

were on February 8th, 1867, transferred to the 8th Batt. as No. 5 and 6 companies respectively. This year the Enfield rifles were exchanged for Sniders and the price of ammunition was 25 cents a package of ten rounds.

On 1st July, No. 1 company, 55 strong, paraded at Montreal to take part in the review held there on Dominion Day, and marched past at the head of the 3rd Batt., or Victoria Rifles. In December, 1868, Quarter-Master Morgan and Mr. F. C. Wurtele, lately a member of the Victorias, raised a company which was enrolled as No. 2, replacing the "Diamond Harbors," then disorganized. By the new law the whole force had to re-enroll within three months of this act coming into force; the companies of the 8th which complied with this order were Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6 (vide G. O. of 6th February and 5th March, 1869.) Capt. Morgan and Lieut. F. C. Wurtele were gazetted on 19th March, 1869, vice Capt. A. F. A. Knight and Lieut. J. Reynar, resigned.

In the spring of 1870 there were more rumours of Fenian raids, and the regiment was called out on 13th April and drilled three hours daily till the 22nd, when drill ceased. The threatened raid took place on the 24th May, when the "Pirates" crossed the borders at two points in the Eastern Townships and were quickly driven back with loss of several killed and wounded. The whole of the regulars in Quebec left for the frontier and the volunteer brigade did garrison duty during their absence, the 8th being quartered in the Jesuit barracks till the 20th of that month. That same spring Lou's Riel started his first insurrection in the North-west and two regiments of volunteers, one each from the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, were formed and ordered to accompany the expedition under Col. Wolsey to suppress the rising, and were gazetted on 12th May. Several men of the 8th joined and Capt. Barrett of No. 1 company and Capt. Patterson of No. 5 were gazetted as Lieutenants, and Ensign W. Ross to the 2nd or Quebec battalion. Ens. Charles Douglass subsequently joined the depot company at Kingston.

By general orders of 14th October, 1870, the different companies of the 8th were renumbered, Nos. 5 and 6 to be respectively Nos. 3 and 4. A fife and drum band was organized on 3rd January, 1871, and subsequently changed into a brass band.

The regiment was called out to aid the civil power on 3rd and 4th March, 1873, at the Quebec East elections, and was quartered each day in the Jacques Cartier market hall. Captain and Bt.-Major Charles A. Pentland, of the 55th Megantic infantry, raised a company, which was on 12th September of that year gazetted as No. 5 company.

Again it was necessary to give aid to the civil power on nomination day, 22nd January, 1874, when Nos. 1 and 5 companies were placed on the Citadel for that day. The elections took place on the 29th, and as trouble was expected at Levis, Nos. 1, 4 and 5 companies were sent over there and Nos. 2 and 3 were placed on the Citadel.

On the evening of 29th January, 1875, while drill was in progress, the Mayor arrived and requested assistance at the Beauport lunatic asylum, then in flames; arms were piled, belts taken off, and the battalion got to the fire with celerity and worked hard till one o'clock next morning.

Lieut.-Col. Reeve retired from the service and Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. R. Alleyn took command on the 6th April, 1877, and the same G. O. contained the change of the designation of the regiment from "Stadacona" to 8th "Royal" Rifles. Lieut.-Col. Alleyn served in the Victorias as private in 1861, and 8th Nov. of that year was commissioned