

themselves whether the heartiness with which they entered into the service that afternoon was real or a profanation. His pleasing discourse was listened to with rapt attention by all. A pleasing anthem, "Give to us peace in our time, O Lord," followed by the hymn "Hark, Hark, My Soul," brought the service to a close.

The regiment returned to the shed via Church and King. Old Probs was evidently in good humour, and favoured the "boys in green" with weather quite a contrast to what he had been giving during the past two days. Sixty-seven recruits were sworn in and held their initial parade on this occasion.

Montreal.

The Victoria Rifles had a very successful at home at their armoury on Saturday afternoon, 19th ult. During the afternoon Mr. Justice Davidson, a former commanding officer, announced that it was intended shortly to hold another bazaar in aid of the funds, there being a debt of \$15,000 on the building which it was desirable to reduce. The Vics desire also to add a machine-gun and signalling instruments to their equipment. The last bazaar netted \$4,500, so heartily did the lady friends of the corps apply themselves to the work.

The High School Cadets have issued invitations for a grand military and calisthenic exhibition, under the patronage of the Governor-General and the Lady Stanley of Preston, to be held in the Victoria Rink on the 13th May.

The Canadian Pacific has arranged for a special train to leave Windsor street every Saturday afternoon at 1.50, during the shooting season, to take the riflemen to the ranges at Cote St. Luc.

Staff-Sergeant Wilson, of the Garrison Artillery, has been presented with a beautiful sword and two sword-belts by the non-commissioned officers and men of the battalion.

Examinations for non-commissioned officers in the Montreal Garrison Artillery have been held by Lt.-Col. Turnbull, Major Cole and Lieut. Reid. The following are the results:—No. 2 Battery—To be Sergeants—Corporal Beatty, Corporal Pool and Bombardier Sage; to be Corporals—Gunner Lemoureau, Gunner Nicholls and Gunner W. Beck. No. 4 Battery—To be Sergeants—Gunners Clarke, Laird, and U. Finlayson. To be Corporals—Gunners Sykes, Smith and Jones. To be Bombardiers—Church and Allan.

THE PRINCE OF WALES RIFLES.

The presentation of a tribute to the wife of the former commanding officer was the feature of the regular parade of the Prince of Wales Rifles last week. Amongst the friends gathered for the occasion were Judges Tait and Davidson, Bishops Bond and Sullivan, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Lt.-Cols. Mattice, Massey, Caverhill and Turnbull, Major Bond, Capt. Williams, of the Cobourg Cavalry, Lieut. J. S. Ibbotson, Messrs. R. W. Elmenhurst, W. D. Light-hall, J. R. Barclay, J. D. Campbell, Dr. Wilson and many lady friends of the battalion. Lieut.-Col. Butler in making the presentation said the name of Mrs. Bond was engraved on the hearts of the members of the P. W. R. The presentation was made in a double capacity. The regiment could not realize that Col. Bond was no longer at its head. He spoke of the great assistance he had received since taking the command, from Lieut.-Col. Bond, who had helped him out of many difficulties. He said that the officers, non-commissioned officers and men desired to present Mrs. Bond with a piano (a handsome Chickering) which on a silver plate bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mrs. Bond by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the First Prince of Wales Regiment, in token of their esteem and of their appreciation of the many services rendered by her to the corps; and also of their respect and affection for her husband, Lieut.-Col. Bond, who was a member of the regiment for over thirty years and for twenty years in command."

Lieut.-Col. Bond, in reply, said that through the many years Mrs. Bond's interest in the regiment had never flagged, and she had done her utmost to keep the regiment in the foremost rank. He could not find words to express his gratitude, which was shared by Mrs. Bond and their family. He wished the old regiment all prosperity. Three cheers were then given very lustily for Mrs. Bond.

Bishop Bond spoke of the many trials which the regiment had come through, of which he was chaplain. The regiment had never been without a Bond for thirty years, and he trusted that the rising generation would keep it up. Bishop Sullivan also spoke of the deep interest he had in the regiment, and hoped that the character which guided it in the past would be its guiding star in the future. Dean Carmichael delivered a very humorous address, principally in his capacity as Junior Chaplain.

Quebec.

The old Canadian Capital is quite *en militaire* just now. The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, two batteries of Garrison Artillery, the 8th Royal

Rifles, and the 9th Voltigeurs de Quebec being engaged in putting in their annual drill.

On Sunday the 20th, detachments from the Cavalry School Corps and B Battery, R.C.A., the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, two Garrison batteries (Major Roy's and Capt. Morgan's) paraded to St. Patrick's Church, and on the 27th the same corps, with the exception of the Garrison Artillery, marched to the Anglican Cathedral. On both occasions the musters of the volunteer corps were good, and with the three regimental bands, those of the Q.O.C.H., B Battery R.C.A., and 8th Royal Rifles, made a very creditable appearance.

These parades have been arranged by each corps independently, and the brigading of the different musters has, therefore, been more or less of an impromptu character. It is hoped and expected, however, that a general brigade parade will be arranged for during this month, under the command of our popular D.A.G. Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, who is ever ready to do his "possible" for the corps under his command.

The 8th have suffered a serious loss in the retirement of Capt. and Adjutant Ernest F. Würtele, R.M.C. The vacancy will be temporarily filled by Capt. Montizambert, from D. Co.

Halifax.

By the resignation of Lieut.-Col. Mackintosh, which took place a few days ago, the 63rd Batt. Halifax Rifles loses a very efficient commanding officer, and the active force a zealous and painstaking soldier. For the past twenty-eight years this gentleman has taken a prominent part in the organization from which he has just retired, he having joined the "Scottish Volunteer Rifle Company" in 1862 as a private. Two years later (in July 1864) his zeal and attention were rewarded by promotion to the rank of corporal, and in 1866 he was made sergeant. After serving as a non-com. officer for six years, he received his first commission as ensign in February, 1870, and in the year following, the "Scottish" having formed a second company, Lieut. Mackintosh was placed in command of it. In August 1875 he received his majority, and in 1879 was promoted to the position he has just vacated.

During the eleven years that Colonel Mackintosh has held command of the 63rd, very many changes and some exciting incidents in the history of the regiment have occurred. The several calls for duty made on the regiment have always been promptly responded to, and that the commanding officer deserves a large share of the credit, no one who has had any experience in military matters will deny. The Lingan riots, in 1883, and the North-West rebellion of 1885, were two occasions on which the regiment, while under Colonel Mackintosh's command, mustered their quotas with promptness.

The record of Colonel Mackintosh's services for the past twenty-eight years is the history of the regiment, and his retiring will be viewed with regret by many, particularly by the few remaining comrades who joined the regiment in the old "Volunteer" days and have served with him through all the trials and changes that have taken place during that time. After being actively connected with any organization or society for such a number of years, it must be very difficult to cut adrift from old duties and associations, particularly in the case of Colonel Mackintosh, who is still in middle life and of active business habits. After eleven years of command, during which the regiment has always been considered first-class, and the commanding officer always popular with both officers and men, he leaves with the good wishes of all ranks.

Taking, as he always has, an active interest in public matters, he will now have more time to spare for his civic duties, he being for the second time one of the aldermen for Ward One, and an energetic member of the city Board of Works.

Colonel Walsh, who succeeds to the command, is also one of the old "Volunteer" officers, having been a member of the regiment since its formation. He served in the North-West as Major of the Halifax Provisional Battalion, and was in command of the detachment stationed at Saskatchewan Landing. From his thorough knowledge of the regiment and his long experience as second in command, together with the practical training acquired while on active service, the 63rd no doubt under Colonel Walsh will retain the standing it has always held in the active force.

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The Rifle.

The annual meeting of the Huron Rifle Association, of Clinton, Ont., for the election of officers for the ensuing year, was held at the Commercial hotel last Friday night, with the following result: President, Capt. A. M. Todd; secretary, Lieut. H. B. Combe; treasurer, Nicholas Robson. Managing committee—Lieut. H. T. Prance, J. Johnston, J. Anderson, R. K. Logan, J. W. Riter, Wm. Grigg and E. Hovey. Practice commences on the 14th of May, and will be held every Wednesday throughout the season.