

active service since 1858. Not a few of the band are in possession of decorations. John Buchanan wears a medal for long and faithful service in the 76th Infantry, and Billy Hunt wears one for being present with the 24th Foot at Rorke's Drift, when the Prince Imperial was killed.—*Stratford Herald*.

At the call of Mayor Symington, over twenty of the ladies of the town met in the Mayor's office Monday afternoon last, for the purpose of arranging for a reception to the Sarnia volunteers now in camp at Stratford, on their return home next Saturday. The ladies entered into the proposal heartily and undertook to make the refreshment part of the reception all that could be desired. The good name the Sarnia boys—No. 7 Co., and the Band—have earned in the camp has been a source of gratification to the citizens generally, and the Mayor has very faithfully proposed that a generous welcome home be extended to them on their return. We feel sure that the idea will be enthusiastically supported and that the boys will be received on their return in a manner befitting the good record they have made. The Town Hall is being tastefully decorated for the occasion.—*Sarnia Observer*.

#### The Gananoque Camp.

The best score made by the seven Ontario batteries who have so far performed their firing for this year stands to the credit of Gananoque, with 48 points more than the second battery—Welland Canal. The scores of those batteries firing at the Gananoque camp were:

	GANANOQUE.	OTTAWA.	DURHAM.	KINGSTON.
Preliminary .....	211	157	164	119
Final .....	167	132	106	78
Total .....	378	289	270	197

The total strength encamped at Gananoque, from the 19th to the 30th June, under Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzee, D.A.G., was 194 officers and 1952 n.c.o. and men, made up as follows:

	OFFICERS.	N.C.O. AND MEN.
4th Regiment Cavalry .....	19	128
Prescott Troop of Cavalry .....	3	32
A Battery R. C. A. ....	3	26
Kingston Field Battery .....	6	74
Durham " " .....	6	74
Ottawa " " .....	6	74
Gananoque " " .....	6	74
16th Battalion Infantry .....	26	252
42nd " " .....	26	252
47th " " .....	38	420
49th Battalion Rifles .....	26	252
59th Battalion Infantry .....	29	294
Total .....	194	1,952

The horses in camp numbered 329.

The camp was inspected by General Middleton on the 26th June. Along with the General came Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, and during the week the volunteers had the pleasure of a visit from two other cabinet ministers, these being Sir Hector Langevin and Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, who when at Gananoque were the guests of Mr. Geo. Taylor, M.P.

#### Miscellaneous Camp Notes.

The following constitute the staff of the camp of the Eighth Military District, at Chatham, N.B.: Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., Commandant; Major Gordon, I.S.C., Brigade Major; Lieut.-Col. Blaine, 62nd Fusiliers, instructor of musketry; Surgeon Bishop, 73rd Batt., principal medical officer; Major A. Lipsett, 71st Batt., camp quartermaster; Capt. Seeley, N. B. Brigade Gar. Artillery, supply officer.

The camp for the Fifth Military District was formed at Sherbrooke, P.Q., on the 26th ult., the corps in attendance being: 5th Regt. Cavalry, Shefford and Richmond Field Batteries, 11th, 54th, 58th and 79th Battalions. The numbers were as follows: Staff and regimental officers, 120; n. c. officers and men, 1217; horses, 273; guns, 8. The camp was under command of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., whose staff was composed as follows: Lieut.-Col. Mattice, Brigade Major; Major Radiger, Victoria Rifles, musketry instructor; Capt. F. J. Dixon, supply officer; Capt. Wright, 58th Batt., camp quartermaster; Surgeon Major Mayrand, principal medical officer; Lieut. Guy, Victoria Rifles, orderly officer; Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, paymaster.

"On Saturday last the brigade camp at Niagara was broken up. The Orillia and Coldwater companies arrived here by special train early in the afternoon, under command of Major Burnet. After leaving knapsacks, rifles, etc., at the armoury, Capts. Drinkwater and Gray marched them to the West-street skating rink, kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Wm. Thomson, where dinner had been prepared. The edibles had been furnished gratuitously by merchants and ladies, and were served by Mesdames Bolster, Baker, Small, Tucker, Ware; Misses Burnet, Evans, Jennings, Stewart, and others, of the Church of England Temperance Society; Mrs. Miller and Miss Lawrence, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The rink was simply but tastefully dec-

orated with ensigns, the banners of the temperance societies, etc. As the Coldwater company had to remain until nine o'clock, they were invited to tea at the same place, and a second excellent repast was served at six. Great pleasure was expressed on all sides at the creditable record of the "Foresters" for sobriety and good conduct. Captain Drinkwater dismissed the Orillia company immediately after dinner, and the Coldwater men amused themselves until the arrival of the evening train, when they departed amidst cheers and songs, as merry a party as ever wore Her Majesty's uniform, but, so far as the *Packet* could see, not one under the influence of drink, although there was no lack of evidence among the spectators that drink could easily have been obtained in town. The ladies who carried out this reception to our volunteers deserve credit for their efforts. In addition to the encouragement it affords the volunteers, it is a very practical kind of temperance work.—*Orillia Packet*.

#### The Royal Military College.

Closing Ceremonies on Thursday last—Successful Candidates for Entrance.

THE closing exercises of the Royal Military College, Kingston, took place last Thursday afternoon, 28th ult., in the presence of the largest and most brilliant assemblage ever gracing these ceremonies. Amongst the visitors were the Premier, Sir John Macdonald; Hon. H. G. Joly, ex-Premier of Quebec, and the proud father of Company Sergeant Major Joly, the Governor-General's Gold Medallist; Lieut.-General Sir Fred. Middleton; Lieut.-Col. Bremner of Halifax; Captain Taylor of Burmah, India, and a large number of other officers, besides the leading citizens of Kingston.

A programme of athletics and military manoeuvres preceded the distribution of prizes, which was made by Sir John Macdonald, after the following list of winners and graduates had been read:

Diplomas with Honours.—Co. Sergt.-Major Joly, Governor-General's gold medal; Battalion Sergt.-Major Lesslie, Governor-General's silver medal; Cadet Farwell, Governor-General's bronze medal.

Ordinary Diplomas.—Cadet Heneker, Co. Sergt.-Major Grant, Co. Sergt.-Major Panet, Co. Sergt.-Major Bremner, Sergt. Mylne, Cadet Barker, Sergt. Cayley, Sergt. Hamilton.

Second-Class Diplomas.—Sergt. G. Johnston, Cadet H. Johnston.

English Prizes.—Subject prizes—Sergt.-Major Joly, drills, English, mathematics, geology, physics, reconnaissance; Cadet Farwell, military engineering, military history, geology, chemistry, military topography; Sergt.-Major Lesslie, civil engineering; Sergt.-Major Panet, French; Sergt.-Major Bremner, freehand drawing; Sergt. Rogers, artillery; Sergt. Fraser, engineering.

Drawing—Class prizes—1st class, Sergt.-Major Joly; 2nd class, Sergt. Rogers; 3rd class, Cadet Campbell; 4th class, Cadet McInnes.

Sword for good conduct and discipline, Sergt.-Major Lesslie.

Commissions in Imperial Army.—Cavalry, E. Hamilton; Royal Artillery, Bremner, Barker, Cayley, and G. Johnston; Royal Engineers, Joly, Lesslie and Farwell; Infantry, Heneker.

Promotions after graduation of present cadets.—Battalion Sergt.-Major, Sergt. Kerr; Company Sergt.-Majors, Rogers, Baker, Whitehead; Sergeants, Simpson, Murray, W. Hamilton, McLennon, Gilmore, W. Rose, Birmingham and Williams.

Major General Oliver, the commandant, who is about to end his connection with the College after ten years' valuable service there, made a short address, in which he held the increasing number of candidates who year by year present themselves for examination for admission to be an indication that the College is becoming better known and more popular. I consider, he said, the discipline and general conduct of the cadets during the present term to have been decidedly better than in any previous year, and this is, I think, acknowledged by all who know anything about the working of the College. I shall have the satisfaction of leaving it in first-rate order. I cannot let pass this opportunity of acknowledging my deep sense of the numerous expressions of good-will and regret which I have heard from Kingston people of all classes relative to my approaching departure from among them.

Sir John Macdonald presented the prizes to the winners amid great applause. Company Sergeant-Major Joly, the gold medallist, carried off enough to stock a small library, and looked a very proud man before the proceedings closed. His father stood beside him as the honours were lavished upon him and looked delighted. The Premier, in handing the first gift, said he did so with pleasure, "on account of the presence of my old friend, your father."

Sir John Macdonald before leaving made a brief but happy address. He congratulated Canada on having such an institution, and he did so with the greater degree of sincerity as he had doubts at first as to the necessity of such a college. "I give credit," he said, "to those who opposed me, in having been more far-seeing than I was, when they pro-