

will become tired of paying a high rent for the miserable place, sarcastically called the Drill Hall, and build one here which will accommodate not only the two companies at present in full activity, but a third company if it is thought necessary. The men here have no privileges whatever; there is no room for them to meet in, not even a committee room; they go to drill, and as soon as it is over must go away, as there is nowhere to sit down. They feel there has been considerable neglect somewhere, and trust that the long-felt want will soon come along.

VANCOUVER.

NEWS FROM THE CITADEL.

QUEBEC, July 16.—Capt. Kenneth J. R. Campbell, D.S.O., Suffolk Regiment, and an old Quebec boy, was in the city recently visiting his relatives. He will join his regiment in India in September next.

Capt. W. J. McElhinney, R.E., spent a couple of days in the city last week, en route to England. Capt. McElhinney obtained his commission through the Royal Military College of Canada, and has been stationed in India for several years.

The Royal Canadian Artillery Bicycle Club have elected the following officers:

Hon. president, Lieut.-Col. C. E. Montizambert.
Hon. vice-president, Lieut.-Col. J. F. Wilson.
President, Major A. A. Farley.
Sec.-Treasurer, Sergeant McCarthy.
Committee, Mr. J. H. C. Ogilvy, Sergt.-Major Fellows, Corps. Morrison and Pugh, Gunners Langford and Mosse, and Driver Hayward.

In the last match of the Canadian Military Rifle League, fired at St. Joseph de Levis, Major J. Secretan Dunbar, of the 8th Royal Rifles, won the gold badge, in the Snider team, with an average of 83 for the four matches. Major Dunbar has come well to the front this season in rifle practice, and will doubtless continue to devote some of his time at the ranges during the season.

On the 29th of June three warships arrived in port and were decorated with flags in honor of the bicycle meet, which took place in this city. The vessels were the Crescent, Intrepid and Tartar. Their presence in port added much to the success of the C. W. A. meet, particularly with regard to their turnout on the Plains of Abraham.

The naval review on the Plains was witnessed by a large number of citizens and visitors. The sailors looked neat, and wore white caps and trousers, and were armed with rifles and cutlasses. The Marines, in scarlet, also wore white trousers, and were armed with rifles and bayonets. The grounds were kept by a detachment from the Royal Canadian Artillery. The march past, cutlass exercise and manual exercise, etc., formed part of the proceedings, and were much admired. The manner in which the

work was performed was about perfect. The number of spectators would have been greater had it not been that the review was postponed one day on account of the circus which was camped on the Plains the day upon which the review was advertised to take place.

An enjoyable time was spent at the Citadel, when the chief and first-class petty officers' social club, H.M.S. Crescent, entertained the sergeants' mess of the R.C.A. in their gymnasium. Among the invited guests were the members of the Shoeburyness team, who are at work before their departure for England. Some 200 were present, all told. Several selections were played by the string band of H.M.S. Crescent. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wingate, president C. & P. O. Social Club; the vice by Gar.-Sergt.-Major Lyndon, R.C.A. Several of the officers of the fleet and of the garrison put in an appearance during the evening, and were well received. The usual toasts were in order and a most enjoyable evening spent.

The Shoeburyness team are hard at work daily, preparing for their work in England, and will start about the middle of the month.

The R.C.A. Bicycle Club turned up in good numbers at the bicycle parade during the C.W.A. meet, among others in attendance being Messrs. Henri A. Panet and J. H. C. Ogilvy. Their appearance was much admired.

PATROL.

62ND FUSILIERS' EXCURSION.

ST. JOHN, N.B., July 14, 1896.—Military news is very scarce here, there being no events to chronicle. It must be remembered that only one battalion, the 62nd, is drilling, and that so far with this corps only squad and company drills have been practised. The first battalion parade will take place on Friday evening, 24th inst., and will probably be held weekly after that date. The band of the 62nd Fusiliers have arranged for a monster excursion to Halifax on 30th inst., during the Aquatic Carnival to be held there. A low rate has been secured, which will attract many, and the band have arranged to give one or two concerts in Halifax.

The St. John Rifle Company held their annual church parade recently, marching to Zion church, where a special sermon was preached. The company will soon complete their annual drill and will be inspected about the first part of August.

The military of the Maritime Provinces should be well looked after in the new Parliament, with Lieut.-Col. Tucker, of the 62nd Fusiliers, and Lieut.-Col. Domville, 8th Cavalry, as members, while the Minister of Militia will be Surgeon-Major Borden,

68th Battalion, from Nova Scotia; and if the latter gentleman does not intend to be a mere figurehead he has his work cut out for him, not only as regards the districts by the sea, but throughout Canada. It is hoped that one of the first acts of the new Parliament will be to provide for the annual camps in the autumn, so that the rural corps will not miss their drill. There is no doubt that much money can be saved by the Militia Department which is now wasted, or the money can be used for other purposes more needful than in cases where the amounts now do no good. The matter of allowances to rural and city corps should be well looked into, and either some of the amounts saved or diverted into channels where they would benefit the militia generally; then there are the grants to the rifle associations, amounts for care (?) of forts, and tumble-down buildings, care of arms, etc., much of which can be saved the country. There is no doubt that much of the militia expenditure, about which the enemies of the force are continually grumbling, is caused, not by actual drill expenses, but by useless grants and allowances referred to above.

THOMAS ATKINS.

WITH THE ARMY.

LONDON, ENG., July 3.—Another of the "famous Six Hundred" has passed away in the person of Major Everard Hutton, who died at Bath. Deceased was severely wounded while taking part in that famous charge.

The question of employment for our ex-soldiers is creating a great deal of discussion amongst military men and civilians. Major-General J. M. D. Moody, in the course of a lecture on the above subject the other day, said that roughly speaking 21,000 men returned to civil life every year, and had to begin life in an entirely different sphere to what they had been accustomed. Although the Government made every provision for them, they could not give employment to a tithe of the number discharged yearly. He advocated the idea of technical subjects being taught while with the colors, and that special inducements should be held out for their emigrating to the colonies. Being trained men they would form a nucleus of a vast colonial army.

It has been predicted by those in high authority that very shortly inducements will be made to the militia to have them undergo garrison duty abroad and that the defence of the country will be left to the volunteer.

More troops are to be sent from Malta to the Cape. This news comes as a relief to military men, for it was feared that reinforcements would not be sent until it was too late. The Colonial Secretary has all along