

ANNUAL DRILL AND INSPECTION OF THE 36TH BATTALION.

The 36th Peel Battalion commenced its experience of "camp life" and routine on Tuesday, 14th inst., and remained busily engaged in their annual drill until dismissed on Wednesday last, the 22nd inst. Fortunately for the health and comfort of the officers and men the weather, although exceptionally warm for the month of September, was as beautiful and serene as the most fastidious holiday soldier could desire and in consequence they have with few exceptions, been well pleased with their initiation into "camping out." There was, however, as might have been expected among the members of the companies from rural districts, a considerable amount of dissatisfaction expressed at the inconvenient time to them selected for annual drill, just at the close of harvest before the crops were all secured, and so much to be done at home besides in seeding, threshing, &c. The Militia authorities appear entirely to have overlooked the fact that agricultural work this season is fully a month behind hand, but no blame rests with Major Gracey, the commander of the Battalion, he was simply notified to have the Battalion ready for inspection on the 21st inst. It is difficult, we admit, to choose a time that would suit all Volunteers whose pursuits in life are so different, but we do think that an earlier part of the summer, before the pressure of securing the harvest commences, would be generally more acceptable. The turn out of the men was not quite as strong as last year from the sheer inability of many of its members to leave their work at home neglected at such a critical period of the year.

INSPECTION DAY.

On Tuesday the Battalion was inspected by Colonel Ross, the new Adjutant-General, who minutely examined the arms and accoutrements, and expressed his approval of the soldier-like appearance of many of the privates as they came under his critical eye. Taking command of the Battalion at the Review, he gave his orders for the execution of the various manoeuvres in such a clear, soldierly, easy and pleasant manner, that though it was his first visit of inspection with them, he quite won the hearts of the men, and displayed throughout so much affability, that the majority of the members freely expressed the sentiment, "that if perforce they had to meet an enemy in the field, they could freely fight, and if needs be lay down their lives under such a leader." Colonel Ross bids fair to become, so far as we can judge from the impression he has made on the 36th, the most popular Adjutant-General that has yet assumed the direction of the Volunteer Force in the Province of Ontario.

The Adjutant General, at the close of the movements, addressed the men, and said he was quite sure every man before him was ready, if need be, to defend the flag which had been so dear to their fore-fathers. They were not a conscripted army, but a body of men, who freely, and at considerable sacrifice assembled in camp for to acquire greater proficiency in drill. He was quite sure, if occasion arose, their officers would lead them well, and that they would follow wherever duty called them. He would mention one or two matters pertaining to drill. The system had changed a great deal since the long range had come in vogue, and not near the same amount of drill was requisite to fit men

for the field as was necessary in the olden time, when it was the system to fight shoulder to shoulder. He said he had the honor of serving twenty-years in the regular army, and although not a very old man he had passed through the whole of the Crimean and Caffar wars; he was also one of themselves, as he held a commission in the Volunteer Militia. He encouraged them, and said all they required was confidence and reliance on themselves. He had within the last ten days inspected several thousand volunteers, who were thoroughly drilled and disciplined, and equal to take their place side by side with the regular army, and he found the 36th Peel Battalion equal to any of them in that particular. He spoke of the importance of a soldier's arms and regimentals being kept bright and clean, and said they should be as untarnished as his honor. He concluded a neat and interesting speech by hoping that during the remainder of the time they remained in camp they might enjoy themselves, and said that if the time ever came in which they would be required on active service—which time he hoped was far distant—he knew they would give a good account of themselves.

Right hearty cheers were then given for the Queen and the Adjutant General.

The camp broke up at noon on Wednesday, with three cheers for the Queen, Major Gracey, Major Wright, and Adjutant Nesbit. The latter, we may remark, is as hard working an officer as there is in the Battalion, and to his industry and energy a considerable portion of the merit won by the 36th is due.—*Brampton Times.*

ANNUAL MATCH OF CIVIL SERVICE RIFLE CORPS.

The Annual Match of the C. S. Rifles was held on the Rideau Rifle Range on Saturday afternoon, 2nd inst., the Company being under the command of Captain White. The prize winners were:

- 1st. Pte W. E. Morgan, courier's bag.
- 2nd. Colour Sergeant Walsh, photograph album.
- 3rd. Pte. Bosse, fishing tackle.
- 4th. " De Boucherville, bread platter.
- 5th. " Yeomans, flask.

The firing, as will be seen by the scores, was pretty good. The wind was rather too high during the first part of the match for close shooting, but on the whole the Company have no reason to be dissatisfied.

Major Anderson and other friends of the C. S. R. were on the ground.

After the prizes had been presented, the proceedings were brought to a close with three cheers for the commanding officer.

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	yds.	yds.	yds.	T'l
Pte. Morgan.....	2232	4843	8440	—43
Col. Sergt. Walsh.....	3824	4323	2222	—40
Pte. Bosse.....	4332	2223	4024	—40
" DeBoucherville.....	2222	3432	2323	—39
" Yeomans.....	2322	4232	3432	—39
" Berry.....	2302	4324	4222	—39
" Blackmore.....	3322	0222	3433	—38
" Deslauriers.....	3322	3203	2432	—38
" Larose.....	0224	3243	3222	—36
" Watters.....	0032	2322	3233	—34
" Benjamin.....	3220	2324	0240	—33
" Pellant.....	2202	3323	2022	—32
" Ince.....	3023	3002	3324	—30
" Killaly.....	3023	2304	0320	—30
" P. Dunne.....	2322	3320	2040	—29
" P. Pender.....	0032	0323	0340	—27
Bugler Garrett.....	0802	3330	0004	—21
Pte. Boulet.....	3332	2000	ret'd	—16
Pte. W. O'Brien.....	0202	0320	0000	—13

Admiral Persano, who since the condemnation by the Italian Senate of his conduct in the battle of Lissa has been living in retirement in his villa near Turin, has just published a very interesting collection of memoirs relating to the Sicilian and Neapolitan revolutions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM TORONTO.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The great importance of rifle instruction over more showy drill is fortunately quite evident to the minds of those two distinguished officers who control the regular and Volunteer force of the Dominion. I refer to General Windham and the Adjutant General of Militia, who, while in this city, on more than one occasion referred to the queen of weapons now in the hands of the Canadian force, which they urged those to whom they were entrusted to keep in good condition and to become conversant with the use of it, as upon their skill in the use thereof while action depended the final result. Drill they maintained was simply to put the men in the best position and to face and march as directed, preserve alignment and distance and salute an officer were pretty near all that they would urge upon them.

Your Correspondent "Royal," whose identity is evident from his personal allusions, came here in a bad humour and consequently saw everything through green spectacles. Capt Northey of the 60th is a most polite, attentive, and efficient officer and it is to be hoped, with Col. R. B. Denison, B. M., who was the life of the meeting together with such desirable members as the indefatigable Secretary, Col. Stuart; Col. Macpherson, D. A. G., Col. Fletcher of the statistical department may again render their valuable assistance.

Mr. Czowski by his princely liberality and personal attendance succeeded largely in promoting the *entente cordiale* and *esprit* of our distinguished guests and the competitors themselves. Col. Boulton was indefatigable in his charge of the register keepers and squad commanders and was ably assisted by the two most popular officers of the ground, viz: Brigade Major Denison and Major Otter. Great preparations are being made for the reception and entertainment of his Royal Highness Prince Arthur this week. The following Brigade order has been issued:

FOURTH DIVISION, }
Brigade Order.

No. 1. The following corps of Volunteer Militia are ordered to assemble at Toronto on Tuesday, the 5th of October next, in honor of His Royal Highness, Prince Arthur:—

- The York Squadron.
- Collingwood Garrison Battery.
- 12th York Batt., Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 Cos.
- 34th Ontario Batt., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9 Cos.
- 35th Simcoe Batt., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9 Cos.
- 36th Peel Batt., Nos. 1, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10 Cos.

(It is left optional with companies not mentioned in the list as to whether they come or not, the distance from their headquarters to the railway being so great.)

2. Officers commanding the above mentioned companies will warn their men at