

Lieut. Browne, 3 sergeants and 33 men; E company, Captain Jack Aird, Lts. Sims, and K. Campbell, 5 sergeants and 22 men; F. company, Captain G. Cameron, Lieut. Carson, 4 sergeants and 33 men; brass band 34; staff-sergeants, 6; pipers, 7; buglers, 6; drummers, 5; pioneers, 7, and ambulance corps, 5, making a total of 281.

The inspecting officer was of course, Lt.-Col. Houghton, Deputy Adjutant General of the Fifth Military District. The salute showed that the men were all up in their arm drill and the impression was heightened by the smart way the regiment subsequently went through the manual and firing exercise under command of Major Ebbotson, who by the bye has a grand word of command.

After the inspection Lieut.-Col. Houghton told the men that he was pleased. Everything was very clean and as good as any regiment that he had ever seen on parade, while the arms was in first class condition. He was pleased with their battalion and company drill, but the battalion drill was the best and he hoped that next year more attention would be paid to company drill, both in single and double rank. On the whole, he was satisfied, and if they were not the highest they were well up in the marks.

The oft delayed competition for the handsome flag, presented by the Duke of Connaught for competition among the cadets corps took place on the Champ de Mars, three corps entering and Major Gordon, R. C. I., Fredericton, acting as judge. The competition resulted in an almost perfect exhibition of drill.

The verdict of Major Gordon declares the St. Mary's cadets victorious with the Highland cadets, a close, second, and Mount St. Louis third. The Champ de Mars has witnessed many military musters which have drawn together great crowds, but it is a long time since so many people assembled in its vicinity as came to watch the competition. The open space where the exercises were conducted was surrounded by countless throng of spectators.

The Prince of Wales rifles will this year pass one of the best inspections that they ever have, and this by reason of the number of changes to be made in the corps. The Princes are going to have a number of new officials in their regiment. Most of them are new in a rifle uniform, but old in the service. The first is Lieut.-Col. Hood, who, on account of business engagements, had to resign from the Royal Scots, but now that this pressure is over he has joined the P.W.R., and will take command of No. 1 company, Major Laurie, late of the Garrison Artillery, who is one of the most popular officers in the city, will be the junior major. Captain Scott, a former officer of the regiment, will take command of No. 5 company, and it is whispered that Captain Godfrey will also come back to his old love. Captain Porteous, the present adjutant, will take charge of No. 6 company in place of Captain Bradshaw, resigned, Captain Bond taking the adjutancy. The other companies will be commanded as follows: No. 2, Captain Bartlett; No. 3, Captain Finlayson; No. 4, Lieutenant Dobbin.

The Bisley team was inspected Saturday morning, the 24 inst., at 10 o'clock

in the Drill hall by Lt.-Col. Denison, the commandant, and Major Hartt, the adjutant. They went on board the Sarnia in the evening. The team is composed of Lt.-Col. Denison, C.M.G., M.P.; Major Hartt, Lieut. R. J. Spearing, Lieuts. J. Dover, B. B. Bent, T. C. Boville, A. D. Cartwright, L. Limpert, J. Mitchell, M. Pope, Quarter-master-Sergt. P. Jardine, Color Sergt. M. B. Henderson, Staff-Sergt. A. J. Green, Sergeants J. Drysdale, M. C. Mumford, S. Case, Privates, H. G. Heaven, T. Bartlett, J. H. Simpson, W. Langsworth, R. Tink.

After the drill of the Halifax detachment of the Garrison Artillery on the evening of the 23rd, Sergt-Major Benton called Col.-Sergt. Drysdale, the Garrison's representative in the Bisley team, to the front and on behalf of Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 companies, presented him with a handsome purse as a slight token of the hard work he had done for what was now called a battalion, but which the "boys" would always call a brigade. "Jack" tried to reply, but could not. Emotion did its work, but the artillery were satisfied and told him to buy his wife a handsome present in the old country, which "Jack" promised to do. His old company No. 1 also presented Sergeant Drysdale with a purse. The detachment of the Montreal Garrison Artillery to go to Halifax this year, leaving on the 6th August, will consist of forty-eight non-coms. and men and fifteen officers. From now on the detachment will drill every Tuesday and Friday evening.

QUEBEC.

It is stated that Col. Forrest, our popular paymaster, has at last received the reward of his long and faithful service and has been appointed Quarter-Master General of the Dominion, a position next to the Adjutant-General.

The scarlet uniforms for the Royal Canadian Dragoons have arrived, and it is expected the troopers will be fully equipped in the new dress by the first of next month.

Complaint is made by several of the oldest non-coms. of the Eighth Royal Rifles, who are still without their drill money, notwithstanding that the other men of the regiment have long since been paid off.

KINGSTON.

A member of "A" Battery states that until Kingston is made a field division altogether, deservous would continue. The difficulty now was that the garrison men had to do most all of the guard duty, while the field men got off very lightly. The battery was now about 30 men short of its acquired strength. The members of the band were falling away one after another, and men who could buy their discharges were doing so. Gunner Kennedy left last week, paying \$50 to be liberated. He had to buy himself out at the rate of \$24 a year.

The fund for the benefit of the widow of Gunner Marsh is increasing but not very rapidly. Mrs. Marsh, as we mentioned before, was, when her husband was killed,

left totally without means, and in a delicate condition, an increase in her family being expected. Of her seven children the eldest is a girl, and all the others are under 15 years of age.

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There is an old man named John McKenty, living on John street, who is a veteran of 1837-38. Mr. McKenty was born in the County Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1821, and came to Canada when quite young, settling on Amherst Island. At the time the rebellion broke out, he was in his seventeenth year, and he was one of the first to volunteer his services and aid in the formation of a company to fight for his adopted country, for, as he says, "he never went back on the British constitution." A strong company was formed and its members were armed with flint lock muzzle loading weapons. The organization was officered by the following; Captain John S. Cummings; Lieutenant, W. J. Hale; ensign, John Hilton; pay sergeant, Robert Burley. A block house, 20 x 60 feet in size, was built and in this the company had its quarters. They remained under arms for six months, drilling twice every day, and constantly expecting to be ordered to the front. This order came at last, and the company took passage on a vessel for Prescott, but before the boat sailed they were back on shore, as the battle of Windmill Point had been fought. Shortly after this the company was disbanded. When it was formed every man had been sworn in to serve six months or longer, at the Queen's pleasure, and at that time every man enlisted was promised a grant of land of 100 acres, but this promise has never been fulfilled. Mr. McKenty thinks the Government has not used the veterans rightly in this respect, and should not accede to their claims for compensation.

Although Mr. McKenty is 72 years old he is still a strong, sturdy man, with prospects of living many years yet.—The News.

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Great preparations are being made by the Rifles for their annual trip, which takes place this year to Montreal. The battalion will probably go down from here on Pullman sleepers on the night of the 1st of July, stay in Montreal Sunday, Monday returning, arrive home early Tuesday morning, the 4th inst. Some trouble will probably be had before the necessary transport East can be secured on account of the Y. P. S. C. E. convention being held in Montreal about the first week in July. All the cars of the C. P. R. and G. T. R. will be on their way West to bring delegates to the meeting but the officers are determined that they will go even if a steamer has to be chartered for the down trip, and return the corp by rail. In event of sleeping cars being secured the men will use them for sleeping purposes during the nights of their stay in Montreal. The different companies will be billeted at the various hotels of the city, meal tickets being issued to each man so that when off parade he will be free to go to and fro at will. This was found on last year's trip to Peterboro to be the best plan tried as yet.