

Officer, Lieut. Phidime Bélanger, 61st Battalion; and Supply Officer, Lieut. Octavo Sylvain, Rimouski Battalion.

The drill was carried out as near as possible in accordance with the General Orders of the 23rd April, 1875; and the daily routine in camp strictly enforced.

Of the conduct of the non commissioned officers and men composing the Brigade, I cannot speak too highly.

The supplies furnished to the troops were found sufficient, and there were no complaints as to quality. An extra day's ration was issued to the Temiscouata and Rimouski Battalions, unavoidably detained at Rivière Ouelle through want of transport.

The usual target practice was gone through, and notice a great falling off from former years, perhaps owing to the short time allowed for preliminary drill.

The health of the men was very good, and the only serious casualty was the death of a private of the 9th Battalion, from congestion of the lungs contracted during camp. An accident also occurred to Private Cefella, of the Temiscouata Battalion, who fractured his collar bone by falling during a bayonet charge.

Divine service on Sunday was held in camp, and the Rev. Mr. Casgrain, Chaplain of the 9th Battalion, officiated. I would recommend that an allowance be granted to defray the incidental expenses for this service.

The band of the 9th Battalion, composed of 21 musicians, under the direction of Sergeant Vezeina, was present in camp. It is very efficient, and reflects great credit on the officers of the battalion. Its presence in camp, and readiness in turning out whenever wanted to enliven the monotony of camp life, was greatly appreciated by all.

The brigade was mustered on the 25th of August, 1875, and afterwards inspected by me, each battalion being separately put through company and battalion movements, which were creditably performed. The 9th Battalion, by its clean appearance, staidness at drill, and general efficiency, commanded my special remarks. The other battalions, although well drilled, by partial absence of accoutrements and clothing did not fyle as good an appearance.

The officers of my Staff were indefatigable in their efforts to carry out my orders.

The 17th Battalion and the Dorchester Provisional Battalion were brigaded together at Lévis, with the Quebec Field Battery, under command of Lieut. Col. Blanchet, 17th Battalion, and the muster and inspection took place on the 10th September, 1875. I am happy to bear testimony to the efficiency acquired by the Brigade during their annual training.

It was intended to assemble the 70th Battalion and Portneuf and County of Quebec Provisional Battalions at a Brigade Camp, but owing to the prevalence of small pox in the County of Quebec, it was not thought advisable by medical men to do so. These battalions camped separately at their own head quarters. The 70th Battalion at St. Geneviève, of Batiscan, under Lieut.-Colonel Massicotte's command, and as far as I am informed, Colonel Casault, who made the inspection, was well satisfied with the battalion; and made special notice of the band, which is kept at a great expense by the officers of the battalion.

The Portneuf Provisional Battalion, encamped at Deschambault, was also inspected by Colonel Casault, and reported efficient. The County of Quebec Provisional Battalion, encamped at Ancienne Lorette, was inspected by me and found efficient. I am sorry to state that through the improper use and firing of a gun during the exercises in camp,

by inexperienced hands, a serious accident occurred, causing the complete mutilation of the hand of a private of the name of Chartré, belonging to the said battalion; and the accident is more deplorable, as the man who so met with the misfortune is unable to avail himself of the boon granted to volunteers who are injured on actual service, in the due performance of their regulated duties.

Arms, Clothing and Accoutrement.

The arms and accoutrements are in good order and serviceable. The clothing is good, considering that many of the corps have now become entitled to a new issue. Accoutrements have been found deficient, and the stoppage of the allowance for the care of arms has had the good effect of making good, in many instances, the prices of missing articles.

Rifle Associations.

There are now existing in Military District No. 7, six efficient Rifle Associations, which are distributed as follows:—

7TH BRIGADE DIVISION.—The County of Mégantic Rifle Association, President, Hon. G. Irvine; the 17th Battalion Rifle Association, President, Lieut.-Colonel Blanchet.

8TH BRIGADE DIVISION.—The Stadacona Rifle Association, President, C. F. Smith, Esq; the County of Quebec Rifle Association, President, Lieut.-Colonel Laurin, R.M.; the County of Champlain Rifle Association, President, Lieut.-Colonel Massicotte, 70th Battalion; 8th Battalion Rifle Association, President, Lieut.-Colonel Atleyn, 8th Battalion.

The above Associations have had their regular meetings every year, at a yearly expenditure of \$340 in 7th Brigade Division, and \$1,090 in 8th Brigade Division.

Several corps have not yet completed their annual training, a list of which here follows, viz:—

Quebec Cavalry..... 2 troops
Gaspé Battery Artillery ... 1 battery
8th Battalion Rifles..... 5 companies
61st Battalion Infantry.... 5 "
Fox River Company, Infantry 1 company
Bonaventure Infantry..... 1 "

St. Raymond Independent Company of Infantry (not yet accoutred or clothed.)

In bringing my Report to a close, I cannot fail to bring to your favorable notice, the support and assistance I have experienced at the hands of the Staff officers of the District:—Lieut.-Colonel Lamontagne, Brigade Major; and Major Forrest, District Paymaster.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. J. DUCHESNAY, Lieut. Col.

Deputy Adjutant General,

Military District No. 7.

The Adjutant General of Militia,
Head Quarters, Ottawa, Ontario.

MILITARY DISTRICT, NO. 8.

Province of New Brunswick,

Headquarters, Fredericton,

24th November, 1875.

SIR.—In compliance with the instructions contained in General Orders (No. 7.) of the 23rd April last, I have the honor to submit this my Report on the state of the Militia of the District under my command for the military year 1875-76.

The total nominal strength of the force in the District, as reduced in General Orders above quoted, is 154 officers and 2,107 non-commissioned officers and men. The total

actual strength of the force, when mustered at the time of the annual drill of the year 1875-76, was 150 officers and 1,974 non-commissioned officers and men.

There are four officers and 133 non-commissioned officers and men wanting to complete their annual drill.

The Active Militia of the District consists of the following corps, which at the time of the annual drill turned out as follows:—

8th Regiment of Cavalry.

Lieut. Col. Saunders (7 troops)—officers 17, non commissioned officers and men 252.

Newcastle Field Battery of Artillery.

Brevet Major Call—officers 4, non commissioned officers and men 70.

Woodstock Field Battery of Artillery.

Captain Donnell—officers 4, non commissioned officers and men 72.

New Brunswick Brigade Garrison Artillery.

Lieut. Col. Foster (5 Batteries)—officers 21, non commissioned officers and men 202.

New Brunswick Engineer Corps.

Captain Perley—officers 3, non commissioned officers and men 38.

62nd Battalion, St. John, Infantry.

Lieut. Col. Sullivan (Companies)—officers 16, non commissioned officers and men 224.

67th Battalion, Carleton, Light Infantry.

Lieut. Col. Upton (10 Companies)—officers 28, non commissioned officers and men 414.

71st Battalion of Infantry, York.

Lieut. Col. Marsh (5 Companies)—officers 17, non commissioned officers and men 209.

73rd Battalion of Infantry, Northumberland.

Major Sheriff (5 Companies)—officers 15, non commissioned officers and men 164.

74th Battalion of Infantry.

Lieut. Col. Beer (4 Companies)—officers 12, non commissioned officers and men 154.

INDEPENDENT COMPANIES.

Dalhousie Infantry Company.

Captain Barberie—officers 1, non commissioned officers and men 31.

Deer Island Infantry Company.

Captain Lloyd—officers 2, non commissioned officers and men 38.

St. Stephen Infantry Company.

Captain Hutton—officers 2, non commissioned officers and men 39.

St. George Infantry Company.

Captain McGee—officers 2 non commissioned officers and men 37.

Brigade Majors—3.

Total—officers 150, non commissioned officers and men 1,974.

In submitting my annual reports during the past ten years, I have invariably endeavored to review the various steps taken from time to time to ensure efficiency, viz.: the facilities for drill and discipline afforded by the country through its representatives in Parliament, and the manner in which the force availed itself of such facilities. I propose to pursue the same course on the present occasion.

In the first place, if I may advert to the most important point of new departure during the past year, the appointment of the Major General to command the Militia, with that of the Adjutant General to the highest rank and position which Canadian soldiery