

Sec. 2. *Inspecting and proving of a company.*—A company on parade will be inspected and proved as follows:—Fix—Bayonets. Open Order—March. Unfix—Bayonets. Shoulder—Arms. For Inspection. Port—Arms. The inspecting officer will examine the breech action, and will here and there take a rifle from the soldier's hands and examine the barrel by looking down it. Shoulder—Arms. Order—Arms. Close Order—March.

The company will then be formed into line and proved as follows:—(Having previously fallen in by sections or sub-sections.) Right or left half-company. Slope—Arms. Order—Arms. Right or left sections or sub-sections. Slope—Arms. Order—Arms.

---By sections or sub-sections, according to strength of company: Fours, front. Fours right, front. Fours left, front. Fours about, front. The company will then change ranks and be proved as above. After this the original front will be resumed.

Sec. 3. *Advancing or retiring.*—1. *Advancing.*—The instructor, having stated the supposed order of the battalion, will proceed as follows:—The line (or column) will advance. On the word advance, the left guid will select points to march on. March or double march. As described in Part I., Sec. 36. 2. *Retiring.*—The caution the line (or column) will retire having been given, the company will be turned about and proceed as above. In line the centre man of the company will direct; in column, the guide on the flank of direction. The order to march will no longer be proceeded by the words quick or slow.

Sec. 4. *The diagonal march.*

Sec. 5. The words of command for a company in column forming into line from the halt, will be into line—left—form.

Sec. 6. The command for a company in line forming into column from the halt, will be column to the right, about—turn. Right—form—march. On the words form and march the men will move as in Part I., Sec 27 and 40. Company—halt, front. The men will take up their dressing by the ordered flank, and look to the front. A company in line will be taught to form into column to the left, in like manner; and a company in line may also form forward into column; the commands being into column, right or left—form—march.

Sec. 7. On the order for a company changing front as the base company of a line formation. —The markers, if ordered will give base points, and will be covered in the required direction by the captain, who will give the word steady when they are dressed. The command will be change front right (left), or half right (left), steady. Right (left), or half right (left), form—march. If markers have been ordered to give points, they will resume their position on the word steady from the captain. The captain will place the flank file in the required position, and on the word right or left dress, the company will take up its dressing.

Sec. 8. *Forming from column into line, and from line into column, on the march.*—(No change.)

Sec. 9. *A company in column changing direction.*—(No change.)

Sec. 10. *The formation of fours.*—In the flank march by fours the guide of the leading flank will be on the directing flank of the leading four.

Sec. 11. *A company marching in fours, forming to the front or rear, right or left.*—(No change.)

Sec. 12. *The side step.*—(No change.)

Sec. 13. *In changing ranks.*—The instructions laid down in Part I., Sec. 38, are also applicable to the company. The numbers of the sections will be simply inverted. In changing ranks the directing flank will be re-named.

Sec. 14. *Formation of half-companies and sections.*—Columns must always move with as large a front as the ground allows, and the interior formations of a company should as a rule be made by sections or sub-sections. An increase of front from fours to sections or half companies

may be effected on the principles laid down in Part I., Sec 42, No. 2. When it is required to increase the front from sections to half-companies, the rear sections may move into line with the leading sections by the diagonal march in double time, on the word left (or right) sections to the front. A company may advance from a flank in column of half-companies or sections on the principle laid down in Part III., Sec. 10; the half companies or sections will be ordered to turn to the front by their commanders. A diminution of front may then be effected by turning to a flank in fours, and wheeling to the front. A company may also move to a flank by half-companies or sections, on the principle laid down in Sec. 6-3 or Sec. 8-2.

Sec. 15. *Clearing obstacles.*—(No change.)

Sec. 16. *A company in line resisting cavalry.*—On the word cavalry, the fire units will feel to the centre, the company will fix bayonets, and the flanks will dress back. The flanks can be further dressed back, to form a circle, if necessary. The captain will be in the rear of the centre, remainder in rear of their respective fire units.

Sec. 17. *A company dispersed, reassembling.*—The captain will place either the right or left guide with recovered arms looking in the direction in which the company is to stand. On the word assemble the men will run in and form on him in their original places under the direction of the captain.

REGIMENTAL.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS.

The Governor General's Foot Guards had their annual inspection at Ottawa on Saturday last, 7th instant, before Major General Herbert. Lt.-Col. A. H. Todd was in command, and the other field officers present were Majors Toller and Hodgins, and Lt. E. F. Taylor, Acting Adjutant. There was a full turnout of officers, but a very small parade of the rank and file, it being stated that leave of absence from business could not be secured by many of the men. General Herbert made a critical examination of the clothing, arms and accoutrements, and pointed out evidence of want of care of the arms which in justice to the members of the corps it was explained to him was the fault of the caretaker employed by the Government. The General thereupon sent for this delinquent, and impressed upon him the necessity of being more painstaking in future. During his examination the General made complimentary references to several men whose appearance was exceptionally neat, and amongst those so honoured were Corp. T. P. Carroll and Corp. J. Wiltshire, of No. 2 Company. The former was spotted as "an old soldier"—and so he is, but his eighteen years' service has all been in the Canadian militia. Corp. Carroll has long been one of the best known riflemen of the Guards.

The officers were severely tested in their knowledge of drill, especially in the new formations, several movements not yet forming part of the authorized Canadian drill being called for. In reference to these the General said in his subsequent address he did not expect to see them correctly executed on the spur of the moment, but took this means of directing attention to what would be looked for next year. With reference to the small parade, he requested a special report as to its cause, and promised to use his influence to secure the greatest possible freedom for those of the Civil Servants belonging to the militia. He said he felt sure of the hearty co-operation of the Minister of Militia in this endeavour.

B CO., QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

The presentation of prizes won in the Company Match of B Co., Q.O.R., was the occasion of an exceedingly happy gathering in the spacious dining room of the Albion Hotel on Wednesday evening of last week after the parade of the regiment.