

present. In fact the only drawback to the general satisfaction was the singular conduct of that usually energetic officer, Lieut. Col. Boulton, commanding the Cobourg Troop of Cavalry, who ordered his men not to assemble in the usual manner. The military parade was therefore shorn of one of its most distinctive features, and the warm-hearted and liberal people of Cobourg were not only much disappointed, but regarded the absence of the Troop as a slight to the town. With the exception, however, of a very natural surprise and regret at the adoption, by an officer of such unquestionable spirit and loyalty, of so remarkable a course, all went well.

By half-past nine Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6 companies (viz.: the two Cobourg, the Cold Springs, and the Grafton companies,) together with the Artillery, had assembled at the Drill Shed, and before ten o'clock the boat from Brighton and Colborne landed Nos. 4 and 7 at the wharf. These were received and marched to the Drill Shed by Major Wainewright, Captain Smith, (the able and energetic Adjutant) and the Band of the Battalion. Captain Duncan and some of the men of the Castleton (No. 8) company, also accompanied, and reinforced No. 7, (Colborne). The companies present having been equalized into eight, the parade was formed on the common below the Drill Shed, on the shore of the Lake, as follows:

Captain Dumble and Lieutenant Stapton of the Artillery, being unfortunately absent from home, that fine company was commanded by Lieut. Floyd, the senior Lieutenant of the 40th. No. 1, (Artillery), Lieut. Floyd, No. 2, Captain Graveley; No. 3, Captain Elliot; No. 4, Lieutenant H. R. Floyd; No. 5, Captain Webb; No. 6, Captain Gifford; No. 7, Captain Rogers; No. 8, Captain Vars. The Battalion (about 360 rank and file) was then put through a variety of manoeuvres by Lieut. Col. Smith, until 12 o'clock, when the *feu-de-joie* was fired, after which the troops marched past in quick time. Lieut. Col. Patterson, Brigade Major, acting as Reviewing officer. Two deep square was then formed, and faced inwards, when Col. Patterson addressed the Battalion in terms commendatory of its appearance and steadiness. The Battalion was then marched through the town, headed by its band, and on its return to the front of the splendid Town Hall, the companies were severally marched off to the dinners provided for them by the liberality of the Corporation and inhabitants. The weather was, as usual, Queen's weather, notwithstanding the rain of the previous two or three days, and the threatening aspect of the skies on Sunday night.

At 7 o'clock the officers sat down to a dinner of which it is only necessary to say that it more than sustained the reputation of Mr. Pauwell of the "Pauwell House." It is only to be regretted that the absence of several officers of the Battalion from home, and the necessity, on the part of Capts. Webb, Vars and Duncan of Brighton, Colborne and Castleton, of their return by the boat at 5 p. m., deprived the gathering of many of its most esteemed members. Amongst the guests were His Worship the Mayor of Cobourg, the Hon. Asa Burnham, Captain Boulton, late of H. M. 100th. Regt. Messrs Jas. Field, Butter, &c. Neither the Hon. the Speaker of the Commons, Mr. Keeler, M. P. for East Northumberland nor Mr. Fraser M. P. F. for West Northumberland, had reached here in time to be present, as was their intention. Ample justice was done both to the excellent dinner, and to the usual loyal and other toasts which fol-

lowed, and among the many speeches made it was very gratifying to the officers present when Captain Boulton, in response to the toast of "Our Guests" emphatically assured the company that, having seen a great deal of the English Volunteers, he had no hesitation in asserting that their Canadian brethren whom he had seen that day would sustain a most favorable comparison with them.

At nearly twelve o'clock most of the officers and some of the guests adjourned to the Town Hall, to afford their support to a Ball given by the non-commissioned officers and men. At what time some of them reached their homes, it is totally unknown to your correspondent, who, however, was himself not amongst the earliest to depart.

There will be a Battalion Rifle Match at Colborne on the 17th of June, and possibly a muster of the Battalion at the same place on Dominion Day.

FROM TORONTO.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The marksmen of Ontario will be sorry to learn that John Granger & Son, Rifle manufacturers of this city, have determined to leave Canada in a few weeks. Those wishing good sporting material or target rifles will have one last opportunity of procuring them at reduced prices as they are desirous of selling everything except their machinery before leaving. The splendid scores of Mr. Murray of Hamilton, and Sheppard of this city, are sufficient guarantee that what the Grangers' manufacture is A. I.

It is expected that Lieut. Col. G. T. Denison's resignation will be accepted, and the force thereby lose one of its ablest and most energetic officers.

The 10th Royals mustered over four hundred strong the other evening. The Drill Shed at present is pretty well occupied with Cavalry, Artillery, and Military Schools, together with the various Battalions who are putting in their annual drill just now.

The 29th Regiment, who supplied the place of 17th, gone home, are an extremely tidy and intelligent looking class of men, and the citizens are endeavoring to induce their Band, as well as that of the 13th Hussars, to favor them in the Park occasionally. The 29th Band is rather loud and brassy for a room, but sounds very well in the open air.

Complaint has been made that the Volunteers in the Rolling Mills are subjected to insulting remarks by their non military companions. It is to be hoped that this matter will receive due attention from the proper authorities.

As your correspondent was out of town on the 25th, the account of the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday is drawn principally from the various newspaper reports. The day, which was truly Queenly, as regards weather, was ushered in with booming of cannon and tolling of bells, and from many a flag staff floated the English Ensign. The various vessels in the harbor spread their lunting to the breeze, and the gunboat *Heron* in particular, presented a very gala appearance. Unfortunately for both the military and their friends, Spadina Common was desperately muddy, which materially affected both the comfort and appearance of the spectators, and interfered with steady marching of the line, more especially the Volunteers, who are not drilled into pace and time daily, like the Regulars. The most

effective part was undoubtedly the charge of the 13th Hussar, in the sham fight which followed the Review. General Stisted acted as Inspecting Officer, and the following corps were present: 13th Hussars, Royal Artillery, 29th Regiment, Volunteer Artillery, Grand Trunk Brigade, 10th Royals and Queen's Own. The Review was rather long, lasting till past 2 o'clock, and helped to spoil the boat procession, which was to have taken place in the Bay at that time. Most of the rowers were Volunteers, who were thereby delayed so that many of the boats left without waiting, and not more than eighteen boats, it seems, joined in the procession, which was consequently pronounced a failure. In the evening the concert of the Queen's Own and 10th Royal Bands, was certainly a success as regards numbers; the immense Shed was completely filled throughout the whole evening, and as the audience were constantly changing (no one caring to listen long to the monotony of only the two bands) the respective band funds must be in a very flourishing condition. Some disappointment was manifested by the country folk at the absence of the usual display of fireworks; the only attempt in that line being a one horse affair on the Island, which many will remember with disgust; for the ferry unfortunately running aground, and remaining fast for a considerable time, it was fully 3 a. m., before the last respectable individual regained the city and congenial society. The day passed with a singular freedom from accidents. Only one, and that, sad to say, of a peculiar distressing nature occurred, resulting in the death of a daughter of Mr. Innes, of the Crown Lands Department, aged nine years. Some careless lad had procured a toy cannon, and recklessly besides the powder, put in a bullet. The cannon was pointed in a safe direction, and the match applied, but it would not go off, and while placing powder on the touch-hole the position, unknowingly, was greatly changed, and when fired the ball struck the little girl, who was standing on her father's door step, some seventy feet distant, in the spinal column, at the base of the neck, fatally injuring the spine, and although the best medical aid was at once obtained, she died in a few hours. A verdict of accidental death has been rendered. The police should be more strict with children playing with such dangerous toys. Altogether I am of opinion that the citizens generally did not spend their time so pleasant as your correspondent, who having served the last seven Queen's Birthdays in the ranks, determined to strike out a new course and see how the loyal people of Young street observed the day. The first notice I had of the commencement of the *fun* was at 2 o'clock a. m., at the hotel at Thornhill on Monday morning, when the landlord inaugurated the day by an erratic clanging of a large fire alarm bell in the cupola, which completely extinguished all ideas of slumber in the immediate vicinity, and collected a gang of wideawakes bent on mischief. Not having cannon handy, these ultra loyalists improvised a royal salute by means of two blacksmiths anvils; into two holes in each, having poured a fistful of powder, they rammed home the charge with a sledge hammer and plug, and the plug having a hole already bored, a train was laid, and volleys of four were fired every few minutes, with explosions which would be no disgrace to most of the cannon invented nowadays. The demonstration, accompanied with firing of guns, *pushhandles* and firecrackers, were continued until 6 a. m., when after being informed of the rival attractions of the various