

Lt. C. Clapp of "A" Company last Friday favoured the regiment with a very interesting and graphic account of the hardships undergone and the engagements partaken in by the "Midlanders" during the recent North West Rebellion, giving the most important incidents of the campaign from the time of leaving the barracks at Kingston to the ever memorable charge on the rifle pits at Batoche. His treatment of the subject both from a literary and military point of view was excellent. The journey along the C. P. R. in open cars during the severe cold and inclement weather of March, the hard tack and harder trials so ably borne by the men of all ranks and the uncomplaining spirit with which these trials were undergone, the "forced march" along the north shore of Lake Superior, conceded by the highest military authorities to have been a credit even for veterans of many a campaign, go to show that the spirit of British pluck and dogged perseverance still exists in Canada's sons. Other lectures will be given from week to week.

#### QUEBEC.

The 8th Royal Rifles held their first church parade of the season on the 12th inst., to the Methodist Church. Notwithstanding the heavy downpour of rain, which continued all morning, the parade state showed about 150 present. Lt.-Col. Prower was in command and the Brass and Bugle Bands were present in full force.

The High School Cadets were to have paraded with the Eighth, but owing to the inclemency of the weather it was deemed advisable to cancel this order.

#### HAMILTON.

There is considerable activity in the Drill Hall at present. The Field Battery parade every Tuesday and Thursday, and the 13th Battalion every Friday evening, the remainder of the week being taken up with parade classes, non-com. classes and company parades. The 13th Battalion was never so strong as at present, recruits have been pouring in, and although they are young, they are in every respect a good class of men. Other things besides the ordinary routine drill are receiving attention at present, such as physical drill and trooping the colours, the latter being in charge of Major McLaren, with Bt.-Major Stoneman as an able assistant. The physical drill is in charge of Captains Ross and Tidswell, and the progress seems to be very satisfactory.

The personnel of the Battalion has changed very considerably since funding the pay was adopted, but it has changed very much for the better. The company competitions have also done a good deal to keep up the interest in the work, and have added a healthy spirit of rivalry which is very gratifying to all concerned.

There has been some talk about a Battalion Competition in No. 2 District for city corps on somewhat similar lines to the competition for rural Battalions. It seems the 13th Battalion will be rather handicapped with the Toronto regiments as they both have ten companies, and also have 55 rifles, bayonets, etc., per company, if I am correctly informed; whereas the 13th has eight companies and an issue of only 42 sets of equipment per company. If numbers are to count, Hamilton's corps will not have a show from the start. However, this may be allowed for when the scheme is matured.

Major Moore is at present in command of the Battalion, Colonel Gibson being in Toronto.

Captain Ross, D Co., is putting in a special course at the Infantry School, Toronto, a first-class certificate being the objective point. Second Lieutenant Harvege, of the same company, is also at the School taking a course.

The Morris tube range has been well attended, and some very heavy scoring has been the result.

Major Stoneman's shooting improves with his rank, when he becomes a Lt.-Colonel, what will the harvest be?

There was a very large parade last Friday evening, three hundred and eighty being the total number.

Trooping the colours was practised and was witnessed by a large number of spectators, a large proportion of them being ladies.

Surgeon Griffin is getting his ambulance corps in good shape, and proposes to commence his annual course of lectures at once. The Surgeon is a good lecturer and is always interesting.

TROOP.

#### OTTAWA.

The annual meeting of the Ottawa Rifle Club was held on Tuesday evening, 14th inst., in the Drill Hall. In the absence of Major Perley, the President, who was out of town, the chair was taken by Dr. Geo. Hutchison, Vice-President. The annual report presented by Lieut. Sutherland, secretary, showed a prosperous year and a comfortable surplus in the treasury. Officers for 1891 were elected as follows: President, Major H. F. Perley; vice-presidents, Dr. Geo. Hutchison and Major A. P. Sherwood; secretary-treasurer, Lieut. E. D. Sutherland; committee, Major J. Wright, Capt. J. W. deC. O'Grady, and Mr. Henry Watters; auditors, Messrs. H. LeB. Ross and S. Leonard Shannon. The arrangement of the season's programme was left in the hands of the committee, with the understanding that on League days the matches are to be at League ranges. The Club will enter a team. A resolution was passed providing for one sighting shot at each range in all club competitions. The advisability of erecting a club house on the range, for the storage of rifles, etc., and the general convenience of the members, was discussed, and the matter was left in the hands of the committee, with a practical builder added in the person of another member, Mr. J. A. Armstrong. A re-classification of the members is proposed, so many having graduated into the first class that it is now too comprehensive.

The electric street railway to be built this year will carry passengers from centre town to within a short distance of the range, landing them near the thousand yards firing point.

Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson, of the 43rd Battalion, has left on a trip to British Columbia, on business as Chief Engineer of the Marine Department.

Major Joshua Wright, 43rd Batt., has tendered his resignation, after a connection dating since the formation of the regiment. His brother officers are one and all loath to part with him, and it is hoped that he will reconsider his decision.

A match was fired this week on the Field Battery Morris tube range at the Drill Hall between teams of six men each from the Dragoons, winners of the recent matches with the Battery, and from No. 1 Co. 43rd Battalion. The latter were victorious by 11 points, the scores standing: 43rd Battalion—Pte. Shore 46, Pte. Hutchison 43, Pte. Scott 42, Sergt. Taylor 40, Pte. Bangs 38, Pte. Lyon 31—total 240. Dragoons—Trooper Cooke 44, Sergt.-Major Powell 40, Corp. Olinstead 39, Corp. Crawford 37, Staff-Sergt. McGovern 35, Lieut. Brown 34—total 229.

Numerous eccentricities, both by word of mouth and unexpected movements, are being attributed to the German Emperor, William II. After courteously dismissing Prince Bismarck from the High Chancellorship of the German Empire, some months back, it is now asserted that the services of the "Man of Blood and Iron" will be shortly again in request to guide the destinies of the Fatherland in conjunction with the actual Chancellor, General Von Caprivi. The Emperor, despite his vagrant temperament, is to be credited not only with some most excellent intentions as regards the welfare and prosperity, besides the well-armed security of the German nation, but also with not a few "Happy Thoughts," when he takes the chair at political or private meetings.