

an assistant surgeon at present. They will continue to be attached to their respective regiments and wear their present uniforms.

The privates and non-commissioned officers would be furnished in equal or suitable proportions (as regards numerical strength) from each of the city corps. The scheme has received the approval of both officers commanding and militia officers of the Halifax militia corps.

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News of the Service.

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Gravelcrusher was correct in his prognostication of the programme to be carried out by the troops at their annual mobilization on the 1st inst. The city brigade of militia assembled at the drill yard at 8 a.m. on that date. The uniform was drill order; great coats carried *à banderole*. The muster was fairly strong. The 63rd and 66th marched to the common where they were formed up for inspection by General Montgomery Moore, commanding troops B.N.A. After inspection they marched to the posts allotted to them to repel the attack which was made by 200 of the King's Regiment, formed into skeleton battalions dressed in blue serge. A warship left port at 7 a.m. to attack the harbor forts. The 63rd and 66th were actively engaged, the 66th bearing the brunt of the battle. Their operations and manœuvres covered a distance of 12 miles. The H.G.A. manned the followed forts: Ives Point Battery, three 10 inch (18 tons) and two 9 inch (12 tons) guns; York Redoubt three 10 inch and two 64 P.R. guns; Fort Ogilvie three 10 inch guns, and Fort Cambridge three 10 inch guns. They provided their own ammunition and dial numbers, signaller, etc., etc. They also manned two of the six 9 P.R.S. attached to the Field Force under command of Capt. Dimock, H.G.A.; Major Stewart, H.G.A., was battery commander (a new title for the fire commander) at Ives Point; Major Garrison, H.G.A., at York Redoubt; Major Maxwell, H.G.A., at Ogilvie, and Major Hesslein, H.G.A., at Cambridge. Major and Adjutant Oxley, H.G.A., was on the staff of the C.R.A. Col. Curren, commanding H.G.A., divided his time between Ives Point, Ogilvie and Cambridge. At 12:30 p.m. the warship and a torpedo boat, representing a cruiser, was sighted, and at 1:30 Fort McNab and York Redoubt opened fire upon them, the warship replying by firing broadsides. When within range Ives Point opened fire, the warship replied to Ives Point once and

then ceased fire, assuming, I suppose, that no ship could live under such heavy and well directed fire. Owing to some misunderstanding between the military and naval authorities the night attack did not take place, so the gunners had orders to *unload and replace stores* at 9 p.m. The 66th were dismissed at 8 p.m. and the H.G.A. and 63rd at 10 p.m. There was some friction in the transport arrangements, and the 63rd had to march home from York Redoubt, a distance of about seven miles, and although they had been in harness since 7:30 a.m. they marched in the drill yard with any amount of *fight* still left in them. The R.A. and H.G.A. worked together admirably, no hitch of any kind, and they seemed to understand and appreciate each other's services.

GRAVELCRUSHER.

Hamilton.

The class firing of the 13th Batt. is over and the result is satisfactory, very satisfactory; although the scores are not as good as would have been the case had the changes in the positions and ranges been issued earlier.

They say that fortune favors the brave, and it was so in the case of the 13th, the weather being everything that could be desired upon the day set apart for the firing.

The highest average yet reported was that made by "E Co." it being somewhere near 80 points.

The trip of the commanding officers of the city Battalions to Ottawa was not in vain, and the news that the 13th as well as the other city corps, were to receive their 12 day's pay as usual was received with pleasure. It was a wise move of the ministers to favor the committee and one which will bring its own reward.

General Herbert in his letter to Colonel Gibson commanding the 13th Battalion, congratulating Hayhurst on the winning of the Queen's prize, made some very flattering remarks about the 13th Battalion and the Hamilton Field Battery, to the effect that they were always all right and did not require his presence to spur them on to efficiency.

Never have the famous band of the XIII Regiment had a more successful season than this, their trip to Boston with the St. Bernard Commandery, although entailing hard work, was thoroughly enjoyed, and added many new admirers to the band's friends. During the summer, engagements for 4 or 5 nights a week have been a regular thing and their own concerts held weekly in the Regimental Armory have been a source of great pleasure to the citizens, an attendance of as many as 2500 and 3000 being a usual occurrence.

The band fully deserves the popularity it has attained, as it has only been achieved by good hard honest effort.

The powers that be have at last arrived at the conclusion that the city battalion in No. 2 District have been doing too much work, hence the order doing away with bayonet exercise and physical drill this season. A marked improvement in the manual exercise and coun-

pany drill should be the outcome of this. All are glad that the burden has been lightened for one and all felt it was too much last year.

The thirtieth annual rifle matches of the Victoria Rifle Club were held at their ranges on Monday, Oct. 7th, and the affair was a success in every way. The weather was good, except a few showers of rain, which delayed the shooting for a short time. The first prize in the Gibson match was won by E. Skedden, with 97 points out of 105, which is the highest score yet made in any club match. Last year Mr. Skedden was first with 95. The Martini rifle was used at 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each. The scores are as follows:

Gibson Match, 200, 500 and 600 yards.

E Skedden	33	33	31-97
J Ross	30	32	31-93
D Garson	30	33	30-93
T H Hayhurst	28	32	31-91
W L Ross	31	32	28-91
A Murdoch	30	34	27-91
E English	28	32	30-90
E G Mason	28	32	30-90
S J Huggins	29	30	30-89
D Mitchell	32	31	25-88
H B Heller, Guelph	27	28	32-87
W H Clark	27	30	30-87
H Marris	30	32	25-87
W M Goodwin	32	31	24-87
J Crowe, Guelph	30	32	24-86

Extra Series No. 1, 200 yards, Martini rifle, ten shots:

F S Baylis, Toronto	50
T Mitchell, Toronto	49
E Skedden	49
W L Ross	49
J Ross	48
E English	48
W H Clarke	48
D Mitchell	47
A Murdoch	47
S J Huggins	47
W M Goodwin	47
T H Hayhurst	47

Extra Series No. 2, 500 yards, Martini rifle ten shots:

Thomas Mitchell	50
A Murdoch	50
T Mitchell, Toronto	49
E Skedden	49
W W Goodwin	49
D Garson	48
T S Bayles, Toronto	48
J Ross	48
C R Crowe	48
T H Hayhurst	48
D Mitchell	48
G Johnson, Guelph	47
A Miller	47

Belleville.

On account of the strong winds the shooting at the XV Battalion rifle matches at the ranges yesterday was not as good as it might have been, but despite the weather some good scores were made.

Following are the scores:

NO. 1—BATTALION MATCH.

Ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards; 200 yards kneeling, 7 shots; 400 and 500 yards, 5 shots each:

1 Lieut Vermilyea	66
2 Bandmaster Riggs	58
3 Maj W N Ponton	53
4 Sergt D A Gibson	47
5 Pte W Roote	42
6 Lieut R A McGuinness	40
7 Ex-Sergt Maj McRae	40
8 Pte A Sutherland	39
9 Pte Jose	38
10 Pte Clark	33
11 Bandsman Riggs	33
12 Pte Anderson	32

NO. 2—ASSOCIATION.

400 and 500 yards; 5 shots at each.

1 Maj W N Ponton	44
2 Lieut Vermilyea	40