

and a city with a population of 10,000. It has one battalion, the 53rd, well officered, and always recruited to full strength of four companies, which, we may add, is the total strength which the wisdom of the Department permits, although an increase of two companies has been repeatedly requested. Here is the proper place for a Field Battery, and hither, we venture to think, the one nominally now at Richmond will eventually be moved. Such a step will be in the best interests of our defensive system, and will probably lead to a decided improvement in the 54th Battalion. It is stated that the change would have taken place some time ago but for the interference of an over-zealous politician, who sacrificed the good of the service to an attempt to retain popularity in the county in which the Battery nominally exists.

TORONTO.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Toronto Field Battery held a meeting Tuesday evening, 28th June, at the Old Fort and organized a rifle association. They commenced with thirty-five members. The officers are: President, Sergt.-Major Spry; vice-president, Sergt. Carter; secretary-treasurer, Bombadier Pullan. Rifle Committee--Sergt. Blair, Corpl. Martin, Gunner Browning, Bombadier Warrington.

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The non-commissioned class of the Royal Grenadiers held their examinations Tuesday evening, 28th June, with Major Mason, Capt. Harston and Capt. and Adj. McLean as an examining board. Some six skeleton companies were formed of recruits under Sergt.-Major Cox, the positions of guides and markers being filled with the members of the class. Battalion drill was practised for about three quarters of an hour, the balance of the time being given up to squad and company drill, with the non-commissioned officers as instructors. I thought the plan a very good one, demonstrating more clearly that skeleton drill with ropes would shew the duties of guides and markers, and it also served the purpose of giving the recruits considerable insight into battalion drill, prior to their being posted to their respective companies.

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It is rumoured that steps are being taken to ensure the recognition by the Royal Humane Society, of Corpl. Muir's (48th Highlanders) gallant act on the night of 24th May, in jumping in and saving the life of a man who fell from the head of Yonge street dock.

INSPECTION OF THE MONTREAL FIELD BATTERY.

The twelve days camp of the Montreal Field Battery broke up on Wednesday last, as it commenced, amid intermittent showers of greater or less

intensity. The Battery had a trying time, owing to the remarkably wet season, and one bad result was that only about half the drill could be put in. But in spite of this the inspection showed the corps to be well up to its traditional efficiency. The field state showed a total of eighty, the officers being: Major J. S. Hall, Capt. Hooper, Lieutenants Costigan and Benson, Surgeons Sutherland and Veterinary-Surgeon McEachren. Lieut. Reid, of the Garrison Artillery, was attached to the camp for drill purposes, and Sergt. Slade, of "B" Battery, acted as instructor. The inspecting officer was Major Wilson, of "B" Battery, Quebec. He arrived in camp at half-past eight a.m., and shortly after the *visu voce* examination was proceeded with. The inspecting officer assured our representative that he was very well satisfied with the result, as showing that the instruction had been well imparted and equally well profited by. Shortly after eleven the Battery paraded on the plateau in rear of the camp. This presented the appearance, in parts, of a ploughed field, and showed the hard work horses and men alike had been subjected to during the week. In fact, as one of the officers stated, "the wheels were up to the hubs" on some of the wet days. And even on Wednesday, Major Wilson said the state of the ground was "enough to pull the horses' shoes off." The inspecting officer, after having received the customary salute, made a critical examination of each sub-division, and found guns and harness in almost perfect condition. The battery then marched past, in battery, at the walk and trot, and next ranked past in good style. The sword exercise was fairly well done, some imperfections being due to the untrained horses. It was evident that the men knew their work. A number of field movements were then executed with steadiness and precision, considering the condition of the ground. Major Wilson, for a short time, took command himself, and afterwards expressed himself as well satisfied with the efficiency of the Battery. After a brief halt, the blown condition of the horses showing it to be sorely needed, the Gzowski drive and drill competition followed. This is sufficiently well known to artillerymen to omit particularization. In the present case the times were as follows: 1st sub-division, 2m. 36s.; added 5s., 5s. and 3s. for errors, total, 2m. 49s. 2nd sub-division, 2m. 46s.; added 5s., 5s. and 2s. for errors, total 2m. 58s. 4th sub-division, 2m. 18s.; added 5s., 5s. and 5s. for errors, total, 2m. 33s. The third sub-division was ruled out. The kits were later on duly inspected and favorably reported on. The awards for officers prizes were given as follows: The first prize for the best turned out sub-division, with state and placing of gun fittings, equipment, etc., No. 3 sub-division; second, to No. 1 sub-division. For the best lead and wheel horses and

harness, No. 2 sub-division won both first prizes, while No. 3 won the second for lead and No. 1 for wheel. The competition was a very close one throughout. The inspection was attended by many friends of the corps, among them ex-Col. Stevenson and Captain McGibbon. The former called attention to the fact that the present was the thirty-eighth annual inspection of the Battery.

GARRISON ARTILLERY GUN PRACTICE.

REGULATIONS FOR 1892.

The Firing and Shifting Ordnance Competitions will be held at Halifax, N.S., commencing Monday, the 1st August.

Transport will be provided by the Militia Department from local headquarters to Halifax and return, for detachments of not more than two officers and seven N. C. officers or gunners from each affiliated battery, the British Columbia Brigade excepted.

The Batteries of the British Columbia Brigade are authorized to perform their annual gun practice at local headquarters.

The N. C. Officers and Gunners of each detachment must have attended at least one annual drill, and be *bona fide* members of the Brigade or Battery they represent, and be accompanied by at least one officer thereof.

An allowance of *seventy-five* cents will be paid to each N. C. Officer or Gunner for each day necessarily absent from Battery headquarters.

The following will be the order of firing of the several detachments,—subject to necessary modifications at the discretion of the Camp Commandant:—

	Detachments.
Monday, August 1st—Halifax.....	3
Tuesday, 2nd—Yarmouth.....	1
Digby.....	1
Mahone Bay.....	1
Wednesday, 3rd—Montreal.....	3
Montreal Shifting Ordnance.	
Thursday, 4th—Montreal.....	3
Friday, 5th—Quebec.....	3
Saturday, 6th—P. E. I. Brigade.....	3
Halifax Shifting Ordnance.	
Monday, 8th—P. E. I. Brigade.....	2
Cobourg.....	1
P. E. I. Shifting Ordnance.	
Tuesday, 9th—N. B. Brigade.....	2
Pictou.....	1
N. B. Shifting Ordnance.	
Wednesday, 10th—N. B. Brigade.....	3
Thursday, 11th—Halifax Brigade.....	4

BISHOP'S COLLEGE CADETS.

The cadet corps of Bishop's College school, Lennoxville, P.Q., was inspected on 24th ult., by Lieut.-Col. Pope, of Bury, and Capt. Young, R.C.I., St. Johns. They paraded 80 strong, and passed a very creditable inspection in company and physical exercise drill. It is rather surprising that the cadets of a school of the social standing of Bishop's College should not have uniforms.