

which you severally command, and I have taken this opportunity and this mode of performing an act of justice due to you all. I have seen your exertions and your perseverance, and now consider these corps as the foundation of a system of Yeomanry in Canada, which may yet render distinguished service to your King and Country.

This beginning made, I have been anxious to present to each of these corps some mark of my personal approbation, which might at once testify to the past, and incite to continued perseverance in this spirited undertaking. I have obtained a standard for the Troop of Cavalry, but the custom of the service does not admit of any military badge being carried either by the corps of artillery or riflemen. I have felt it necessary thus to explain the only reason why I do not present the same compliment to each of you.

To you, gentlemen, who command these corps, I feel particularly obliged, and I beg to present to you the only public mark of my approbation in my power to offer, a commission of advanced rank in the militia of the province. Accept of that commission of major with my warmest thanks for the support you have given me in this object of my wishes for the public welfare.

And now, Major Guky, in presenting this standard to the troop of volunteer cavalry of Quebec, I beg their acceptance of it, on the distinct understanding that it is a gift from the governor, as an individual desirous to encourage perseverance and union of sentiment, in the duties for which you are associated. You must bear in mind, and still look forward to the highest honor—"The approbation of his Majesty the King." This standard is only meant to point the path by which to attain that object of the ambition of all soldiers.

May all happiness and success attend you, gentlemen, and the corps which you command. Major Guky having received the standard in that silence prescribed by military etiquette, and with the two other majors, the commissions which His Lordship had been pleased to deliver to them, they severally returned to their respective corps, when Col. Bell expressed the sense entertained by the volunteers of the honor conferred upon them in a speech of which the following is the substance:—

My Lord Dalhousie,—I beg leave to offer thanks for the high honor which Your Lordship has been pleased to confer on the volunteer corps under my command.

Under the auspices of your lordship these corps have been brought forward, and from the very distinguished manner in which you have this day publicly approved of their exertions, I cannot but feel proudly conscious that they have deserved the approbation of Your Lordship, who is so fully capable of appreciating the good intentions of a loyal people, who will ever be found ready to protect the rights of their beloved Sovereign, and I say it, my Lord, with the firmest confidence, that there is not one among us in whose heart sentiments of gratitude and attachment to Your Lordship will ever cease to exist.

I again request Your Lordship to accept from myself, the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, our most sincere thanks for the very distinguished honor this day conferred upon us.

His Lordship again returned opposite the centre and the line wheeled into column, and marched past in ordinary and quick time, which done, they again formed line upon their original ground, opened ranks, and presented arms, the band playing "God Save the King." His Excellency received the salutes, and having retired, Colonel Nichol, of the 66th Regt., commandant of the garrison, ordered the ranks to be closed, and the troops to march to their private parades.

The day was unusually fine and the whole ceremony went off remarkably well; the volunteers made a very military appearance and marched with great regularity; the troop of cavalry excited general attention; they are well mounted and their appointments were strictly uniform.

The standard with which they have been honored is of rich crimson silk, surrounded with silver fringe, with handsome bullion cords and tassels from the head of the standard staff; in the centre of the color bears a double G.R., richly embossed in gold embroidery and surmounted by the crown, also embroidered and in its proper colors. It is a very handsome military gift, and is worthy of the noble donor. We feel warranted in saying that the honors which his lordship has conferred upon the Quebec volunteers are proudly felt by every individual composing those public-spirited corps.

On the breaking out of the rebellion of 1837-38 the Quebec volunteer cavalry were placed on full pay and taken into the service of the British government, and during the whole of these stormy times co-operated with Her Majesty's regular forces in maintaining order—the other Quebec volunteer corps at this date were as follows, viz:—

Queen's Own Light Infantry.

Quebec Light Infantry, 5 companies.

Quebec Royal Engineer Rifles.

Quebec Loyal Artificers, or Faugh a Ballaghs.

The Sailors' Company, or Queen's Pets.

Quebec Highland Company.

The Queen's Volunteers.

Royal Volunteer Artillery.

Upon all occasions when employed in aid of the civil power the volunteer cavalry in their conduct were distinguished by temper, patience and forbearance, not only proving themselves a valuable acquisition to the crown, but also their usefulness to the country, and their popular officers at that period, Captains A. D. Bell and David Burnet were much esteemed by all parties, both French and English.

In 1855 the Imperial government, having previously withdrawn nearly all the regular troops on account of the Crimean war, were very anxious that an auxiliary volunteer force should be organized in Canada; and to encourage the Canadian government to take up the matter, agreed to hand over all the ordnance lands to them, upon the understanding that Canada should rise, equip, and maintain some 7,000 or 8,000 men. The militia law of 1855 was accordingly passed, providing for such an organization, and in the autumn of that year, an advertisement appeared in the columns of the *Quebec Morning Chronicle*, asking for a meeting of young men who owned or were willing to supply their own horses, and desired to take advantage of the new act, and form themselves into a troop of volunteer cavalry, the meeting to be held at the Albion hotel in Palace street, to sign a roll and to organize without delay. The result was a good attendance; Arch. Campbell, jr., and Dr. MacFarlane were elected officers, John Anderson and W. W. Scott, sergeants; B. L. Prior, and J. F. Turnbull, corporals, and W. Marsden, M.D., surgeon. All members joining bound themselves to supply their own uniform and horse, with saddlery, and pay into the treasurer's hands an entrance fee of \$10. Subsequently the drawing room flat of the old Payne's hotel in the Place d'armes was hired for the winter months as drill rooms, and a n.c.o. from the Life Guards was obtained as instructor. Disputes, however, arose, resulting in the resignation of the officers, and the rank and file offered their services to Capt. A. D. Bell to recruit his ranks and amalgamate the two organizations, which, being accepted the old officers of Bell's cavalry, viz.: Capt. A. D. Bell, Lieut. W. H. Jeffery, and Cornet J. B. Forsyth, took command and secured the services of Adj. Kelley. The corps was gazetted on 17th January, 1856, and formed into a squadron on 13th Nov., 1856. It also had the honor of being inspected by Col. de Rottenberg on the Plains of Abraham who at a dinner given to him the same evening at the Kent House St. Louis street, made sundry promises, which induced the officers to immediately construct a riding school at their own expense. Major Bell, Captain Jeffery and Lieut. Forsyth having received promotion, Capt. Jeffery retired on the 8th June, 1858, with the rank of Major and Capt. J. B. Forsyth was gazetted to No. 1 troop.

(To be continued.)

The New Brunswick R. A. Programme.

THE programme for this year's prize meeting, which is to take place at Sussex on the 23rd August next, has just been issued, and so far as we can see is identical with that of last year. Snider rifles, except in one match; ammunition sold on ground only allowed; no sighting shots; D. R. A. positions, except that the 200 yards of the Prince of Wales' is to be fired standing; rules, generally, similar to D. R. A. rules. Any British subject may become a member of the association.

PRIZE LIST.

"Nursery and Maiden."—The cup presented by Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D. A. G., and \$110 added by the association. Cup open only to efficient members of the active militia of New Brunswick who have never won a first prize at any previous provincial competition. Money prizes open only to such efficient members of the active militia of New Brunswick as have not won a money prize larger than one of \$5 at any previous Provincial or Dominion competition. The maiden team prizes open to teams of five previously named officers, n.c.o. or men from any corps in the province, who have not attended a previous competition of the P.R.A. Entrance fee per team \$1.50, individual 25c.; 5 shots at 400 and 500 yards. First team prize \$25, second \$15, third \$10. Individual prizes; cup and \$10, \$8, \$6 and \$5; twelve smaller; 16 individual prizes, \$60.

"All-Comers."—Entrance fee 25c.; 7 shots at 500 yards—Prizes, \$15, \$10, two of \$7; three of \$5, three of \$4, four of \$3, six of \$2; 20 prizes \$90.

"Domville."—The cup presented by Lieut.-Col. Domville, 8th Cav., and \$100 added by the association. The cup restricted to *bona fide* residents of the province and to be held for the year by the winner. Entrance fee 25c.; 7 shots at 500 and 600 yards. First prize cup and \$15; other prizes \$10, \$8, \$6, five of \$5, five of \$4, eight of \$2; 22 prizes, \$100.

"Prince of Wales."—The Prince of Wales cup, medal and \$145. Open to efficient members of the active militia of N.B., and to officers retired therefrom retaining rank. Team prizes to be competed for by five previously named members of any regiment of cavalry, field battery, brigade of artillery, and any battalion or independent company of the active militia. The names of the men composing the teams to be given in before the commencement of the competition. Entrance fee per team, \$2.50, per individual, 25c.; 7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Team prizes \$20, \$15, \$10; first individual prize, cup, medal and \$10, other prizes \$12, \$8, \$7, four of \$5, four \$4, five of \$3, six of \$2, 23 individual prizes, \$100.