

# REGIMENTAL NOTES.

practical astronomy, civil engineering, physics and electricity, chemistry, geology and mineralogy.

Col. Hewett, who may be almost regarded as the founder of the College, resigned his position for a much better one in England, in the summer of 1886, and was succeeded by the Professor of Astronomy, Col., afterwards Major-General Oliver. He carried on the work most successfully, till the summer of 1888, when he was succeeded by the present commandant, Major-General Cameron, under whose able administration the college has not only maintained its efficiency, but gives promise of still greater development.

In any country a new institution is always, during the first years of its existence, on trial, and is subjected to severe criticism. If it passes the ordeal unscathed, it reaches the second stage of its existence, in which it is at least tolerated, and then speedily passes on to popularity. There are now indications that the Military College has reached this last stage. It has done such good work that it is most favourably known, both in Canada and the Mother Country. Abroad, its graduates may be found in every branch of the Imperial Army where some of them have already made their mark; while at home they have been successful in civil as well as military service. Several hold commissions in the Regular Canadian Artillery, and some in the North-West Mounted Police.

The institution has been so highly commended by the military authorities in England, that Australia contemplates a similar establishment on the Canadian model. Another evidence of popularity is the increased number of candidates for matriculation. They come from the best schools in the country, eager to shoulder the rifle and don the scarlet tunic of the cadet. There must, indeed, be a charm about a military life, for these cadets have no easy time. The college does not tolerate laziness. Their day is a long one—from seven in the morning till ten at night, parade and study, with not more than three hours for recreation. Notwithstanding this, nay, rather on account of this happy combination of mental and physical exercises, the typical cadet is a bright young fellow, full of animal spirits; and yet with all polite and deferential in his bearing towards his officers and instructors.

Next Tuesday, 28th inst., the College will close for the season; the annual inspection of the cadets, the presentation of prizes and other ceremonies will form a brilliant *finale* to another session's work of what has well been called "Our National College." It is a truism that men who excel in arms excel in patriotism and in devotion to the Crown.

## TORONTO.

The Governor-General's Body Guard will pay Hamilton a visit on Saturday next. The corps will ride from Toronto to Oakville, camp there one night and then ride to Hamilton. The camp will be pitched in the neighbourhood of Lansdowne park. The troop will arrive here on Saturday evening and remain over night, probably over Sunday. Colonel Denison has written to the mayor asking for a water supply for his men and horses from one of the city hydrants.

## MONTREAL.

The Sixth Fusiliers Rifle Association held their annual meeting on the 22nd inst. Lieut.-Col. Massey presided, when satisfactory reports were presented. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Hon. Vice-Presidents, Lieut.-Cols. R. Gardner, J. C. Sinton, Martin and Theo. Lyman and Capt. Pettigrew; President, Lieut.-Col. Massey; first vice-president, Major J. H. Burland; second vice-president, Capt. J. D. McLennan; secretary-treasurer, Lieut. W. E. Findlay; Captain of team, Capt. E. J. Chambers; Executive Committee, Col.-Sergts. Howard, James Currie, Marks and Pratt, Sergts. Riddle, Lavers and White and Pte. Scott; executive officer, Bt.-Major T. Atkinson. The battalion's annual matches are to be held on August 13.

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The annual rifle matches of the Montreal Rifle Association will be held at Cote St. Luc on Saturday, 25th inst. An attractive programme has been prepared, and one which will doubtless bring out a large attendance of local riflemen and result in keen competition.

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On Wednesday next, 29th inst., the 65th Battalion will put in its annual ball practice at the Cote St. Luc ranges. The inspection of the corps will take place on the Champ de Mars on Saturday, 9th July.

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The 5th Battalion, "Royal Scots," attended divine service at St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on Saturday, 12th inst., under command of Lieut.-Col. Hood. The muster was a fair one numerically, and the battalion looked well. The sermon, a most eloquent one and strongly patriotic, was preached by the Very Rev. Dr. Gray, ex-moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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The annual inspection of the Royal Scots was held on Saturday last, 18th inst., before Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and staff. In the matter of

variety of work and practical usefulness the parade was ahead of any held in Montreal for a long time. The personal inspection and company drill took place on the garrison parade ground, the battalion then marching up to that portion of the park known as "Fletcher's field," throwing out advance and rear guards *en route*, and on arrival there proceeding at once to the attack in extended order of the high ground held by the Highland cadets. Here weak points in the work were at once evident. The left attack fired well by volleys, given with great precision; but the companies on the right showed great irregularity and lack of concentration in their fire during the greater part of the advance. Cover was poorly taken by all, and the defending party had ample opportunity for careful aim at almost every man in the advance line, the white helmets and cross-belts standing out in sharp prominence on the grassy slope.

At the conclusion of the attack the Battalion formed on its markers, and after a short rest, went through a variety of movements in close formation with much steadiness. Distances were poorly kept and forming into line was slow and "draggy;" but these were exceptions to what on the whole was very good. The manual and firing were remarkably well done. We are glad to note that the useless march past was entirely dispensed with. At the conclusion of the drill the corps marched back to the Drill Hall.

The appearance of the regiment was very fine and the stately Highland uniform made an unusually brilliant showing on the parade ground. The muster was good, the companies averaging 15 files each. The band played excellently, but their appearance was marred by a lack of uniformity in dress. The cadets looked very well, and by-and-by will prove an excellent source of supply to the ranks of the senior corps.

## GUARDS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The seventh weekly spoon competition of the Guards R.A. was held on Saturday, 18th instant. Captain Gray was on the range again and took part in the competition. Teis was Captain Gray's first shoot since his recovery from a serious illness, and he was heartily welcomed back by the shooting men. The following are the leading scores:

Pte. J. H. Ellis, Teaspoon, 1st class.....	90
Pte. Morrison.....	84
Corp. Carroll.....	84
Sgt. Short.....	83
Capt. Gray.....	80
Pte. Tink.....	80
Col. Sgt. Mailleue.....	76