

Kingston.

KINGSTON, Sept. 12th.—The Kingston Field Battery, Major Drennan in command, went into camp on Tuesday last, 9th inst., for eight days' training. The strength of the corps is 79 officers, non-coms. and men, and 29 horses.

No appointment has yet been made to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Capt. Wilmot, and Lieut. Moore, of Pittsburg, is acting Captain. The other officers are: 2nd Lieut. Canes, Lieut. Cockburn of the 3rd Dragoons (attached), Surgeon-Major Saunders, Veterinary Surgeon W. J. Morgan. Lieut. Cockburn is Adjutant of his own corps, and is a popular and efficient officer. He passed a creditable examination last summer after a long course at the Royal Military College here, and is now taking a long course at the Artillery School at Tete du Pont Barracks.

The Battery was organized in 1856, and upon the occasion of the Prince of Wales visit to Canada the corps fired the salutes in his honor at Port Hope and Cobourg.

Major Drennan has commanded the corps for the past thirteen years, and was gazetted Major in 1887. He expects his next step in 1896.

The corps is handicapped by the lack of gun drill during the year. Both gunners and drivers are recruited, for the greater part in the surrounding rural districts, and the gunners would not think of spending any time at drill through the year. Let Major Drennan once try the experiment of recruiting his gunners from among the youth of the city, and the trial will prove so successful that the practice will become permanent, and the Battery will take rank among the best in the Dominion, as it should, for more reasons than one.

The Battery will be inspected by Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., on the 16th and 17th inst., and will parade to divine service on Sunday next, the 15th inst.

The annual rifle matches of the 14th P.W.O.R. will be held on Friday next, 13th inst., over the Barriefield ranges. Besides the usual matches there will, this year, be a Nursery Aggregate match, and the regimental band will be allowed to compete as a company. The prizes, consisting of medals, money, etc., are more numerous than ever, and a keen competition is looked for.

The Cadets have arrived at the Royal Military College here for the autumn term.

Senior Major L. W. Shannon, of the 14th Battalion P.W.G.R., has removed to Ottawa where he has taken charge of the business department of the Ottawa Citizen. He retains his rank in the 14th.

At a picnic held in Lake Ontario Park, in this city, a few days ago, by the Patrons of Industry, Lockie Wilson, of Glengarry, attacked the Militia Department fiercely, and argued in favor of the abolition of the Royal Military College, which, he said, is a useless institution, at which only the "sons of gentlemen" are educated, and

these, he continued, either enter the British service or go to the United States.

Lieut.-Col. George Hunter, of the 47th Battalion, who presided at the picnic, and who is President of the County Association of Patrons, rose at the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's address and took exception to the statements made against the Royal Military College. "Those of us who know what we are talking about know that the college is doing a world of good—doing a noble work," said Lieut.-Col. Hunter, and he proceeded to call Mr. Lockie Wilson down most effectively for his charges regarding the college.

VEDETTE.

Quebec.

SEPT. 7th.—H. M. S. Crescent, bearing the flag of Vice Admiral Erskine, arrived in port on the evening of the 23rd of August and anchored between H. M. S. Canada and Magicienne. The latter left for Montreal on the 2nd inst.

Once a week the Marines and Blue-jackets proceed to the Plains of Abraham for drill purposes. Their presence in the city is a welcome sight. On the 29th of August the men of the ships landed and proceeded to the plains, accompanied by the band of the Crescent. For about an hour they went through several parade movements, etc., and were viewed by a large number of the citizens. Their appearance was most creditable.

The Field Division of the Royal Canadian Artillery had a march out on the morning of the 28th of August, under the command of Lieut.-Col. J. P. Wilson. The men and horses made a most creditable turn-out.

The Quebec Field Battery, owing to the limited time allowed for their annual training, did not enter for the Gzowski competition. When in camp they had the advantage of the services of Capt. Hudon, R.C.A., and of Sergeant O'Grady, R.C.A., both of whom having undergone a course in England with the Royal Artillery, were enabled to render efficient service. The officers in camp were: Major Boulanger, Capt. Laliberte, Lieuts. Samson and Roy, Surgeon Turcot and Vet. Surgeon Couture.

The result of the season's aggregate of the 8th Royal Rifles is as follows:

	Total.
Lieut. R. J. Davidson	729
Corporal A. E. Swift	729
Lieut. W. H. Davidson	720
Lieut. E. R. Hale	695
Private Douglas	690
Sergeant Norton	686
Private McKean	671
Sergeant Hay	666

Eight matches were fired, Martini-Henry rifle; ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards.

The D.R.A. medal was won by Lieut. R. J. Davidson, who tied with Corporal A. E. Swift, the former winning the tie. The latter won the O.R.A. medal; Lieut. W. H. Davidson the D.R.A. medal; Lieut. E. R. Hale the P.Q.R.A. medal.

The following is the result of the annual matches of the 8th Royal Rifles:

NURSERY MATCH—400 YARDS.

	Points.	
1st. Private Argue	22	\$4 00
2nd. Private Hay	21	3 00
3rd. Private Norton	20	2 00
4th. Private Sutherland	17	2 00
5th. Private Morritt	16	1 00
6th. Private Young	16	1 00

WALKER MATCH,

for teams of five officers and men from the staff and captains of companies and an individual prize valued at \$25, for the highest individual score. Ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards. Won by letter "F" company, composed of:

	oints.
Lieut. T. W. S. Dunn	64
Sergt. Hartley	87
Sergt. Hay	83
Private Hay	85
Private Morritt	80
Total	399

The score of letter "D" company, who had but four men entered, was 340 points. Lieut. W. H. Davidson won the individual prize with 97 points.

REGIMENTAL MATCH.

	Points.	
1. Lieut W Champion	83	\$6 00
and Gilmour Cup.		
2. Corp A E Swift	83	5 00
3. Sergt Hartley	82	4 00
4. Pte Douglas	82	3 00
5. Lieut R J Davidson	81	3 00
6. Pte Hay	80	2 00
7. Pte Pugh	80	2 00
8. Pte Campbell	80	2 00
9. Pte Goudie	77	1 00
10. Lieut Davidson	76	1 00

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

1. Lieut W H Davidson	63	\$7 00
and Billingsley Cup.		
2. Sergt Norton	56	6 00
3. Pte Douglas	56	5 00
4. Sergt Hartley	53	4 00
5. Corp Swift	52	3 00
6. Sergt Hull	51	3 00
7. Capt O B C Richardson	51	2 00
8. Pte Pugh	51	2 00
9. Lieut E R Hale	50	1 00
10. Lieut Champion	49	1 00

OPEN MATCH.

1. Sergt Norton	61	\$10 00
2. Bomb Pugh, R.C.A.	56	8 00
3. Sergt Ray	54	6 00
4. Sergt Bridgeford, R.C.A.	53	5 00
5. Lieut Davidson	52	4 00
6. Sergt Douglas	52	3 00
7. Corp Swift	49	3 00
8. Pte Pugh	49	2 00
9. Capt O Richardson	47	2 00
10. Pte Norton	47	1 00
11. Pte Hay	45	1 00
12. Lieut Champion	44	1 00

Grand aggregate of scores in the Regimental, Walker, Association and Open matches for the following prizes presented by the Hon. Attorney-General Casgrain:

	Points.	
1. Lieut W H Davidson	279	\$5 00
2. Private Douglas	277	4 00
3. Lieut R J Davidson	277	3 00
4. Corp A E Swift	268	2 00
5. Sergt Hartley	265	1 00

Aggregate at 500 yards for the Lieut.-Col. G. R. White Cup, Private Douglas, 115 points.

Metropolitan Cup. Open to teams of eight men. Won by the eighth first team composed as follows: