

Brigade Bugler—Bugler Cotton, 14th P W O R.

There are in all six corps in camp—two of cavalry, and four of infantry and rifles as follows :

3rd Prince of Wales' Dragoons, four troops, Lt-Col. H. C. Rogers in command 181 officers and men, 152 horses.

4th Hussars—4 troops, Lt-Col. Duff in command, 192 officers and men, 167 horses.

40th Northumberland Batt., Lt-Col. R. Z. Rogers in command, eight companies, 341 officers and men.

46th East Durham Batt. infantry, Lt-Col. Benson in command, six companies, 253 officers and men.

49th Hastings Batt. Rifles, Lt-Col. Brown commanding, six companies, 261 officers and men.

56th Grenville Batt. "Lisgar Rifles," Lt-Col. Campbell commanding, seven companies, 291 officers and men.

Total strength of the camp, including the staff, 1410 non-coms. and men, 123 officers. Total officers and men 1533. Including the mounts of the infantry officers, there are 339 horses in camp. These figures were compiled from the marching in states, and may not of course be perfectly accurate, but the total is within 50 of being correct.

Lt-Col. Rogers of the 3rd Dragoons complains very much of the treatment accorded to his corps by the G.T.R. company. The corps was promised a special through train to Kingston, but in spite of this was kept waiting at Belleville for three hours, and the train was divided and that portion on which the horses were was sent on in advance of the men.

The Brigade Hospital is in charge of Brigade Hospital Sergt. McIntosh of "A" Field Battery. Two cavalymen, are in hospital, suffering from injuries received by being thrown from their horses, another man is laid up by a wound inflicted by a kick from a horse, a third man cut his foot with an axe, and was placed in the Brigade Hospital, while there are numerous cases of swelled eyelids, sun burned faces, tonsillitis, dysentery, etc.

Captain Sweatman is applying for a permanent transfer from the Royal Grenadiers to the 4th Hussars. He will still reside in Toronto, but will attend camp each year with the Hussars, if the transfer is made.

Surgeon Willoughby, M.I.A. of the 40th Battalion, had his arm broken, and his wrist dislocated a few days ago, by being thrown over the wheel of his buggy as he was getting into the rig at Colborne. He was consequently prevented from joining his battalion in camp, and Assistant Surgeon O'Gorman arrived yesterday to take his place.

The immense advantage that a corps whose officers are expert marksmen has over one in which the officers know nothing about rifle-shooting, is demonstrated every day at the ranges. Captain Hora, Musketry Instructor, and his assistant, cannot possibly coach every man who requires instruction—and there are very few who do not. Fully one-half—if not more than that proportion of the men engaged at the ranges each day, must be

allowed to fire without instruction, while the instructors are engaged with the remainder. When it happens that the officers of the corps to which the men belong, understand and can explain the use of the rifle, no man need go without coaching, and the result is seen in the very much higher scores made.

Yesterday while one company was firing at the 200 yard range, 20 men fired 5 rounds each and the target was not touched once. Captain Hora and his assistant were busy with other squads, which were making bulls eyes and inners with gratifying frequency. As it is, of the time spent on target practice, fully one-half is almost entirely wasted.

The ammunition supplied this year is of wretchedly poor quality. In hundreds of cases, the cap in the base of the shell will not explode; in other cases the cap explodes, but the powder will not ignite, while in other cases yet, the powder is so weak that the bullets drop fifty to one hundred yards short of the targets, and in many cases fall a short distance from the muzzle. The sound made by the bullets in their flight is sufficient to tell that the powder is of a very inferior quality, and the missiles are nearly twice as long in reaching the targets as when the powder is fresh and strong.

There is not a sufficiently large number of targets available, and much valuable time is lost on this account.

This Episcopalian of the brigade under Lt-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., attended divine service in St. Georges' Cathedral on Sunday in company with the 14th, P.W. O.R., "A" Battery, R. C. A., and the Royal Military College Cadets. The Presbyterians attended St. Andrews' Church, and the Roman Catholics went to St. Mary's Cathedral.

A meeting of the commanding officers of the various corps will be held on Wednesday evening next in the brigade mess tent to discuss the advisability of holding a military tournament.

The Hon. the Minister of Militia will be in the city on Wednesday next to attend the closing exercises of the Royal Military College and will inspect the brigade during the forenoon of the day named.

A list has been opened at "A" Battery barracks, which may be signed by those men who are desirous of leaving the corps. Forty-nine men signed on the first day the list was opened.

A detachment from the Quebec companies will arrive here soon, to take the places of those who have been thus discharged.

Sergt.-Major Kelly of the Army Gymnastic Staff, arrived here to-day from Halifax, N. S., for his athletic contest with Sergt.-Major Morgans, R. M. C. which takes place on Tuesday evening. Betting here is strongly in favor of Morgans.

In my letter to the Gazette, a few weeks ago, I stated that the Winnipeg Field Battery fired the signal to the steamer Northcote on the morning of

May 9th, 1885, just before the opening of the engagement at Batoche. I was under the impression, when the letter was written, that I was correct, but I have since discovered that the signal shot was fired by "A" Battery R.C.A. and not by the Winnipeg Field Battery. Staff-Sergt. (then corporal) Low of "A" Battery is entitled to the honor, and Vedette hereby makes apology to him for the mistake.

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## Quebec.

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The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars are about completing their mounted drills and will be ready for inspection. During the week Capt. R. E. W. Turner took his troop out for a long ride in the country, although the weather was as disagreeable as could possibly be not a trooper took advantage of the offer to remain in the Drill Hall and take up other duties in lieu of the ride, but all accompanied their captain.

It is safe to state that the work being done by this officer is beneficial to his men and the energy shown worthy of being followed by others.

On the 10th of June the R. C. A. Minstrels gave a performance in Tara Hall. Much credit is due for the way in which they carry out their work and for the amusement they contribute from time to time to the Quebec public.

The 8th Royal Rifles have returned their arms, clothing and accoutrements into store, and have been paid for the period of their annual training. The rifle teams in connection with this corps are doing some excellent shooting. On the 8th inst. the following obtained over 90 points :

Lieut. W. H. Davidson.....	95
Lieut. R. J. Davidson.....	92
Corporal A. R. Swift.....	91

On the 12th inst. two members of the team obtained 90 points :

Lieut. R. J. Davidson.....	90
Lieut. E. R. Hale.....	90

The district camp opens this week with the following staff : In Command, Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G. ; Brigade Major, Capt. Fages, Royal Canadian Artillery ; Camp Quartermaster, Capt. Imlah, Royal Canadian Artillery ; Musketry Instructor, Lieut. H. A. Panet, Royal Canadian Artillery ; Supply Officer, Major Vien, Levis Garrison Artillery ; Principal Medical Officer, Deputy Surgeon General C. Sewell. Tuesday, the 25th inst., is the day fixed for the opening of the camp.

The R.C.A. band performed on the Terrace on the evening of the 15th inst. It is needless to state that the large number of people present were delighted with the music.

The short-sighted policy of the Government in the direction of the reduction in the permanent militia was clearly manifested on Sunday when the church parade was far weaker in numbers than heretofore. It is to be regretted that it