

## Regimental Intelligence.

**St. John, N.B.**—The *Telegraph* has the following account of the annual inspection of the New Brunswick brigade of artillery, which took place on Barrack square on the afternoon of Monday, the 22nd inst. The inspector, Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., and Major Tucker, Major Hartt and other officers of the 62nd were amongst those present. The five batteries of artillery assembled in the drill shed, where they fell into column by the left, battery by battery, and were put through firing exercises by Cols. Irwin and Armstrong. The men then marched to the field and several brigade movements having been performed the rolls were called battery by battery, each man coming to the front as called and ordering arms. Col. Irwin having inspected each battery in company drill, the brigade marched to the drill shed where he examined each non-commissioned officer in gunnery, artillery and ammunition. The batteries were next put through gun drill in detachments. No. 1 company furnished three detachments; Nos. 2 and 3 two detachments each; No. 4 four detachments, and No. 5 two. A great improvement in gun drill was noticed in the latter. Col. Irwin asked each man his duties in gun drill and stores, and had good reason to be satisfied.

The batteries all formed in review order when they were addressed by Col. Armstrong. He said that Col. Irwin had concluded not to address them, but was well pleased with their drill and appearance. The many little things that have to be looked after to enable a soldier to present a good appearance had been attended to by the men. Col. Irwin thought that the drill, with the exception of Nos. 1 and 4 batteries was hardly as good as that of last year. Col. Armstrong was sorry that there was not a larger turn out, although the district orders of the year restricted this a little. He hoped to see larger turnouts at church parades, reviews, etc., and in future would ask the men to account for their absence. They had had an excellent sermon preached to them on Sunday, he said, one that should make every man proud to think that he was a soldier, and of their particular corps, and make them feel that the country depended upon them. While the companies were formed in marching order Col. Irwin presented Gunner Edwards, of Portland battery, with a gold locket, given by Mr. Harrison for the man who attended drill most regular.

In the evening the officers of the brigade, with Lieut.-Col. Irwin, inspector of artillery; Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G.; Gen. Warner, Warden Peters, Rev. Dr. Macrae, and a number of other invited guests, making in all a company of 60 gentlemen, sat down at the regimental dinner, at the Hotel Dufferin. Lieut.-Col. Armstrong had on his right the deputy-adjutant general, and at his left the inspector of artillery, the vice chairs being filled by Paymaster Smith and Capt. Harrison. The table, on which was spread a splendid repast, was variously ornamented, on the centre being displayed the cup bequeathed by the late Warden Botsford, of Westmoreland. Lieut.-Col. Armstrong called attention to this splendid trophy which had been designed by Capt. Botsford, of Halifax, son of the donor. The cup is in the form of a shell supported on a pedestal of miniature cannon, the cover being surmounted by a pyramid of cannon balls. Two bottles of champagne accompanied the cup, from which the health of Capt. Botsford was very enthusiastically toasted.

During the speaking, Lieut.-Col. Armstrong and the officers of the brigade received many hearty compliments from the officers of the other corps and other guests present, in regard to the efficiency and soldierly appearance of the brigade, and the self-sacrificing efforts that have brought it to its present position.

## Correspondence.

The Editor desires it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

## PROMOTIONS IN THE PERMANENT FORCE.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—I understand that certain officers of the active militia are trying to obtain commissions in the permanent corps, over the heads of deserving subalterns, many of whom, are not only thoroughly qualified for promotion, but have seen active service, both here and in Europe, which some of these officers have not. I wish that you, sir, who endeavor to lead the militia in the way it should go, would strongly point out, not only the hardship, but the want of propriety and justice of such a step, if carried out, on the part of those in authority. I have no hesitation in asserting, that instead of raising the tone and *esprit de corps* of the permanent force, it will, if decided on, thoroughly demoralize it; as officers who have zealously performed their duty and studied their profession, will be made to feel that *politics only* are the road to promotion, in a profession in which capability coupled with justice, has always been considered the desideratum.

JUSTICE.

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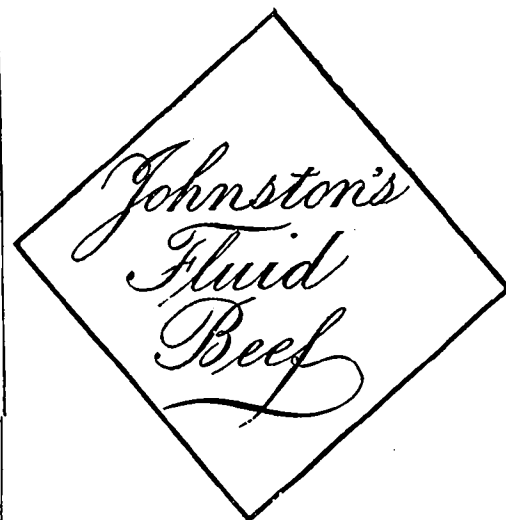
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