

was deemed necessary to reduce expenses in this manner. The saving is not such a large amount but that it could have been easily obtained from some other source and without the evil effect which it has and will produce in the permanent force. No difficulty was experienced in the way of making the change. Doubtless it has resulted in the artillery losing some of the best material they had.

Mr. H. E. Burstall, of the R.C.A., Kingston, is spending a few holidays in this city.

Capt. B. A. Scott, of Roberval, visited Quebec on business during the week and has returned home again.

Capt. Duncan MacPherson, R.I., was recently here for a day.

The Government's replies to Mr. Mullock's questions touching upon the last appointment to the Royal Canadian Dragoons are very inconsistent, and show a disregard for the efficiency of the force which is by no means commendable. Military men in the House of Commons appear to be quite out of touch with militia matters. Surely if they took a deeper interest in the future welfare of the force such appointments would not be permitted to pass unchallenged. So far as it has taken a civilian to look into matters. This cannot be viewed as flattering to military men who do not manifest sufficient interest or courage to stand up for the militia, which will suffer considerably when the Government refuses to make use of the best material available for selections for appointments to the commissioned ranks.

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### Montreal.

The event of the past two weeks, so far as the local corps are concerned, was undoubtedly the annual inspection of the 5th Royal Scots on Saturday, June 22nd. The inspecting officer was Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and he voiced the opinion of all the spectators, when addressing the battalion at the close of the inspection he said that he thought it was the best inspection the battalion had ever passed. Colonel Houghton added that he doubted whether the inspection had been surpassed by any he had held this year. About the usual routine of inspection was followed. The battalion excelled in the manual and firing exercises and physical drill, but the battalion drill, particularly the square work, was very good. The effect of the battalion movements was in several cases somewhat marred by the mistakes of the color party. The regiment was well turned out, though the want of a full dress head dress was generally commented upon. That is soon going to be remedied, however, for the feather bonnet fund is attaining respectable dimensions. The latest contribution is a cheque for \$250, received from Mr. W. McDonald. The parade was 293 all told, the detail being as follows: Lieut.-Col. Strathy, Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock; Adjutant, Major Lydon. No. 1 company, Lieuts.

Campbell and Evans, 49 rank and file; No. 2 company, Capt. Sims, Lieut. Miller, 46; No. 3 company, Capt. Ibbotson, Lieuts. Oliver and Meighen, 42; No. 4 company, Capt. Cantlie, Lieut. Burns, 46; No. 5 company, Capt. Browne, Lieut. Armstrong, 46; No. 6 company, Capt. Cameron, Lieuts. Forbes and Adair, 43; Capt. Foulis, Quartermaster; Major Foster, Paymaster.

The announcement made in the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE that the Government proposed only to allow eight days' pay to city corps fell like a bombshell among the members of the Montreal force. A meeting of the commanding officers of the city militia corps was held last Wednesday afternoon, when it was decided to make strenuous efforts to induce the Government to reconsider its decision to allow only eight days' drill pay to city militia battalions this year, instead of the twelve days' pay usually allowed. Arrangements were made for communicating with the commanding officers in Toronto and other militia centres with the object of securing a joint deputation to go to Ottawa and interview the Minister of Militia.

The commanding officers' inspections of the Garrison Artillery and the 65th Battalion took place Monday, both battalions parading in full strength. The Artillery spent Dominion Day in Toronto, the 65th go to Quebec.

The Royal Scots visit Ottawa on the national holiday.

Major Macaulay, of the 6th Fusiliers, has left for England on leave.

The 85th Battalion are drilling a detachment for the ceremonies connected with the inauguration of the Maisonneuve monument on Dominion Day.

Quite a number of local militiamen went down to the Parisian Saturday evening last to bid "en revoir" to the Bisley team. Sergeant Broadhurst, of the Royal Scots, was played to the ship by the band of the regiment.

Quite a number of local militiamen have visited the camp of the Fifth Military District at Laprarie. Camp will be struck on the 6th of July. The force in camp consists of thirty men of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry, St. Johns, under Major Young; the 6th Regiment, Duke of Connaught's Own Canadian Hussars, Lieut.-Col. McArthur, 168 men; 64th Batt. Beauharnois Rifles, Lieut.-Col. Deslauriers, 200 men; 76th Chateauguay Batt., Lieut.-Col. Goudreau, 260 men; 83rd Joliette Batt., Lieut.-Col. Sheppard, 250 men; 86th Three Rivers Batt., Lieut.-Col. Dixon, 260 men. The staff of the camp consists of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, Commandant; Major Roy, Brigade Major; Capt. Carrier, 85th Batt., Camp Quartermaster; Lieut.-Col. Aubry, 85th Batt., Supply Officer; Major Radiger, Victoria Rifles, Musketry Instructor. Most of the men are recruits who have never been drilled before, and the battalions made any-

thing but a creditable appearance when they marched in, except the cavalry.

No. 5 company of the 65th Battalion has completed the competition for the marksman's badge, presented by Capt. Thibaudau. It was won by Sergeant Aumond with a score of 53 points.

The 65th Battalion, as usual, furnished a guard of honor for the host at the Fete Dieu procession.

At a parade of the Royal Scots on Thursday, 28th June, the result of the company competitions were announced. Lieut.-Col. Strathy's challenge cup for drill was won by D company, Capt. Cantlie, with 76 points; C company 2nd with 75 points, and the other companies in order as follows: E company, 69; F 68; A 67; B 65. The cup given by Major Ibbotson for the right-half battalion company, with the best attendance at annual drill, was won by A company. D company won the similar trophy offered for competition among the companies of the left-half battalion by Major Blaiklock.

### P. W. R. at St. George's.

The Prince of Wales Rifles held their annual church parade June 2nd, the muster being 18 officers and 250 men, headed by the band of the regiment, Lieut.-Col. Butler in command. The regiment lined up on the Champ de Mars, from which they marched by way of St. James, Beaver Hall and Dorchester streets, to St. George's church, where their chaplain, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, officiated. The regiment got a little shower, but arrived at the church in time to escape the heavy shower that fell a little later. Service was commenced at 4.15 by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Dean in the course of his sermon said that every life had its responsibilities, the life of a soldier being no exception. "Volunteering has often been called playing at soldiers, but in our country it is impossible to say that as the volunteers of Canada have defended our country at the risk of life and have added several pages of glorious annals to the history of our fair country. The volunteers have done more than simply wear their uniforms, as they have seen active service in them, and in any sudden emergency the defence of Canada is in their hands. We have already done so successfully, and are no doubt able to do so again if called upon to do so. Now two parties have to learn lessons from this fact. The dominion government may learn that the worst and most expensive course it can pursue is to teach the country that it can do without its militia for economic purposes. The country should be taught that it will have to depend on its military, and nothing should be omitted to make that militia effective. Though it is impossible to create a standing army we should have a militia which would be capable of doing the work of standing armies in other countries. There should never be