defence of the Miramichi, for at present the flourishing towns of Chatham and Newcastle are at the mercy of any ordinary passenger steamer, with one gun mounted in her, which could easily set fire to both towns in a few hours.

I have referred, in my report to the Inspector of Artillery, to the absurdity of arming a gunner with the Snider rifle, and expressed a hope that at some time or other the revolver may be adopted as the personal weapon for an artilleryman; and though a few stand of rifles might be left with a battery, in order that the members may complete in rifle competitions, yet I trust that the time is not very far distant when it will be the desire of the artilleryman to perfect himself in the handling of ordnance, leaving the rifle to its rightful owner, his infantry comrade.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DARELL R. JAGO, Lt. Col.
Assistant Ins'r. of Artillery,
N. B. and N. S.

Lieut. Col. G. Maunsell,
Deputy Adjutant General,
Military District No. 8.

Annual Competition of the New Brunswick Artillery.

SAINT JOHN, September, 1875.

1st.—Mrs. Jago's silver cup, value ten guineas, with \$11 added by Lieut. Colonel Jago, to be competed for by a detachment from each battery, each detachment firing five rounds. Time allowed ten minutes. The cup to be the property of the battery winning it twice.

2nd.—A silver cup, value £10 sterling, given by the officers, to be competed for by a detachment from each battery, no member of which may have shot in the first competition. Each detachment to fire ten rounds, "changing rounds" after each shot. Time unlimited, but no person to advise or overlook the gun when laid by the No. 1. Cup to be the property of the battery winning it twice. 2nd prize, \$20; 3rd prize, \$10.

3rd.—A prize of a silver cup, given by Col. Thurgar, to be competed for by a detachment from each battery, firing three rounds each. Time allowed, six minutes. The Nos. 1 in this competition to be different from those in either competition. 2nd prize, \$10; 3rd prize, \$5

Rules for Competition.

The marking, and all rules for the competition, will be taken from Lieut. Col. T. B. Strange's pamphlet on "Classification and Selection of Marksmen."

Points will be given as follows:

For direction—5 yards, right or left, 3 points.

For direction—10 yards, right or left, 2 points.

For direction—15 yards, right or left, 1 point.

For elevation—20 yards under or 40 yards over, 4 points.

For elevation—40 yards under or 60 yards over, 3 points

For elevation—60 yards under or 80 yards over, 2 points.

A direct hit on the flag, staff, or buoy, to count five points extra; a ricochet hit, one point extra; a ricochet shot of bounds, to have no value.

A shot to have no value unless it obtains points for both elevation and direction.

DARELL R. JAGO, Lieut. Col.
Assistant Inspector of Artillery.

[B.]

BRIGADE OFFICE, CHATHAM,
6th February, 1875.

Sir—I have the honor to report that I received a requisition, dated 27th ultimo, from three Justices of the Peace, in the County of Gloucester, for a detachment of the Active Militia, to proceed to Caraquet, in said county, to aid the civil authorities in suppressing a riot, &c., and on the 23th ultimo, at 3 o'clock, p.m., two officers and 41 non commissioned officers and men of the Newcastle Field Battery Artillery, under command of Brevet Major Call, marched from Newcastle for Caraquet via Bathurst, and followed (so soon as they could be mustered in Chatham) by detachment, four officers and 46 non commissioned officers and men of the 73rd Battalion. At 11 p.m., the first detachment of infantry marched from Chatham, and arrived at Bathurst at 5 p. m. on the 29th, and the artillery at 9.30 p.m. The Bathurst Justices required the artillery to remain at Bathurst to guard the gaol and prisoners, and on the 30th they required the infantry to go on to Caraquet, with all despatch, and to act as the Justices there may require. I proceeded on with the infantry, and got to Caraquet at 1 a.m., on the 31st January, all right, and reported arrival to the Caraquet Justices. Detachments of the force have been employed, as they were required to protect the constables while taking the rioters, and as sentries at several establishments in place of the constables. On the evening of the 3rd instant, the Justices informed me that the force could return home, and we marched for our head quarters on the morning of the 4th instant, and arrived in Chatham on the 5th instant, at 8 o'clock p.m., all well.

I have much pleasure in reporting that both officers and men have all endeavored to hasten to the support of the lawful authorities, and have performed their duties with praiseworthy exertion and perseverance. The field battery certainly deserves praise for their indefatigable exertions in taking forward two 9 pounder guns, &c., the men having had to shovel through immense snow banks and long pieces of the road that were drifted full of snow as high as the fences, before they could get their guns along. The whole force have behaved well, and deserve thanks.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. McCULLEY, Lieut. Col.

Brigade Major 3rd Brigade Division,
Military District No. 8

The Deputy Adjutant General,
Commanding Military District No. 8.