

# REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, 30 May, 1892. — The Queen's Birthday was very quietly observed in this city. The only military turnout was that of "B" Battery, who proceeded to the Drill Hall, were drawn up in front of the building and fired a royal salute of twenty-one guns and a "feu de joie."

"B" Battery will go into camp at Levis in the end of June. Their annual inspection took place on the 25th instant and as expected the result was very satisfactory. Lieut.-Col. T. D. Irwin was the inspecting officer. In the morning a careful inspection was made of the men, horses and harness as well as the barrack rooms, canteen, recreation room, hospital, etc. In the afternoon the Battery paraded on the "Hog's Back" under command of Major Wilson. Several movements were performed including the march past in quick and double time, manual and firing exercises, etc., on completion of which the Battery were put through some big gun drill.

The annual match of the 8th Royal Rifles for the Regimental Badge and prize of \$10 was fired on the St. Joseph range, Levis, on the 24 inst., and was competed for by the three best shots of each company. Sergt. R J Davidson of "D" Co. won the match with a score of 84 points, which was considered good in view of the weather and wind. Sergt. Davidson is a brother of Lieut. Davidson of Bisley fame.

A commanding officers' inspection of the 9th Battalion was held on Monday evening last in the Drill Hall by Lieut.-Col. Amyot. The band of this corps were to have performed on the Terrace on Thursday evening, but owing to the very unfavourable state of the weather had to leave shortly after commencing.

The annual inspection of the 8th and 9th Battalions took place on Thursday afternoon the 26th inst. The morning was cloudy and threatening and at noon showery with thunder. At about one o'clock the weather cleared up and the afternoon, with the exception of being a trifle too hot, was all that could be desired. The troops thus escaped the rain, which enabled a good inspection to take place.

At about 230 the 8th Royal Rifles, headed by their pioneers, brass and bugle bands and signal corps, left for the Plains, marching in column, followed shortly after by the 9th Battalion, the former under command of Lieut.-Col. J. Elton Prower and the latter of Lieut.-Col. Amyot.

The streets were lined with spectators, and thousands were on the Plains to witness the inspection. That part of the field reserved for the troops was kept clear by a detachment from the Royal School of Cavalry under command of Sergt.-Major Dingley and Staff-Sergt. Widgery. As on former occasions, their duties were well performed.

The Brigade was under the command of Lieut.-Col. Amyot, drawn up in line with the 8th Battalion on the right. The inspecting officers were received with the usual salute and made an inspection of the line, after which the brigade marched past in quick and double time, etc., on completion of which the real work of the day began.

The inspection was made in accordance with general orders lately issued, and proved one of the most thorough as well as practical ever passed by militia corps in this district. Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, R.C.A., accompanied by Captain Rutherford of the same Corps, inspected the 8th Battalion, and Lieut.-Col. Duchesnay, D.A.G., with Lieut.-Col. Forrest, District Paymaster, and Lieut. Forrester, R.S.C., inspected the 9th Battalion.

The 8th Royal Rifles held the eastern portion of the Plains. A careful inspection was made of the clothing, arms and accoutrements, after which the Battalion was put through several movements by Lieut.-Col. Prower and Majors G. E. Allen Jones and G. R. White, with explanations in detail. They were then formed up and advanced in skirmishing order. The right half Battalion was extended and advanced, supported by the left half. This was well done, as well as the volley firing by half companies. The charge at the end of the field completed this part of the inspection, after which followed independent company drill. Each officer was called upon to drill his company and give the detail. This took up considerable time, but nevertheless was recognized as being a very good thing. A great number of the spectators watched this part of the inspection, among whom were noticed many ex-officers of the Regiment. This completed the afternoon's work on the field and the Corps marched back to the Drill Hall headed by their respective bands. The roll-call by the District Paymaster, Lieut.-Col. Forrest, brought the work to an end.

Lieut.-Col. H. J. Miller, late commanding officer of the 8th Royal Rifles, now a resident of Montreal, came down for the occasion and was present and witnessed the inspection. He expressed

himself as being much pleased with the manner in which everything passed off.

On Friday noon Lieut.-Col. Montizambert made an inspection of the regimental books of the 8th Royal Rifles, and in addition to finding the company books in very good order, also found the regiment provided with several other books,—all kept in a manner to reflect great credit upon Captain Ed. Montizambert, the energetic and popular Adjutant.

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## TORONTO.

### DOMINION DAY CELEBRATION.

A public meeting was held in the Pavilion, on Friday evening last, to discuss the advisability of celebrating in a fitting manner the 25th anniversary of Confederation. The meeting, while not very large, was exceedingly enthusiastic, and the speeches all struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the audience. I should not have said all, because the irrepressible E. A. Macdonald was on hand to decry any attempt at celebrating this event, and to urge that the day should be spent as a fast day. Needless to say, this annexationist was hissed from the platform, and his utterances only stimulated those present to assist by every means in their power in the carrying out of whatever programme laid out by the Citizens Committee and the City Council.

Chairman Saunders, I believe, is partial to a parade of the city regiments; certainly, provided the men could be dismissed at an early hour, as were the 13th and "Kilties" on the 24th May, thus having the entire afternoon and evening to themselves, I think that a splendid showing could be made by our force. Let the parade be called for, say 8 o'clock and the review take place at High Park, and if the Council would grant an appropriation to give the men their dinners either there or in the Exhibition Buildings, there should not be any doubt as to the success of the day.

Counting the Queen's Own, Royal Grenadiers, 48th Highlanders, 12th York Rangers, Toronto Field Battery, Governor-General's Body Guard and No. 2 Company I.S.C., we have in the neighbourhood of 2,000 men, and there is no doubt that while there is quite a bit of work to be done, still nothing should prevent the day being made even more pleasant and enjoyable for the men than if they were out of the city. It is quite probable that the 13th Battalion of Hamilton could be induced to come down again.

Should a larger demonstration be attempted, I should like to see the scheme made feasible whereby this force could go into camp on the even-