

minutes after the inspecting officer arrived, received him with a general salute. The batteries then formed column by the right on No. 1, and took up position for marching past. This movement was very well done by each of the three batteries, but in the double No. 2 was slightly the best.

Line being reformed, the force advanced in review order; this was splendidly done. The line halted and gave the present, and were then put through the manual and firing exercises by Lieut.-Col. Prior. This was also well done. The force was afterwards put through a few movements by Lieut.-Col. Prior, and then, headed by the band, marched to Clover Point range for the rifle practice competition.

The conditions of the competition were as follows: Twenty officers, n.c.o's. or men, were drawn up in line at 400 yards range, at the "ready." Position any. On the "commence fire" being sounded the target was raised and kept up for ninety seconds, then lowered for eighteen seconds (during which the team doubled to 300 yards range); raised again for ninety seconds, and lowered for eighteen seconds (during which the team doubled to 200 yards range); again raised for ninety seconds, then lowered finally. Each team fired as many rounds as possible during the time the target was visible. The score made was as follows:

No. 3 Battery.—Bullseyes 35, inners 38, magpies 53, outers 106; total points 698.

No. 4 Battery.—Bullseyes 24, inners 31, magpies 23, outers 76; total points 465.

No. 2 Battery.—Bullseyes 22, inners 21, magpies 29, outers 76; total points 433.

The prizes were \$60, or \$3 per man for the winner, and \$40, or \$2 per man for the second highest. The shooting on the whole was fair, although not of a style to show the men's best points.

The batteries deserve considerable praise for their turnout this year; the new drill has been well grasped, and no raw recruits were in the ranks to mar the efforts of older hands.

The Adjutant, Capt. P. Æ. Irving, has thoroughly grasped the "necessities" requisite to a good corps, and under his able administration there is no doubt that at the end of another year Victoria may boast of a corps equal in every respect to any of the crack eastern corps.

THE MONTREAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

One hundred and twelve members of the Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery, officers and men, met in their armoury last Friday evening to undergo inspection in artillery tactics by Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Dominion inspector of artillery. Lieut.-Col. Turnbull was in command and the other officers were Majors Laurie and Cole, Major and Adjutant Atkinson, Captains Finlayson, Howard, Ogilvy and Gregor, and Lieutenants Costigan and Anderson. The inspecting officer was received with a general salute by the brigade drawn up in line, and then Major Laurie put the men through their infantry drill, after which they were divided into batteries and gun squads. The officers and non-coms. having been put through a very stiff oral examination, they were inspected in the working of 64 pounder and 40 pounder guns, and at gun drill. Lack of time prevented an exhibition of shifting. At the close of the inspection the men were drawn up in the armoury and addressed by Lieut.-Col. Irwin. He said he thought it advisable that they should be given some idea of the inspection they had undergone so far as it went, and also of what he hoped would take place next year. In most other brigades each of the batteries turned out enough men to fill three gun squads, and in some cases four. That meant that every man was well trained. Gun drill was the foundation of all artillery drill, and should be known by every man. He was very glad to see that they took an interest in gun drill, but they must not forget shifting ordnance. This must be done if men were to be well trained. Those who had seen the exceedingly good work of the Halifax, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island brigades at the Isle of Orleans last summer, must have been proud of them, and he did not see why the Montreal Garrison Artillery should not do as well. As garrison artillery they should put artillery drill above all other. All the infantry drill they required was the routine and marching past. They had got the best equipment and best headquarters of any brigade in the Dominion, and he hoped to see them worthy of it. He must admit, however, that the time at their disposal was very short. Twelve days of paid drill was not enough. It takes a long time to acquire the information needed about their duties, and voluntary drill was most essential. If a man entered the brigade only to attend the paid drills he was of no value. They must give up their time to voluntary drill. The best proof they appreciated this was their attendance that night. He was sure they would re-establish their reputation as the best artillery brigade in the Dominion as they used to be. Next year their inspection in infantry drill would be confined to the routine, and then attention would be mainly devoted to artillery drill. He hoped that nothing would be left undone to ensure success. So far as their artillery work was concerned he was pleased to say that it had been good and the gun drill

was excellent. Next year efficiency as artillerymen would be the proof of success.

Lieut.-Col. Turnbull also said a few words of a complimentary character, referring also to the fact that it was seven years since they had been inspected before as garrison artillery, and that the parade was a purely voluntary one.

After the inspection Lieut.-Col. Irwin was entertained at St. James Club by Lieut.-Col. Turnbull and the other officers of the brigade.

Toronto.

The army and navy veterans are organizing a band, and have collected quite a sum for the purpose.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

Pte. Wm. Church, charged by Capt. Pellatt with neglecting to attend drill, has been fined \$5 by the Police Magistrate.

"F" Company turned out in large numbers for the presentation of prizes for attendance during the past year. The following are the successful medalists: Gold medal, Corp. Cockburn; silver medals, Pte. Crake, Pte. Sutherland, Sergt. A. R. Mackenzie, Pte. Fenwick, Sergt. Ham, Pte. Storie, Corp. Agnew, Corp. Bryant, Sergt. George, Pte. C. H. Foster, Pte. Niblock, Pte. E. Forster, Pte. Ledyard and Pte. McKinlay. A pleasant evening was spent, and before dispersing the company gave three cheers for Capt. McGee and Lieut. Wyatt.

Mr. Fred Brown, of the signal corps of the Queen's Own Rifles, was lately surprised in a very happy manner. Sundry of the competitors in the Dominion Rifle Association matches from the regiment had determined to pay him some tribute for the excellent services rendered them by Mr. Brown while at Ottawa. They therefore invited him to meet them at the Clifton House on Colborne street. After an admirable collation had been partaken of Staff-Sergt. Donnelly rose, and in a few words presented Mr. Brown with an address and a large photograph in a handsome frame, of himself, Staff-Sergt. Donnelly and Col.-Sergt. Kennedy. Mr. Brown fittingly responded, and an excellent evening's entertainment followed.

THE GRENADIERS.

Several companies of the Royal Grenadiers are working very hard in preparation for the drill competition for the Cumberland Cup. The competition takes place on the 26th instant and the company that wins will be in first class shape.

THE LATE COLOUR-SERGEANT JACK.

"D" Company, R.G., and in fact the whole regiment have lost a first class soldier, a careful and hard-working non-commissioned officer in Col.-Sergt. Jack, who died on Saturday last from a paralytic stroke, being the third he has experienced since 24th May last. He was interred with the full military honours to which his rank entitled him. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Thomas. The casket rested on a stand draped with the Union Jack, and was covered with flowers sent by the officers and men of the Grenadiers. Although it rained heavily there were fully 150 of the Grenadiers present, besides the firing party of 19 men under Col.-Sergt. Blake, and also a large number of members of the other city regiments and the gun carriage furnished by the Toronto Field Battery, and under command of Sergt.-Major Wordman.

The funeral procession was as follows:

Firing party with arms reversed.
Grenadiers' band.
Gun carriage bearing coffin on which rested dead soldier's busby and accoutrements.
Grenadier's muster.
Carriages.

They marched to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where the customary three volleys were fired over the dead hero.

Col.-Sergt. Wm. Jack, a native Canadian of Scotch descent, was born at Fergus in 1854. While still young he removed to Toronto. When sixteen years of age he went to Cork, Ireland, and while there he joined a lancer regiment without his father's consent. When they got moving orders his father bought his discharge, and had him sent home. A short time after his return he joined the 10th Royals and served three years, rising to the rank of corporal. He then left the Royals and joined the Toronto Field Battery, and served four years under Major Gray. In the artillery he was promoted to the rank of Bombardier. He then retired from military life for a time, but when the 10th Royals were re-organized, his love for the regiment got the better of him, and when Capt. Mason was re-organizing one of the two new companies, he joined No. 4 Company, and has been in active connection with that company till the sickness which caused his death. He had risen to the rank of sergeant before 1885, and served as such in the North-West, where no doubt the exposure and fatigue planted the germs of disease