

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

QUEBEC, Nov. 12.—The Quebec Garrison Artillery, under the command of Major Hudon, was inspected by Lieut.-Col. C. E. Montizambert, R.C.A., who congratulated the officers on the work done by them and he specially mentioned the good work rendered by Sergt. Sutherland, R.C.A., who was acting as drill instructor.

Regimental Sergt.-Major A. Lyndon, R.C.A., who is well known to the force, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his joining the Canadian Artillery, on the 30th ult., having previously served in the Royal Artillery. He is one of the oldest N. C. O.'s in the permanent militia and well known as a thoroughly competent drill instructor. When in Kingston he was well known to the cadets of the R.M.C. who had the advantage of his instruction in their successful competitions in artillery.

The Quebec Association Football League have arranged for ten matches, to be played in the drill hall.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the first parade of "B" Battery was recently celebrated by a dinner at the officers' mess. After the toast of "the Queen," the health of Lieut.-Col. Montizambert was proposed by Lieut.-Col. J. F. Wilson, R.C.A. This was received in a manner to show the popularity of the officer in question, the company joining in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Numbers of changes have taken place in this period of years and Col. Montizambert is the only one left of the original staff.

The first dance of the R.C.A. Club took place recently and proved most enjoyable for all in attendance. The music was supplied by the R.C.A. orchestra.

On the 30th ult. a dance was given at the Citadel, at the sergeants' mess, and proved, as usual, most enjoyable. The officers of the club carried out their duties in a manner to satisfy everybody.

The Hon. Dr. Borden, M.P., Minister of Militia and Defence, is expected to reach this city on the 14th inst. and it is anticipated that he will spend several days here, before leaving for Ottawa. He will doubtless make a thorough inspection of the place and it is hoped take means to have the fortification walls attended to. Their condition is disgraceful and requires immediate attention.—PATROL.

25TH ELGIN BATT.—We recently received from the manufacturer, through a local firm, the ribbon of special design to be worn by such members of the corps as may desire so to do. The colors are sage green and scarlet, the background being of the former color, and the latter is so woven as to represent the number of the regiment—two bars, and then five, viz., 25th.

It may be of interest to the readers at large to know that the 25th Batt., at its own expense, leased a piece of property adjoining the drill shed for a parade ground. This fact is mentioned simply to show what interest is taken in military matters in St. Thomas city.

The annual inspection will take place Nov. 16, 17 and 18.

It has been a great source of disappointment that a proper range has not long ere this been provided for the militia of this city, but happily the proper authority has been issued and the construction of the most approved range possible will be gone on with at once. Lieut.-Col. Stacey, commandant of the 25th, has, with characteristic energy, kept the idea of a proper range well to the front and ere many days go by, the 25th Batt.—the pride of St. Thomas—will be peppering away on an excellent range. There are some rare good shots in the corps, and 1897 will, no doubt, see representatives at both the Ontario and Dominion Association matches.

Less than half a dozen years ago the 25th Batt. was a rural corps. The Elgin Infantry has gone through all the vicissitudes

incidental to such organizations. But the battalion, as a city corps, has a reputation that is not confined solely to this city, but throughout the whole of the district. A public holiday brings with it many requests that the corps should visit this or that town. This year has been a record breaker in that respect. No less than five invitations were received for the last Queen's Birthday outing, which is our annual affair. Dominion Day brought more requests, and likewise Labor Day. These could not all, naturally, be accepted. May 24 was spent at Simcoe, and the three days under canvas in that pretty town were voted as the banner days in the corps' history. When the Governor-General made his western tour, in September, the regiment had the privilege of turning out two guards of honor, one in St. Thomas and one in Dutton. At the latter place the whole regiment was in attendance, a portion doing guard of honor duty. The presence of the corps was a feature of the Caledonian celebration.

It is the general desire that the corps should be granted an increased establishment. At present the 25th Batt. is but four companies, but is over strength, and two more companies could be formed inside of two weeks. It is expected that before the annual inspection of 1897 the increase will be granted.

The commencement of the next course at Wolseley Barracks will see a number of officers from the 25th Batt. in attendance for a course of instruction.—WILL DABEE.

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 29.—Every one holds in high esteem the prowess and bravery of our citizen soldiers, and it will therefore be a surprise to learn that the whole company was knocked out by a cow. But it is the fact, however, and this is how it came about. The 25th Batt. the other night marched down to the M.C.R. commons to drill. A resident in that locality had tethered his cow on the commons. For fear the bovine would wander away he drove a stake in the ground, and attached a long and a strong chain to cow and stake. While "A" Company were being drilled the cow became frightened at something, perhaps the warlike tone of the commander's voice, and started off on a wild run, the chain tightened and the whole company was mown down. However, they soon lined up and were at work again. Needless to say, "A" Company now comes in for a considerable amount of guying from their comrades as a result.

38TH DUFFERIN RIFLES.—The fall drill is progressing most satisfactorily. Inspection will be held on November 19. The battalion is drilling assiduously and will be in good shape for the ordeal.

Dr. Palmer, a rising young physician of the city, has been appointed surgeon. It is rumored that the ambulance corps have already been awakened to the fact.

No solution of the band problem has as yet been arrived at, although the committee who have the matter in hand are sanguine of ultimate success.

The officers of the regiment are discussing with considerable interest the possibility of holding a big military gala day in Brantford on Dominion Day or Queen's Birthday.

Col.-Sergeant William Strachan has been appointed instructor of musketry.

Capt. Gibson, who won recognition at the D.R.A. matches as a rising shot, is gathering about him one of the best and strongest companies in the battalion.—SUBALTERN.

R.R.C.I.—Capt. Hemming, of Wolseley Barracks, will assume the duties of staff-quartermaster, vice Capt. Denison, who has gone to Toronto.

Previous to Capt. Denison leaving London for Toronto he was entertained to dinner by the officers of Wolseley Barracks. He