

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE MILITIA FOR 1873.

APPENDIX No. I

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No. 3 Battery—Capt. Cummings—mustered three officers, and fifty-five non commissioned officers and gunners. No. 5 Battery—Captain Hopper—mustered two officers and thirty-five non commissioned officers and gunners. These numbers were exclusive of four boys, who were not considered sufficiently strong, and were consequently struck off, and their pay withheld. Accompanied by Lieut. Col. French, Inspector of Artillery, I inspected these two batteries on the 15th September. The arms were clean. The accoutrements required pipeclay and blacking. With the exception of the boys above referred to, the batteries presented a creditable appearance. Having the 43rd Battalion to inspect at this time, I handed the two batteries over to Lieut. Col. French, who had them go through big gun drill. He will doubtless report as to their efficiency.

No. 3 Battery performed the target practice with the Snider rifle, at the three first ranges. No. 5 Battery competed at all the ranges.

41st Battalion Brockville.

Lieut.-Col. Cole, commanding 41st Battalion, six companies strong, has approved of the several companies performing the drill at their local head quarters under the general orders of 30th May last.

No. 3 Company (Frankville), Captain Lauder, musterd three officers and thirty five men. Through a misinterpretation of the orders, this company was placed in barracks on 1st July, and performed the drill in eight clear days, which was subsequently approved of, and the pay authorized. I inspected this Company on the 7th July, and found that the officers and men had quartered and subsisted in the agricultural buildings, the same as it in barracks. The full number of rounds of ammunition had been expended at target practice, which consumed so much time, that with many recruits as there were, prevented a great amount of efficiency in drill being acquired. The men are of good physique, and with more drill will make a smart company. Arms and other stores clean, and in good order.

No. 5 Company (Carleton Place), Captain R. W. Bell, performed the drill during the summer at the local head quarters. I made the inspection on the 14th September; three officers and forty-three non commissioned officers and men present. This is a very smart and soldierly company, and performed the drill as detailed in tabular return very satisfactorily. Arms and other stores clean. There being no six hundred yard range available, the three first ranges only of the target practice could be fired.

43rd Battalion, County of Carleton.

The 43rd Battalion (County of Carleton), Lieut.-Colonel Bearman, seven companies, went into camp with other corps at Ottawa, on the 9th September, and performed the drill in eight clear days, with the following strength:

	Officers	N. C. Officers & Men.
Staff.....	8	5
No. 1 Com'y Capt. Kemp..	3	28
" 2 " " Holmes.	2	13
" 3 " " Morgan.	3	44
" 5 " " Good... 1	1	7
" 6 " " Garvin.. 2	2	31
" 7 " " Cook... 3	3	24
" 9 " " M'Gregor	3	24
Total.....	25	176

Owing to the repairs which were going on at the rifle ranges, preparatory to the meeting of the " Dominion of Canada Rifle Association," but part of the target practice could be completed while in camp; the several officers promising to complete it at their local head quarters.

I inspected this corps on the 16th September, and cannot report any improvement since last year, in fact there is rather a deterioration. The men not clean or soldier-like, and the physique is much below the usual standard of this corps. The drill as detailed in tabular return was indifferently performed. There is evidently a want of discipline in the corps, more particularly in the companies.

I noticed that the band of this corps, 15 strong, had improved very much during the past year.

You will doubtless remember that Nos. 4 and 8 companies of this battalion were Gazetteed out during the year.

The weakness of No. 2 Company may probably be accounted for by the Captain being in Manitoba. The few men present were musterd by the Ensign.

56th Battalion.

The 56th Battalion "Lisgar Rifles," County of Grenville, seven companies, Lieut. Colonel Jessup, musterd six companies in battalion camp at Prescott, on 10th September, with the following strength:

	Officers	N.C. Officers and Men.
Staff.....	8	4
No. 2 Com'y Capt. Bennett.3	3	39
" 3 " Maj. Cambell..2	2	17
" 4 " Ens. Chambers 1	1	45
" 5 " Capt. McCuig. 2	2	25
" 6 " " Checkley... 1	1	16
" 7 " " Carmichael.3	3	46
Total.....	20	192

I inspected this battalion on the 17th September, and was much pleased with the cleanliness and order of the camp, and military bearing of both officers and men. The corps paraded very clean and soldier-like, and the drill as detailed in tabular return, was performed very satisfactorily. The brass band of twelve performers is efficient.

The course of target practice was carried out during the encampment.

I will send a special report on number one company at an early day.

Total number of companies which have performed the drill, 20 (twenty). Showing 68 officers, 690 non-commissioned officers and men, and 141 horses present. Average per company, officers and men, 37.90.

Corps which have not yet performed Drill. The following corps have yet to complete or perform the drill, viz:—

Gananoque Field Battery Artillery—Capt. McKenzie. All of the officers and some of the non-commissioned officers have passed through the school of gunnery at Kingston. The corps will perform the drill as soon as the equipment is received.

Troquois Battery Garrison Artillery—Capt. McDonell. I will forward special report on this corps at an early day.

The five city batteries of the Ottawa Brigade Garrison Artillery, Lieut. Col. Forbes, are performing the drill under the General Orders of the 30th May last, at their headquarters, and will not be prepared for the inspection until about the end of June next.

The Governor General's Foot Guards, six companies strong, Lieut. Col. Thos. Ross, are performing the drill at their headquarters under the General Orders of the 30th May last, and will not be prepared for inspection until about the end of June next.

The 18th Battalion, County of Prescott, six companies strong, Lieut.-Col. Shields, purpose going into camp in June next.

The balance (four companies) of the 41st Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Cole, performing the drill at local head quarters, and will probably not be prepared for inspection before the end of June next.

The 42nd Battalion—Lieut.-Col. Buell, seven companies strong, purpose going into camp in June next.

The 59th Battalion—Lieut.-Col. Bergin, seven companies strong, purpose going into camp in June next.

Permit me to say, in conclusion, that I do not think rural corps can perform the drill satisfactorily at the local head quarters. I consider the best mode Brigade Camps, next to that Battalion Camps.

I find that forty rounds of ball ammunition, per man, cannot be expended with advantage at target practice during the annual drill. I think that the number ought not to exceed twenty rounds, per man; the balance to be fired at the company head quarters at such times as directed by the Captain.

The men complain very much at not being supplied while in camp with more than one blanket. The surgeons of the several corps say that, not only the comfort, but the health of the men require at least two, more particularly if in camp after the first of September.

I make the usual periodical inspections of all stores throughout the District, which, as a rule, are kept clean and orderly in the armories. There are some instances, however, where the Captains allow too many articles to be kept by the men; this practice I at all times discountenance, and in some instances have had to withhold the certificates in favour of the allowance for care of arms until the Captains collected and certified that the stores were all in the armory.

I may add that the usual pay muster is never dispensed with and the District Paymaster, Lt. Col. MacDougall, with his usual promptness, has paid the several corps before they left camp.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W. H. JACKSON, Lieut. Colonel,
Act Deputy Adjutant General,
Military District, No. 4

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 5.
HEAD QUARTERS, MILITARY DIS. NO. 5.
MONTREAL, 17th Dec. 1873.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that the quota of Active Militia, required to be furnished from the District under my Command, is 3,628.