

Corps. Somers, Symons, and Benson; Drivers Fowler, Birback, Kampfner and Jackson, and Gunners Esprey, Booth, and Pateman. Capt. Cook is in command. Major Drury attended the tournament in the capacity of judge.

Driver F. Burns has purchased his discharge from "A" Field Battery. Major Brennan, commanding the Kingston Field Battery, will call that corps out this month, to complete at headquarters the full period of 12 days' drill for 1895-96.

VEDETTE.

A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL AT VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, B.C., May 18.—I have read your interesting paper for some months and have been surprised that no item of news from this province appeared in the columns.

We have just received the result of the military school, which was held here during January, February and March, under Col. Rawstone, of the R.M.A. Capt. G. E. Barnes, R.M.A., was in charge, assisted by Sergt.-Major Porter and other non-coms. from the same corps. The result is very satisfactory. Forty-one officers, non-coms. and men, presented themselves for the final examination, of which number only one failed, 26 taking first-class certificates and 14 second class. The following officers took first-class Grade B certificates: 2nd lieutenants—Capt. C. A. Worsnop, Capt. C. C. Bennett, Lacey R. Johnson, F. W. Boulton, C. Gardiner Johnson, J. Reynolds Tite, Harold Hyde Baker and H. C. Akroyd. Mr. H. H. Baker, who is a son of Col. Baker, Provincial Secretary, and a nephew of the late Sir Samuel Baker, has since gone to Egypt to join the Egyptian army.

The two companies here, Nos. 5 and 6, of the 5th Regiment C.A., are nearly full strength, 92 non-coms. and men each. In the last report of the Minister of Militia he endorsed the recommendation that a separate battalion be formed on the mainland, with headquarters in Vancouver. We are anxiously awaiting the new establishment, as the distance between ourselves and the present headquarters prevents any battalion drill, and we feel like "units" indeed. We can truly say that we know more of what is going on in the Halifax military headquarters through the medium of THE MILITARY GAZETTE than we know of our own headquarters.

We have our grievance, too, of course. The building now used as a drill hall is a miserable shed, used as an opera house in the early days, with no accommodation for officers or men. When 25 files fall in across the hall or shed, the guides cannot get by. We drill all the year round, with the exception of about three weeks or a month after the annual inspection, and when one considers the great disadvantages we have

labored under for two and a half years, it is surprising that the men have stayed so loyally by the corps. We hear of grand drill halls of brick with Morris Tube galleries, bowling alleys, non-coms.' room, orderly room, reading room, and even billiard room, and picture to ourselves dozens of recruits waiting for a vacancy to occur in the ranks of these favored corps. May our drill half soon come along. Our men deserve a good one.

Nos. 5 and 6 Companies had a church parade on May 10th; 120 officers and men turned out, Major T. O. Townley commanded, with Lieut. Lacey R. Johnson in command of No. 5 Company, and Capt. C. A. Worsnop, No. 6 Company. The city band provided the music, the regimental band being, of course, at home, 80 miles away.

There are 9 teams entering for the Military League this year from the 5th regiment, a good showing from one battalion, although it is by far the largest in the Dominion.

When writing again, the Queen's Birthday will have passed, and the events to take place on that day at Victoria, B.C., will probably be of interest, including an attack by ships of the Pacific Squadron on the new fortifications at Esquimalt defended by the Royal Engineers, Royal Marine Artillery and the 5th Regiment C.A.

VANCOUVER.

WITH THE ARMY.

LONDON, ENG., May 18—It is now almost certain that in a very short time London will have a regiment of cavalry volunteers. It is expected that, with several of the members of the City Council at the head of the movement, there will be no difficulty in raising 200 men to complete the establishment. The new regiment will be called City of London Hussars. If the movement matures it will be expected that the new regiment will form a guard to mayors in their processions to the Guildhall instead of calling upon a regular regiment to perform that duty. The promoters are in hopes that in the free kit will be included the much coveted white sheepskins, which have until now only been used by the Household Cavalry. It is not expected, however, that the authorities will sanction such a step.

The United Service Gazette, with regard to the return of the old 100th Regiment, Royal Canadians, says:

The proposal to repatriate the old 100th Regiment, Royal Canadians, is meeting with widespread approval in the Dominion, and thousands of signatures have been attached to the petition having that object in view. Amongst those signatures are many whose names are household words in Canada, including politicians of all shades of opinions. It is surely unnecessary to repeat that the old 100th was organized in Canada, and was composed, at the time of its departure for England, of as fine a set of men as could be

found in the British Army. The return to Canada of this regiment would be an exceedingly popular move, and one that, as no expense is entailed on this country, would be beneficial in many ways.

Continuing, the same paper adds:

Col. E. R. Drury, of the Queensland Defence Force, in advocating the military federation of the forces of the Empire in a letter to The Times two years ago, stated that he would have liked to see the Leinster Regiment resume entirely and solely its original title of "The Royal Canadians," with headquarters in Canada, and recruits raised there for Imperial service. Continuing, he wrote: "Nothing need be changed: precedence, relative rank and command would continue unaltered. Each self-governing colony would exercise the same control over its forces as at present. But a bond of union, a brotherhood of arms, would be created that might prove of inestimable value in the hour of danger if the Mother Country were to call upon her sons throughout the world to uphold her cause and preserve the integrity of her widely scattered dominions."

The National Artillery Association meeting will be of special interest this year. At the conclusion of the meeting Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, has expressed his willingness to distribute the prizes. Another source of interest will be the presence of a detachment of Canadian artillery. The previous trips of the Dominion artillery have proved most satisfactory, considering the fact that such representatives were gathered from all parts of the country, without previous knowledge of each other, or the habit of drilling together, while the competitions are usually with a type of ordnance to which they are not accustomed. It is to be hoped that some public-spirited individuals will offer some special prizes to the association for competition between the British and Dominion artillery.

The Duke of Cambridge was entertained at dinner at Whitehall rooms by the colonels and hon. colonels of the militia and yeomanry regiments.

The allowance to volunteer officers in aid of outfit is limited to subalterns gazetted on and after March 13.

The Royal Military Tournament will be formally opened on the 28th May by the Prince of Wales.

An Invernesshire paper states that representations have been made to the commander-in-chief for his sanction being obtained for the raising in Edinburgh of a Highland regiment. A strong feeling exists in the capital of Scotland that they should possess a volunteer Highland regiment. When the "Kilties" were disbanded 15 or 20 years ago 800 men petitioned to be formed into a Highland regiment, but the then Secretary of War did not see fit to grant the request. It is thought that there is a much better chance now of getting them.

In all branches of the service general satisfaction is expressed that the War Office has decided to send Indian troops to Suakim.