

## TORONTO.

The Governor-General's Body Guard have adopted a plan decidedly better than their old one of camping on the Garrison Commons. This year they will spend the time manœuvring between Toronto and Hamilton. There is considerable secrecy about the trip, but on Thursday night, 23rd instant, they paraded 4 Troops, 150 strong, under command of Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison. Friday they started out on reconnaissance duties as far as Oakville, covering about six miles in width of the country; reaching there, camp will be formed for the night, and on Saturday they will push on to Hamilton, holding a parade in that city. They return to Toronto Wednesday night.

The officers are:—Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, Lieut.-Col. Dunn.

Captains Fleming, Button, Clarence Denison.

Lieuts. Peters, G. T. Denison, Elliott, Hagerman, Cockburn.

Surgeon Grasett.

Quartermaster Sloan.

A very successful entertainment was given at Temperance Hall on Thursday evening to ex-Sergt. Metcalf, F. Co. R.G., who is at present lying in the hospital from effects of the North-West rebellion. A good programme was provided and many of the members of the different regiments were present.

Major Delamere is heavily handicapped in his efforts at arriving at the state of the last two matches. On the 23rd inst. he had only received some of the score sheets of the first match. Certainly it rests with the committee to govern against such gross carelessness of Captains of teams for next season, and disqualification for failing to send score sheets after a certain date would go a long way to remedy the evil.

## BREECH BLOCK.

## QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, 25th June, 1892. —The officers of the 8th and 9th Battalions were examined in the general principles of drill and tactics on the evening of the 18th and 19th instant respectively, in their quarters, Drill Hall, by Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G., who was assisted by Lieut. Forrester, Canadian Dragoons. A printed form containing six questions for infantry, having been issued to the officers a short time previous to the examination, they were called upon to answer any two of the six questions. This completed the annual inspection of the corps in question.

The annual regimental rifle matches of the 8th Royal Rifles will be fired on the 29th inst., at the St. Joseph ranges.

At the beginning of the week the following officers and non-commissioned officers of the Canadian Dragoons proceeded to the undermentioned places on tours of inspection, etc.: Captain Lessard, St. Joseph; Lieut. Forester, Toronto; Staff-Sergt. Long, Kingston; Sergt. Widgery, Belleville; Corporal McCree, Richmond and Corporal Hunt, New Ireland.

On Friday, the 24th inst., the Legislative Assembly was prorogued at three o'clock by His Honour Lieut.-Governor Angers. The usual military display took place. The escort was furnished by the Canadian Dragoons and the guard of honour by the "B" Battery, R.C.A.

The workmen employed in the excavations for the new C.P.R. hotel site have found several relics of the olden times in the shape of bullets and canister shot, as well as an ancient looking bayonet.

## TWO OLD GUNS.

*Editor of CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE:*

SIR, I read in a daily paper that the old cannons on Dufferin Terrace, Quebec, have been removed from their former position to make room for the foundation of a new hotel. May I ask if these are the Russian guns, according to the artillery register, "in civic charge?" If so, it is to be hoped in future they will no longer serve as mediums for the advertising of quack medicines, &c., and be better attended to. The "civic charge" in the past has been sadly neglected.

## OLD QUEBEC.

## PRINCE OF WALES RIFLES.

The twenty-first annual prize-meeting of this corps was held at the Cote St. Luc ranges, Montreal, on the 18th inst. There was a large attendance, and, for a wonder, the weather was fine.

The chief prize winners were as follows:

Maiden Stakes.	200 yards.	7 shots.	Points.
Pte. Geo. Smith.....			23
Pte. W. Hurd.....			21
Sergt. Johnson.....			19
Pte. D. McCallum.....			18

Battalion Match.	200, 500 and 600 yards.	Points.
Col.-Sergt. Watson.....		74
Corpl. Morrison.....		68
Pte. Humphreys.....		65
Corpl. Paquette.....		64

Citizen's Match.	200 and 400 yards.	Points.
Col.-Sergt. Bangs.....		42
Pte. Madden.....		41
Col.-Sergt. Watson.....		37
Corporal Morrison.....		39

The Walker Cup, shot for by teams

of five men from each company, in conjunction with the above match, was won by B Company with a score of 160 points.

Extra Series.	5 shots.	500 yards.	Points.
Col.-Sergt. Bangs, P.W.R.....			24
Sergt. Lavers, 6th.....			24
Sergt. Riddle, 6th.....			23
Pte. Keough, V.R.C.....			23

Open match, 500 and 600 yards. 7 shots at each:

Major Ibbotson, 5th.....	61
Sergt. Lavers, 6th.....	55
Lieut. Brown, 3rd.....	54
Sergt. Dalrymple, M.G.A.....	54

## TEAMS.

6th Fusiliers.....	248
5th Royal Scots.....	243
3rd V.R.C.....	227

Aggregate prizes. Matches 2 and 3:

Col.-Sergt. Watson, D.R.A. medal and \$5.	
Corpl. Morrison, P.Q.R.A. badge.	

## THE ARMY.

The editor of a monthly paper, published in the interests of a Toronto Accident Insurance Company, makes some very odd remarks on the present condition of the soldiers. What he says about the physique of the recruits, is unfortunately too true; but outside of this he gets beyond his depth. The Imperial soldier is not poorly fed, neither are opportunities for his improvement—mentally and morally—lacking in any way. On the contrary, the rations are infinitely better than the food used by thousands of wage-earners in cities, and the chances for mental improvement thanks to garrison libraries and reading-rooms incomparably ahead of those at the disposal of the average mechanic. As to the statements on saluting, and "the interior economy of the best corps in Her Majesty's Service," they are so far from the truth as to be absurd. Among certain papers in Canada there exists a fashion of always presenting in the worst possible light the condition of the British soldier. Before rushing so blindly into print, a little enquiry would teach them that whatever may be the demerits of the British military system, it is far ahead—in the liberty of the private soldier and the chances of his advancement—of that employed by any other civilized power in the world; its worst feature is the inadequate pay given. A comparison of the condition of a linesman with that of an average labourer in any of our cities, shows so markedly in favour of the former, that one wonders why so many allow themselves to drift into the semi-starved, broken-down life of the day labourer, when the Queen's shilling, and the well-fed, well-treated, and most honourable life that follows it are at his disposal.