

Regimental News.

NEW BRUNSWICK BRIGADE GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The annual meeting of the officers of the Brigade was held on the 28th ult. all the officers, with one or two exceptions, being present. The regimental and band committees presented their reports. That of the former gave a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures during the year, and showed a very good balance on the right side of the ledger. The band committee reported the band in a very efficient state and the fund free from any outstanding liability.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of Capt. Geo. F. Smith, Surgeon Daniel and Captain Gordon as members of the regimental committee, and Capt. Crawford, Lieut. Baxter and Lieut. Temple as members of the band committee.

A vote of thanks to Capt. Langan and Lieut. Baxter was unanimously passed for the compilation of an artillery manual, now in use in the corps, and which had met with the approbation of Col. Montizambert, assistant inspector of artillery.

A sum of money was voted to prepare an historical sketch of the corps since its organization in 1793. The duty of preparing this volume has been accepted by Lieut. Baxter, who has already succeeded in obtaining much valuable information, and who would be glad to receive from any one in possession of them, any facts in connection with this subject which would be suitable for such a work. Next year being the centennial year of the corps, no doubt suitable notice will be taken of the event, not only by the publication of this volume, but also in some more public demonstration. It was also decided that in order to give the public an opportunity of hearing good band music, a concert should be given in the near future under the auspices of the brigade, in which the band will take a prominent part.

The officers, as usual, voted their drill pay to the regimental fund.

Capt. Steeves, of No. 5 Battery, kindly offered a prize of a cup for competition, the terms of the competition to be decided by a committee of officers consisting of the captains of batteries, with himself as chairman.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Capt. Steeves for his kindness. The meeting was most harmonious throughout and all felt well pleased with the result of the year's work.

THE FIFTY-THIRD BATTALION.

The annual meeting of the 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke, was held at the residence of Lt.-Col. Morehouse, on the evening of the 25th ult. There was a

large attendance. The following committees were appointed:—

Regimental—Major Worthington, Captains Fraser and Somers and Lieutenant Spearing.

Band — Quarter-Master Winter and Lieutenants Addie and Wells.

It was decided to begin the annual drill at once, and the first battalion muster was called for Friday, April 1st, when a full turn out was expected. Band-Sergt. Cline is forming a drum and bugle corps, in addition to the fine band of the regiment numbering twenty-four pieces. As the 53rd has no winter uniform and no suitable place for drilling in during the winter season, it is seriously handicapped, but the companies are all full and will get down to work at once and put in three nights per week each until the 24th May. As usual half the battalion are first year recruits. The 53rd has only four companies. When formed into a city corps some years ago, No. 5 Company of Ascot Corner was disbanded, and No. 6 of Magog incorporated with the 52nd Brome. The corps could easily be recruited to six full companies by having another in the city and one in Lennoxville, three miles distant. Efforts have been made in this direction, but so far without success.

THE SIXTIETH BATTALION.

The annual meeting of the 60th Battalion and Missisquoi County Rifle Association was held at Bedford on Saturday. The financial statement for the past year showed receipts, \$156; expenditure, \$147, leaving a balance on hand of \$9. On motion of Lieut. Beatty, seconded by Mr. U. T. Chilton, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—That the members of the 60th Battalion and Missisquoi County Rifle Association have learned with the deepest regret of the death of Capt. R. M. Kincaid, a time honoured member of this association, and one who ever took an active and earnest part in promoting its welfare, and beg to tender our heartfelt sympathy to the near relatives and friends of the deceased in their sore bereavement. A communication was received from Mr. J. C. McCorkill, of Cowansville, to the effect that he would be pleased to offer a silver medal to the competitor making the highest aggregate score at the next annual matches of the association. Mr. McCorkill's generous offer was accepted, and the thanks of the association tendered him. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patrons, G. B. Baker, M.P., and E. E. Spencer, M.L.A.; vice patrons, Hon. Thos. Wood, J. C. McCorkill, E. H. Eaton and H. Beatty; president, Lieut.-Col. Rowe; vice-presidents, Lieut.-Col. Gilmour, Major Hawley, U. T. Chilton, Assistant Surgeon Slack and J. M. Hill, jr.; secretary-treasurer, M. D. Corey; executive committee, Lieut.-Col. Rowe, Lieut.-Col. Gilmour, Capt. Macfie, Major Jameson and Lieut.

Beatty; range officers, Major Hawley, Capt. Macfie and Lieut. Macfie. Capt. Macfie and Lieut. Beatty were appointed a committee to select a range for the annual matches.

OTTAWA.

At the annual meeting of the Ottawa Rifle Club, held last week, Major Henry F. Perley was re-elected President, and Mr. C. S. Scott was elected Secretary in the place of Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, who after a long term of office declined re-election. The club programme will be similar to that of last season, but cannot be elaborated until the League arrangements are known. The first spoon shoot will be on the 23rd inst.

QUEBEC.

Quebec, 9th April, 1892.—On Tuesday morning, the 5th inst., a detachment from "B" Battery, R.C.A., experimented with 9 pr. common and shrapnel shell manufactured by the Cartridge Factory, Quebec. The gun was placed on the Beauport shore and fired at a stationary target, set up on the ice, and in the direction of the Island of Orleans. Range about 1,500 yards.

Twenty-six rounds were fired, eleven common and fifteen shrapnel shells, the result of the practice proving very satisfactory.

The 8th Royal Rifles are progressing favourably and an increased strength in the parade states is most gratifying to the members of the corps as well as to their many friends; the latter were quite numerous at the drill hall, on Friday evening last.

The different committees named recently are steadily at work preparing for the coming sports and concert.

The following promotions were notified to the regiment:—No. 6 Company. To be Corporals: Private James Norton, *vice* Sutherland, promoted. Private A. Phillips, *vice* Stephens, discharged.

The summer head-dress was worn for the first at the training on Friday evening.

At this season of the year the many corps making use of the drill hall and in fact their friends as well, find a great inconvenience in getting from the main street to the building. A much to be desired improvement could be made in the way of placing a suitable means of communication, to enable all persons desirous of entering the building to do so without having to find their way through pools of mud and water. A good opportunity thus presents itself to the authorities to do the necessary and receive the thanks of the citizens, both military and civilian.