

instructors. All of the officers could get some pleasure in handling artillery in masses.

The Royal Schools of Artillery and Dominion Artillery association have made the Field Artillery of Canada an efficient military organization, and a general camp of instruction would further improve this efficiency by bringing the batteries together in one camp, a friendly spirit of emulation would spring up, and they would vie with each other in drill, discipline and neatness, and the commanding officer of the artillery would have a better opportunity of judging the capacities of the various officers under his command. The only serious objection to the scheme is the expense in moving some of the batteries a considerable distance; but even at present they have to move long distances by rail and water, and the expense would be amply compensated for by the increased efficiency of the batteries, and would be very popular with officers, non-com. officers and gunners. If any branch of the service requires encouragement, field artillery does, the drills are more varied than in the other corps, being slightly more dangerous, and besides drill duties, stable duties, guards, there is the eternal cleaning of harness and guns. The officers also have expenses that no one outside the field artillery can form any idea of.

March 19th, 1886.

SHORT COURSE.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

(We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?)

KINGSTON.—On the 17th, Miss Hewett, daughter of Col. Hewett, R.A., Commandant of the Royal Military College, was married at St. George's Cathedral, to Mr. A. W. Grasett, son of the late Dean Grasett, of Toronto, and nephew of Col. Grasett. The cadets, on the occasion, presented to Miss Hewett a beautiful gold-lined nut basket; but the colonel felt obliged to return it with a letter of regret, saying: "My official position is such that I could not, with consistency, allow her to accept anything except the good feeling and kind memory it represents without infringing on the spirit of regulations. I am sure that the cadets will not think me ungrateful or unappreciative when I assure them that it is my duty only which compels me to ask my daughter to return to them their handsome present absolutely."

QUEBEC.—The following from the *Chronicle* will prove interesting to the innumerable friends throughout the Dominion of "A" battery:

When "A" battery left Quebec for Kingston last fall some of our citizens deemed the opportunity a fitting one to present the officers with an address and a piece of plate as an expression of the feelings of our people generally for the battery.

An address was read to Lieut.-Col. Cotton and his officers in the Garrison club, by His Worship the Mayor, and a subscription list was opened for the purpose of purchasing, later on, the piece of plate which the hurried departure of our gallant friends prevented their well-wishers from giving them before they marched away.

The subscribers thought that the testimonial should take the shape of something which would be essentially a souvenir of Quebec, and it was considered that nothing could be more appropriate than a fac-simile, in silver, of the monument erected to the memory of the two great heroes whose fate is so inseparably blended with the history of our old fortress city.

The work, which required time as well as great skill and care, was entrusted to Mr. Cyrille Duquet, and has been turned out in a manner creditable both to himself and to his native town.

The model of the Wolfe and Montcalm monument is of sterling silver, stands 36 inches high and weighs 165 ounces. It is surrounded by a fence, also of silver, within which it is intended that flowers be put when the testimonial is used as a centre-piece at mess dinners.

The address was illuminated by the ladies of the Good Shepherd, and is a beautiful and artistic piece of work.

TORONTO.—The remains of Mrs. Grasett, wife of the late Dean Grasett of Toronto, and mother of Lt.-Col. Grasett, Royal Grenadiers, were laid at rest in the vault beneath St. James' cathedral on Friday afternoon. The funeral, which took place from her late residence on Peter street, was very largely attended by leading citizens. The floral offerings were numerous and handsome. The officers of the Royal Grenadiers sent a magnificent wreath and attended the obsequies in a body.

The regular weekly battalion drill of the Royal Grenadiers will begin on Thursday evening next. For the past couple of weeks several of the companies have had company drill. On Thursday there was quite a large turnout. The time was chiefly spent in a few common movements. Capt. Gosling and Lieut. Hay had a splendid company on parade, and with Sergt. Munro, of "C" Company, I. S. C., as instructor, a hard night's work was put in. A number of recruits are being taken on, as usual at this season of the year.

The officers of the R.G. held a meeting on Thursday last to make arrangements for their theatricals which are to come off after Easter.

C. Co., I. S. Corps, provided the guard of honor under Major Smith, with Lieuts. Wadmore and Cartwright, at the closing of the local legislature. The guard looked smart and soldierly. The two guns of the Toronto Field Battery were commanded by Capt. Meade and were a credit to the corps. In attendance upon His Honor the Lieut.-Governor were Lt.-Col. Denison, D.A.G.; Lt.-Col. Milsom, B.M.; Lt.-Col. Alger, District Paymaster, and Capt. Geddes, A.D.C.

Messrs. Burton and McVittie, of Port Hope, are in town and are meeting with good success in canvassing for the Williams' memorial.

67TH BATT.—The officers of the Carleton Light Infantry met on the 19th at the Gibson House, Woodstock. The meeting was well attended, and after business matters had been discussed, Colonel Raymond led the way to the supper table, over which he presided in a happy manner. A very pleasant evening was spent, and it goes without saying that Colonel Raymond deservedly enjoys the respect and confidence of his officers and men.—Ex.

WINNIPEG.—The cavalry are to begin drilling shortly.

Lieut. Grosse, of W.L.I., has started a newspaper at Fort William.

Sergt.-Major Hollands, of the same corps, has homesteaded near Selkirk.

Private Howden, "C" Co. 90th is being urged to qualify for a commission.

Sergt. W. F. Bruce and Pte. Renn, of the 90th, are still at the general hospital very low.

Private Frere, of the W.L.I., a nephew of Sir Bartle Frere, left for England on Monday last.

The Alberta Mounted Rifles demand scrip, and surely are fairly entitled to it—and medals also.

"C" company, 90th, had a very successful drill on the 22nd, over twenty members being present.

Sergt. Wright has got his discharge from "F" company in consequence of leaving the province. He was generally liked.

The Field Battery is now recruiting, to fill the vacancies caused by the absence of many of the "veterans" of 1885. As soon as the ranks are filled, new uniforms will be issued, and when weather permits voluntary drills will be begun. E. Doidge has been made acting sergeant-major.

The 90th band, under Mr. Johnston's leadership, is doing wonders. It now consists of twenty-eight members, many of whom were members of the old band, and three others are expected from the east in a few days. There are thirty-two brass and reed instruments and two drums.

The members of Col. Scott's batt. are anxiously looking for the decision of the government as to their re-organization. The four country companies are keeping up their drill, but the city companies have not done so for lack of facilities. The arms are all kept in good condition, as the recent inspection showed.

There will be a grand celebration of the first engagement of the 90th batt. on April 24th, it being the anniversary of the Fish Creek fight. On the Sunday following, April 26th, church parade will be held at St. John's and the graves of fallen comrades will be decorated. The event will prove of unusual interest.

There was a large muster of the cavalry troop at the drill shed on the 25th, it being the commencement of the voluntary drill for 1886. Lieut. Disbrowe read a paper on cavalry, proving his line of argument by well-known authorities, especially showing the difference between cavalry and mounted infantry.

The first annual supper of "A" company, 90th batt., held on the 17th, at the Leland House, was a very great success. Lieut.-Col. Mackeand, responding to the toast of "the volunteers," considered that re-unions, such as that of "A" company, were well calculated to produce good feeling between the members of the different companies and make them feel that their interests as members of the same corps were identical, and what was beneficial to one company was beneficial to the whole battalion.

A tablet to the memory of the late Lieut. Charles Swinford will shortly be placed in Holy Trinity Church. It consists of a white marble tablet upon a black ground. On a medallion surmounting the tablet are the arms of the 90th batt., and below is a laurel wreath surrounding a cap, sword and belt.

The inscription is as follows:

IN MEMORIAM:

LIEUTENANT CHARLES SWINFORD,

90th Battalion, Winnipeg.

Died at Fish Creek, N. W. T.,

April 30th, 1885.

From wound received in Action

April 24th, 1885,

Aged 34 Years.

BEAWE, GENTLE AND TRUE.

The meeting of "C" company, held in the 90th club rooms in the new drill hall on the 15th, was attended by over thirty members. The accounts in connection with the late ball were presented by Col.-Sergt. Lethbridge and passed. A resolution was carried thanking the lady relatives of members of the company who assisted so materially in making the affair a success. An interesting feature of the meeting was the presence, by special invitation, of Capt. H. H. Swinford, whose son (killed at the battle of Fish Creek) was second lieutenant of the company. A motion making Capt. Swinford an honorary member of the company was introduced by private J. H. Howden and carried, amid great enthusiasm. Capt. Swinford in his reply gave many interesting particulars of his experience as a militia officer, which extended over the past twenty years.—Condensed from *Manitoban's Mil. Col.*

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS OF 19th MARCH, 1886.

NO. 1—MEDICAL STAFF.

Adverting to No. 6 of General Orders (9), 24th April, 1885, Darby Bergin, M.D., (Lieut.-Colonel Retired List) is confirmed in the rank of "Surgeon-General."

NO. 2—ACTIVE MILITIA.

PERMANENT CORPS—Reg. of Can. Art.—The following officers are appointed Quarter-Masters: Lieut. and Major John Fraser; William Edward Imlah, G.S., from retired list of lieutenants. Quarter-Master Fraser is detailed for duty with "A" Battery, and Quarter-Master Imlah for duty with "B" Battery. Quarter-Master Imlah will have the honorary rank of captain.

2nd Batt.—To be captain, Lieut. Joseph Boyce Thompson, V.B., vice William Alexander Medland, who retires retaining rank.

To be lieutenants, 2nd Lieut. Arthur Burdett Lee, V.B., vice Thompson, promoted; 2nd Lieutenant Charles Hamilton Baird, S.I., vice Alfred Holmes Chessborough, who resigns.

To be 2nd lieutenants, provisionally, John Knifton, vice Lee, promoted. Wellington Wallace, vice Baird, promoted. Robert George Johnstou, vice James George, who resigns. William James Nelson, vice Campbell, promoted.

Lieut. Alexander Young Scott resigns.

3rd Batt.—To be captain, Lieut. Hugh Wylie Becket, V.B., vice George Urquhart Ahern, who retires retaining rank.

To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. Harry A. Abbott, M.S., vice Becket, promoted.

To be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally, Henry Bennett, vice Abbott.

8th Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be captain, Lieut. George Edwin Allan Jones, M.S., vice William Edward Russell, who retires retaining rank.

To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. William Henry Forrest, M.S., vice Jones.

No. 2. Co.—To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. John Forsyth Burstall, S.I., vice Wurtele, appointed adjutant.

No. 3. Co.—To be captain, Lieut. James Secretan Dunbar, M.S., vice Hollaway, retired.

To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. Alfred Edward Hall, S.I., vice Dunbar.

No. 5 Co.—To be captain, Lieut. John Elton Prower, G.S., vice Thos. Connolly Aylwin, who resigns.