

this year's plan worked very well it entailed a great deal harder work than any previous year, and consequently the stamina of participators was well tested. To the civilian this plan was not relished, as it contained none of the excitement attendant upon a sham fight, and although the drill of both battalions was very well done, the same could be seen any Wednesday or Thursday night when the regiments are on their weekly parade, and the march-past has lost all interest. The roll call of the Queen's Own was well attended, some 641 of all ranks being on parade.

Lieut.-Col. Otter, D. A. G., was unable to be present, owing to sickness, and the duty of inspecting the clothing, arms, etc., devolved upon Major Gray, B. M., and Major Vidal and Capt. Macdougall, C. Co., I. S. C. The roll call and inspection of every man proved a very tedious piece of business, yet very thoroughly did these gentlemen do their work and any defects were speedily noted.

Shortly before eleven Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, after thanking all present for the large parade, expressed a desire for the same strength at the inspection the next day, and on behalf of Col. Powell, Adjutant General, who, being on a visit from Ottawa, was present in an entirely unofficial capacity, expressed to the brass band and the buglers the distinguished visitor's appreciation of the very pleasing selections rendered by them during the evening.

At an early hour Thanksgiving Day members of the Queen's Own and Grenadiers might be seen wending their way towards the drill shed, and certainly the prospects of good weather were exceedingly dim; nevertheless it was ideal weather for marching, the state of the roads being the only drawback, as the rain of the previous evening had created considerable mud, and in a few moments after leaving the shed one could hardly believe that boots or leggings had ever been cleaned. The Queen's Own marched out to the grounds, a distance of 5 miles from the city, and on them it can be justly said fell the brunt of the work, as the Grenadiers were assisted by some 15 or 16 street cars. Last year the Grenadiers indulged in riding on the steam cars, but this time the facilities and capacity of the new street railway company were tested, and the novel spectacle of a regiment thus transported to their review ground attracted great attention.

Both regiments marched home at night, accompanied by nearly as large a crowd of spectators as watched the sham fight last year. At all events if not as large they seemed twice as hard to control, and 58 men of C. Co., I. S. C., under Lieut. Laurie had an exceedingly hard time in making the spectators understand that the whole earth, including the saluting base, was not theirs and that others had a small lien on it.

One of the spectators insisted on driving through the square but the treatment he received at the hands of one of the Grenadier Pioneers will teach him that defiance of the military, especially on their day out, does not pay.

Promptly at 9.05 the Queen's Own "fall in" sounded and about half an hour later 581 officers, N.C.O.s and men left the drill shed and the programme of the day was begun. After an exceedingly muddy march the Queen's Own arrived at the spot chosen for the day's proceedings, which was a large open field east of the village of Norway and immediately north of the Kingston Road,—a few minutes after eleven o'clock, and found awaiting them Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., Major Vidal, Capt. Macdougall and Major Meade. No time was lost in commencing the inspection, A, D and G Companies being ordered out for an examination in company drill. While this was going on Major Delamere was manoeuvring the remaining 7 companies, and a fall of sleet just about this time made the proceedings anything but enjoyable. Immediately after the companies were inspected the battalion was examined with Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Major Delamere and Major Sankey alternately in command. The manual was exceedingly well done but the firing was spoiled

through a mistake in the word of command. The battalion was then exercised in deploying to the left, also with two companies to the right, advancing and retiring in echelon, changes of front and forming square. Arms were then piled and the regiment were dismissed for lunch, whilst the reviewing officers turned their attention to the Grenadiers, who had just arrived on the grounds.

The Grenadiers paraded at the Armoury at 10.30 some 455 of all ranks being present, H Company being the largest on parade. E, I and K Companies were then called out and examined by the reviewing officers in company drill and very well they acquitted themselves. The battalion was then exercised in turn by Lieut.-Col. Dawson, Major Harrison and Capt. McLean, after which the men were dismissed for lunch.

After lunch the regiments were formed up and the march past in column, quarter column and at the double was gone through, the brigade then advanced in review order, after which the D. A. G., addressing the Colonels of both regiments, said that he was sorry to disappoint them in not giving them the attack, which owing to the lateness of the hour would be dispensed with. The appearance of both officers and men was creditable. The muster was strong and the battalion and company drill had been capitally performed, the men worked steadily and intelligently; one or two junior officers were not up to the mark in company drill, owing probably to lack of practice. "If Col. Powell is present," he added, "and I am told he is on the grounds, he will not see this drill any better performed by any volunteers than those here."

Immediately after this column of route was formed and the march home was begun; the armoury was reached about six o'clock.

The officers of the Queen's Own dined at Webb's in the evening, while the officers of the Grenadiers had boxes at the performance of "Ben Hur."

Quartermaster-Sergt. Dale met with rather a painful injury while on the way to the grounds, he being thrown from the commissariat waggon, the wheels of which passed over both legs below the knee. Although no bones were broken his injuries are of a serious nature, and it is the sincere wish of his brother non-coms. in the city that he will soon be up and around again.

The small boy was out in force and as usual had a big time. Not content with lighting bonfires of dried leaves, fences, etc., a deserted cottage must also be fired to satiate his thirst. Happily no damage was done and no one will lose much by its destruction.

THE KILTIED CORPS.

The Kilties paraded Friday night under Capt. Macdougall and instructors from the Fort, after which the names of some six were read out as provisional sergeants to the new corps. Capt. Macdougall explained that these men would be compelled to qualify and the non-commissioned officers' class was then formed with upwards of thirty members.

One or two soreheads are growling in the papers about the ex-members of the Queen's Own and Grenadiers getting the preference in promotions. This, of course, doesn't amount to anything, and stamps the knowledge, &c., of the men who, while violating the Queen's Regulations, are of the opinion that through them and them alone will the regiment amount to anything. Men like these do a lot of harm, but it doesn't take very long before their measure is correctly taken and their absence preferred to their presence.

BREECH-BLOCK.

THE DUFFERN RIFLES INSPECTION

On Thanksgiving Day the annual inspection of the 38th battalion Dufferin Rifles, was held. The day was cloudy and threatening, and the streets in an awful condition. However, this did not deter the members of the regiment from turning out and making an excellent showing. At 2.