

sympathy between pastors and the younger members of the community. As remedial agencies he advised that the tendencies and needs of boyhood should be better recognised in the homes, and that ministers should participate in the healthy, manly, out-door sports of the boys and young men, or at least show their sympathy and approval by their presence. Military drill he thought also was a good thing. This last evoked some discussion. Rev. Geo. Webber felt that militarism was in opposition to the spirit of Christianity and too much of it was now "disgracing" the city. Rev. E. E. Scott took a similar view. But Rev. Mr. McDinnick thought a man might do worse than join the army, and that it was no sin to be a soldier or a sailor. Rev. Dr. Simms, of Bond street church, and Rev. C. B. Carr, late of Edinburgh, were received as members.

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At the parade of the 48th Highlanders on Friday evening, Nov. 5th, the inspection of that battalion by Lt. Col. Otter and Capt. Macdougall was completed. The regimental record showed steady and most satisfactory progress with respect to the increased strength of the regiment and the attendance on duty of the officers and men. The inspection proved the great efficiency of the battalion. The arms and the accoutrements, the interior economy, as well as the discipline and bearing of the various companies were found all that could be desired. The inspecting officers were agreeably surprised at the satisfactory state in which they found everything pertaining to the corps. Especial praise was said to be due to the non-commissioned officers and men, whose work was about as perfect as it could well be, and to the officers, whose efforts have been untiring in the discharge of their duties. A noteworthy as well as pleasant feature of the proceedings on Friday was the swearing in of Charles Alexander Hugh MacLean, jr., of Pennyross, Mull, Scotland, as an officer of the regiment. Mr. MacLean's connection with the 48th is rather interesting. His father, who is on an extended visit to Canada, has been so much pleased with the Highlanders of Toronto that he sent for his son to have the advantage of military training with them, and at the same time make a practical acquaintance with life in Canada. Accordingly young MacLean, a splendid specimen of an 18-year-old Highlander, has arrived, joined the 48th, and will enter for a course of instruction to-day at the New Fort. In honour of the event the officers' mess was the scene of a jolly gathering after the oath had been administered.

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The 39th anniversary of the battle of Inkerman was commemorated the night of Nov. 6 with a banquet by the army and navy veterans. About 50 heroes of many history-making conflicts gathered around the festive board at Occident Hall and rehearsed again in story and in song the annals of their fights. The president, Mr. Alexander Muir occupied the chair, and Mr. John Macdonald the vice-chair. Only

three survivors of Inkerman were present, Sgt. Maj. Firman, 9th Regiment of Infantry; Sgt. James Freeman, 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade, and Sgt. McCoy, Royal Horse Artillery. Toasts to the Queen, the Governor General and the Lt. Governor were drunk with rousing cheers.

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The Royal Canadian Dragoons, having everything in ship-shape at their new quarters, and having put in some drill and shouting duty in Hyde park, are now practising route marching. Nov. 6 the whole troop, under the command of Capt. Lessard and Lt. Forrester, marched through the city by way of King street, and returned by way of Queen street. This will do much to popularise the dragoons.

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The Queen's Own mustered the night of Nov. 1st, 591 strong. Companies B, E, F and G remained at the drill shed, where they were inspected by Col. Otter, D. A. G., and Major Buchan with great satisfaction to the inspecting officers; the rest of the battalion took exercises and a parade in the old Uppr Canada grounds. On their return the commanding officer addressed the whole battalion. He conveyed to them the hearty thanks of His Excellency Lord Aberdeen for the guard of honor furnished the previous Saturday and for the excellent services of the battalion.

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It has been decided to wind up the season's drill on Thanksgiving day with a sham battle, and as soon as the inspection is over the men will settle down to hard work in preparation for this event. With the exception of a few small changes, the programme for the holiday will be the same as was intended for last year.

## MONTREAL.

The annual inspection of the Prince of Wales Regiment on Saturday, October 14th, was really a marvellous revelation of improvement. The efficient regiment which passed under the critical eye of the Assistant Adjutant General could not be recognized as the six lame companies which composed the battalion last year. Officers and men must have worked like heroes this year. When the roll was called it showed a total of 299 on parade, divided as follows: Four field officers, Lt. Col. Butler, Majors Cooke and Laurie, and Capt. and Adj. W. Bond; three staff officers, Surgeon G. T. Ross, Capt. and Paymaster Lefebvre, and Lt. and Quartermaster Simpson; brass and fife and drum bands, 49, including drum-major. Next must be counted five buglers and then five staff-sergeants, the companies showing as follows:

No. 1 Co., Capt. Hood, 2 lieutenants, 4 sergeants, 3 corporals and 32 men—total 42.

No. 2 Co., Capt. Bartlett, 1 lieutenant, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals and 31 men—total 39.

No. 3 Co., Capt. Finlayson, 4 sergeants, 2 corporals and 32 men—total 39.

No. 4 Co., Capt. Dobbin, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals and 29 men—total 36.

No. 5 Co., Capt. Scott, 1 lieutenant, 3 sergeants, 2 corporals and 23 men—total 30.

No. 6 Co., Capt. Porteous, 2 lieutenants, 4 sergeants, 1 corporal and 36 men—total 44.

This, with the sergeant-major, armory sergeant and orderly room sergeant brought the strength up to considerably over the number required.

There was the usual routine of salute, march past and battalion drill. Taken all through, it was a good march past, one of the best this year. The Victoria Rifles was the only regiment which made as good an advance in column, so far as alignments were concerned, but both made the same mistake. All the companies marched past as if at open order, instead of with the ranks well closed up. Distances between companies throughout were as perfect as they possibly could be. As to the alignments, they were all so good that it is almost impossible to make comparisons; but if anything, Nos. 1, 3 and 6 kept the most perfect lines. The officers' salutes were not brilliant. The march past in quarter column was only passable. The column started well, No. 6, in front, leading it as steadily as the most exacting critic would wish, but just before reaching the saluting point, an ugly break occurred in the middle of the leading rank, which had not been remedied before the battalion was halted. Similar breaks occurred in the following companies about the same, and the guides apparently getting rattled, distances became very irregular. The double past was very good, Nos. 1 and 2 excelling.

After the second wheel, line was formed to the left on the rear company, and the movement was critically watched, for it was the first bit of ticklish manoeuvring attempted. It was pretty well done, the men, though, clearly showing a lack of confidence in themselves by hesitating a bit about the forming to the left, Nos. 4 and 2 companies losing distances badly and leaving ugly gaps between themselves and the companies previously formed. Lt. Col. Butler and Major Cooke then put the battalion through a number of the usual battalion movements, which on the whole were very well done. The thing which appeared to take the fancy of the spectators most was the reversing of the order of the battalion by the advance of the alternate companies from the rear in fours. It was well done but it is really a very simple movement. A much better test of what the battalion could do was the work done after the order of the battalion had been inverted, and it was very creditable, though on the first order to deploy on No. 1, the men of the old No. 6, then acting as No. 1, formed fours, a very natural thing to do.

The formation of a square and also a couple of changes of front were among the best pieces of work done. Before marching off, No. 1 Company threw out and withdrew an advance guard, and it was done without much loss of time either. The regiment certainly ought to be well pleased with their battalion drill, and it was an eye-opener for many people.