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THE FUSILIERS' INSPECTION.

MONTREAL, June 15.—All the regiments in the drill shed have been hard at work for some time past. The inspections are close at hand and each regiment has been putting in as much hard work as can well be crowded into 6 days of the week. Seldom or ever has there been such a rivalry shown amongst the different corps for top place in the efficiency competitions. Work has been going on satisfactorily, and as usual each regiment has a certain following who claim to know that their favorites are sure to win. It is useless at this point to pick the likely winning regiment as some of them have yet to go through their inspection. One corps is said to be lying low and when the results are made known it will come as a surprise to many of the military men.

The Field Battery, under Capt. Costigan, have been drilling 3 and 4 nights a week. They go into camp on the 20th at St Helen's Island, and will remain there for 12 days. This corps is well up to strength, and with the exception of the want of a couple of drivers may be considered up to establishment. It is expected that Major Hooper may be back in time for the inspection on the 30th June, but, if not, the Battery will be well looked after by Capt. Costigan, who has the welfare of the corps very much at heart. With such an admirable body of men as he now commands he would be able to take his stand alongside any of the other batteries in the Dominion. Through some oversight, no doubt, on the part of the management of the late military tournament at

Toronto, no notification was received at this quarter until within a week of the event. If time had been given for a little practice, Capt. Costigan would no doubt have been in the running with a team. It is to be hoped that by next year they will have an opportunity of letting those in the west see that something good can come from the east.

Quite a furore has arisen among the various city bands. The cause of such a display of feeling by the bandsmen is occasioned by the fact that the bandmaster of the Victoria Rifles has been approaching the various C.O.'s in the district to have them give him the supplying of the music when they parade. His idea is to have a large band or bands so that he could supply each regiment with a fully equipped band at little cost. The idea is absurd on the face of it. What would he do in the case of a garrison parade? Would he be able to supply each regiment with a band, or have one band for the whole? To supply each regiment, he would require to have about 200 men, and he would be a very good bandmaster indeed who could procure and train such musicians as are required for a regimental band. The whole of the bandsmen in the different regiments are dead against such an idea, and it is expected that the C. O.'s will allow his petition to lie on the table. To keep together a regimental band alone is no easy matter, and it would be an utter impossibility for the bandmaster in question to keep such a large body of musicians together. The petition being signed by the bands of the various regiments for presentation to their C. O. reads: "Having heard that a bandmaster of one of the city bands has made overtures to every officer of the different regiments with a view to amalgamation of all city bands under his leadership, and the supplying of any regiment with a band whenever required, we have considered the question from all points, and hereby wish to state that we will have nothing whatever to do with it, and refuse to go into a combination" In

the event of such a scheme being adopted, which it is to be hoped will not be done, where could the gentleman in question get men when the bandsmen of the various corps are so strong against it?

The 6th Fusiliers are leading the other city corps in the matter of doing much work at one time. They have scored another success in this respect. As already mentioned in THE GAZETTE, Col Burland had his men shoot off their regimental target practice, Government and League matches, all on the one day. This arrangement was most successful and no doubt will be followed by the other corps next year. Last week, when being inspected for general efficiency in the Sir Donald Smith cup competition, the marks were taken at the same time for Col. Burland's cup for the best company in the regiment. Capt. McDougall, R.R.C.I., acting brigade-major, inspected the battalion in the Sir Donald Smith competition, and Capt. Finlayson, P.W.R., Capt. Cameron, Royal Scots, and Capt. Trudel, 65th, kept the marks for the Col. Burland cup. This is the first time that such an innovation has been attempted in the district, and it worked most successfully. The various companies gave a much better account of themselves than they did a year ago.

No programme has yet been issued by the D.A.G. of what the drill is to be at inspection. In this connection it may be stated that in future the programme for the Sir Donald Smith cup should be placed in the hands of the commanding officers earlier than two days before the inspection.

A good deal of notice has been taken of the signal corps of the 6th. They are the only fully equipped corps of the kind in the district. The sergeant in command has been most painstaking with them, and, considering the fact that at the first of the season every one of the corps was new, they have made splendid headway. This corps is kept up solely at the expense of the regiment, the Government, with its usual short-