

made without delay to establish a local military club-room. While most, if not all, the officers are strongly in favour of such a place, there is a singular hesitancy among the senior men about taking the initiative. This is a matter especially for the officers commanding battalions to consider. It is essentially the duty of one of them to summon a meeting, and have the matter carefully discussed; this should be done early in September, as the fall and winter would be seasons when such an institution could be used to the greatest advantage.

ANNUAL GUN PRACTICE, 1892.

FIELD BATTERIES.

1. The following arrangements will be made for the Annual Gun Practice of Field Batteries in the Dominion.
2. The Winnipeg and Sydney Batteries will practice at local head-quarters under the same rules and conditions as in 1891.
3. Transport will be allowed from Battery head-quarters and return for the Batteries in Ontario and the Shefford Battery to Kingston, and for the Montreal, Newcastle and Woodstock Batteries to Quebec.
4. Each detachment to consist of from one to four officers and eight n. c. officers or gunners.
5. The number of rounds to be expended and the general rules and conditions will be the same as in 1891. Range about 1,800 yards.
6. Tents, blankets, etc., will be supplied at camp at Kingston, and transport provided to and from camps to the railway station. The Newcastle and Woodstock detachments will be accommodated in the citadel.
7. Detachments must come to camp in marching order, and in every case be accompanied by an officer of their Battery.
8. The Umpire will have full discretionary powers to disqualify any detachment or to inflict a penalty of from two to five points for each irregularity or mistake at drill noticed by him.
- Ties to be decided by (1) Points for discretion; (2) Common shell score; (3) Time.
9. The following will be the order of firing at Kingston:
 - Tuesday, 13th September, Ottawa, Toronto.
 - Wednesday, 14th September, 1st Brigade, Durham.
 - Thursday, 15th September, Shefford, Hamilton, London.
 - Friday, 16th September, Gananoque, Kingston, Welland Canal.
10. At Quebec:
 - Newcastle, Woodstock, Quebec, and Montreal, on dates to be named subsequently.
11. Officers commanding Batteries are requested to notify the commandants at Quebec and Kingston respectively as to the date and hour of the arrival of their detachments and the number of officers.

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Inspector of Artillery.

Ottawa, 5th July, 1892.

MONTREAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The Montreal G. A. Brigade paraded on Thursday night, the 15th, for the purpose of competing for the Turnbull Shield and trophies. Lt.-Col. Montizambert, Assistant Inspector of Artillery, was present, and before the competition put the officers through their *viva voce* examination, and expressed himself as very well satisfied. He, however, said that he regretted that the number of officers was insufficient, and urged the necessity of making an increase. The gun shift were then proceeded with, and the following results were timed.

No. 1 Battery	6 Min	20½ Sec.
Corrected time	6	40½

No. 2 Battery.....	8	6½
Corrected time.....	8	16½
No. 3 Battery	11	39
Corrected time.....	11	49
No. 5 Battery.....	14	28
Corrected time.....	14	33
No. 6 Battery.....	8	41
Corrected time.....	8	56

No. 4 battery did not compete. The material at the disposal of the brigade showed marked defects and caused delay to some of the batteries. Nevertheless the men worked well in face of these disadvantages. The formal inspection of the brigade in artillery drill took place on Friday night, when the batteries were again put through the shifts and also drilled with the forty pounder Armstrong breech-loader.

The parade on Thursday night was largely attended by officers of the district and others, among whom were Commander Young, of H.M.S. "Pylades" Lt.-Cols. Turnbull, Hood, (Royal Scots), Starke (Vics.), Lt.-Col. McKay and others. The brigade officers held then annual entertainment at the City Club on the close of the proceedings.

The inspection of the brigade, as infantry, was made on Saturday, on the Champ de Mars, before Lieut.-Colonel Houghton, D.A.G., and Lieut.-Colonel Montizambert. The field state showed a total of 14 officers and 245 N. C. O. and men, and the corps presented a very clean and well set up appearance. The steady marching was specially commended and the battalion movements were carried out with great precision. While this was the case with the battalion drill, however, that of the separate batteries when called out for company drill was anything but creditable, especially as the movements attempted were of a simple description; this appeared to be due solely to the lack of commissioned officers, and the uncertainty of the markers and acting guides as to their duties. This result emphasizes the urgent necessity of the recognition by Government of the dual nature of the work expected from foot artillery, and the extension of the paid parades at least fifty per cent. beyond what is at present granted.

The march past, both in column and quarter-column, was excellent, probably the best seen this season. Arm drill was very good, although spoilt by the stupidity of the bandmaster, who, inspired no doubt by some wild phrenzy of genius, opened out with the eight-bars salute during the manual. Speaking of the music, we sincerely trust that by next inspection Lieut.-Col. Cole will have an entirely new band, as the present one although they play well materially detract from the general appearance of the Brigade. They evidently pay no attention to uniformity in dress, and why the leader should array himself in a rifle tunic is a puzzle.

After the inspection the Brigade marched through the city prior to roll-call and dismissal at their Armoury. Their appearance was imposing, and marching was very good.

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The shooting in the 13th spoon competition on Saturday afternoon last was good considering the strong and unsteady wind. In the first class Dr. G. Hutcheson won the desert spoon winning the tie which he shot off with G. A. Mailleue, who takes the tea spoon. In the second and third classes W. H. Timbers and J. H. Dewar each won tea spoons. The following are the scores of 80 and over. The Martini was the rifle used:

	200	500	600	Total.
Dr. G. Hutcheson.....	28	30	30	88
G. A. Mailleue	26	31	31	88
E. D. Sutherland.....	29	31	27	87
D. McMartin	24	33	25	82
C. S. Scott	28	26	27	81
N. Morrison.....	24	32	25	81
J. E. Hutcheson.....	28	31	22	81
J. G. Lyon.....	30	24	26	80