

## THE CAMP AT NIAGARA.

AFTER sixteen days of instructive and successful training the divisional camp at Niagara was broken up on the 21st instant. On Monday the 19th instant, at general parade the assembled troops were addressed by the Minister of Militia and Defence, the Hon. Sir George E. Cartier, Bart. The following is a synopsis of the gallant Baronet's speech:

"He said he desired, before leaving for Montreal, to thank the officers and men present, both on behalf of himself and of the whole people of Canada, for the patriotism that had actuated them in meeting together in camp. The Government of the Dominion had appropriated a certain amount of money for the purpose of organizing a number of these camps, yet every one knew that the officers and men attending them were sacrificing, not only their time, but their money also, in doing so. It was not the fifty cents per day and their rations that brought the volunteers to this camp; they came here to show that they possessed that spirit, which, if it were necessary, they would manifest in a different way than they had done since they had been in camp. They had the honour of being visited by distinguished American officials, who had watched their proceedings with interest day after day, and had expressed their astonishment at the knowledge the volunteers had shown of the duties of soldiers, and the manner in which they had performed them. He (Sir George) had told General Jackson, of the American army, when paying a visit to-day to Fort Niagara, that it was the desire of the Government of Canada, to organize an efficient volunteer force, but God grant that their services might never be required against the Americans. He (Sir George) had been on the parade ground several times since his arrival at Niagara, and had marked the gradual progress of the troops, and he had been delighted to hear that their behaviour had been so good that not a single man had been reported at the Brigade Office for misconduct. In coming to Niagara he had expected to come to what would be the model as well as the first brigade camp in Ontario, and if all the other camps to be formed proved to be as successful as this one he would be very much gratified indeed. After congratulating the winners of prizes on their success, he made special reference to Lieut. Col. Durie, D.A.G., of the district, who, he said, had been suddenly called away to attend the funeral of a relative, and no sooner was it over than he returned to his duties in camp. Referring next to the Adjutant-General, he said that the militia of Canada were fortunate in having at their head a gallant officer who had not learned how to perform his duties only in books and in the drawing room, but on the field of battle as well. After a few further remarks Sir George concluded by again thanking the volunteers in camp on behalf of himself and of the whole people of Canada."

The Medical Department of the Canadian Army not being yet organized a meeting of the surgeons of the force present was held the same day in the mess tent of the 36th Battalion at the suggestion of the Adjutant General, Dr. Thorburn, of the Queen's Own, in the chair. It was resolved to recommend the appointment of a medical officer for each district, with a chief at Ottawa, and that the medicine chest be thoroughly over-

hauled with a view to supplying them with such necessary medicines as they require.

In accordance with a brigade order of the 15th inst., a Board of Examiners, consisting of Lt.-Col. R. R. Denison, Brigade-Major, Lt.-Col. Alex. McKenzie, 35th Battalion, and Major W. D. Otter, Queen's Own Rifles, met this morning at six o'clock for the examination of officers holding provisional appointments in the battalions in camp with a view to granting them certificates. About sixty candidates presented themselves and were submitted to a rigid examination in company and battalion drill, at the conclusion of which the Board resolved to recommend the granting of certificates as follows:

## FIRST CLASS.

Captain and Adjutant Edwin Lee Heath, 39th Battalion.

Captain John W. Selby, 12th Battalion.

Captain James Bennett, Q.O.R.

Lieut. and Adjutant David L. Scott, 36th Battalion.

Ensign and Adjutant E. Stuart Jones, 38th Battalion.

Captain Michael O'Donovan, 34th Battalion.

Lieut. Geo. J. N. Story, 10th Battalion

Lieut. Joseph White, 34th Battalion.

## SECOND CLASS.

Ensign Peter B. Barnard, 13th Battalion.

Lieut. Joshua Austin, 39th Battalion.

Lieut. James Wayling, 12th Battalion.

Ensign Wm. Ogg, 13th Battalion.

Ensign Chas. D. Dyett, 13th Battalion.

Captain Jacob Upper, 19th Battalion.

Ensign Thos. Byrne, 34th Battalion.

Major Hugh Stewart, 37th Battalion.

The presentation of the company and battalion prizes for the best rifle shot to the successful competitors, then took place being distributed by the Adjutant-General, the following is the list of successful competitors:

## 10TH ROYALS.

Company.	Score
No. 1. Private Offen	29
No. 3. Sergt. Cutbertson	20
No. 4. Col. Sergt. Barr	43
No. 5. Corpl. Elliott	17
No. 6. Private Sergt.	29
No. 7. Private Little	35
No. 8. Corpl. Allen	34
No. 9. Private Coulter	27
No. 10. Private Rennick	29

Winner of the battalion prize—\$10 and badge—Col. Sergt. Barr.

## 12TH BATTALION.

No. 1. Private Guthrie	40
No. 2. Sergt. Lynn	35
No. 3. Sergt. Wells	31
No. 4. Sergt. Maj. Grigley	25
No. 5. Private Woodward	20
No. 6. Private Perry	41
No. 7. Private Johnson	27

Winner of the battalion prize—\$10 and badge—Private Perry.

## QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

No. 1. Col. Sergt. Busteed	21
No. 2. Corpl. Hamley	28
No. 3. Sergt. Gardner	37
No. 4. Sergt. Campbell	33
No. 5. Private Rutherford	23
No. 6. Private Thompson	39
No. 7. Capt. Allan	34
No. 8. Corpl. Casey	39

Winner of battalion prize—\$10 and badge—Corpl. Casey.

## 13TH BATTALION—HAMILTON.

No. 1. Corpl. Laing, \$5 and a badge	36
No. 2. Pte. Mitchell, \$5 and a badge	36
No. 3. Sergt. Johnson, \$5 and a badge	35
No. 4. Corpl. Nicholson, \$5 and a badge	35
No. 5. Pte. Cox, \$5 and a badge	29
No. 6. Sergt. McKeand, \$5 and a badge	30
No. 7. Corpl. Wyld, \$5 and a badge	32
No. 8. Pte. Easterbrooke, \$5 and a badge	39

Private Easterbrooke, who is in the aggregate, as will be seen by the above figures a tie with Sergeant McKeand, is awarded the battalion prize of \$10 and a badge for the best shot in the corps, he having excelled his tie at the long ranges.

## 19TH BATTALION.

No. 1. Sergeant Smith	24
No. 2. Sergeant Rogers	24
No. 3. Corporal May	18
No. 4. Private Terry Berry	25
No. 5. Sergeant Strong	38
No. 6. Private Bissell	29
No. 7. Corporal Donaldson	39

Winner of the battalion prize—\$10 and badge—Sergeant Strong.

## 34TH BATTALION.

No. 1. Corporal McLaren	31
No. 2. Sergeant Crockhart	26
No. 3. Private Hallett	27
No. 4. Corporal Glover	20
No. 5. Sergeant McCaw	32
No. 6. Color Sergeant Chisholm	29
No. 7. Sergeant Napier	30

Winner of the battalion prize—Sergeant Crockhart

## 36TH BATTALION.

No. 1. Private Lissett	22
No. 2. Sergeant Duell	32
No. 3. Color Sergeant Stuart	39
No. 4. Corporal Presley	36

Winner of the battalion prize and badge Sergeant Stuart.

## 36TH BATTALION.

No. 1. Corporal Griffith	38
No. 2. Private McDonald	25
No. 3. Sergeant Connor	29
No. 4. Corporal Agnaw	39
No. 5. Private J. A. Johnson	41
No. 6. Private Davis	39
No. 7. Private Sharp	27
No. 8. Private J. Trimmer	31

Winner of the battalion prize, \$10 and badge, Private Johnson.

## 38TH BATTALION—BRANT.

No. 1. Col. Sergt. Sylvester, \$5 and badge	24
No. 2. Private Craugh, \$5 and badge	25
No. 3. Private Agnew, \$5 and badge	34
No. 4. Corporal Button, \$5 and badge	46
No. 5. Private Howeth, \$5 and badge	51
No. 6. Sergeant Cockburn, \$5 and badge	49

Private Howeth's score of 51, out of a possible 60, is a creditable one, and will likely carry off the district prize of \$15 and badge for the best shot in each district, and perhaps may secure the Adjutant-Generals prize of \$50, with silver medal, to be awarded to the best shot with the Snider rifle in the active militia of the Dominion for the year 1870.

## 39TH BATTALION—NORFOLK.

No. 1. Pte. Butler, \$5 and badge	27
No. 2. Pte. Myerough, \$5 and badge	27
No. 3. Corpl. Clubine, \$5 and badge	39
No. 4. Corpl. Becker, \$5 and badge	32
No. 5. Sergt. Green, \$5 and badge	40
No. 6. Corpl. Lindsay, \$5 and badge	26

Sergeant Green being the highest scorer, carries off the battalion prize.