

marching of the men were generally commented upon. By the time the corps reached the Plains, an immense assemblage of sightseers was on the ground, reminding one of the great mass of humanity gathered upon the same spot eight or nine years ago to witness the big review before their Royal Highnesses Prince Leopold and Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne. Such proportions had the crowd attained that the detachment of the Royal Cavalry School corps on duty to keep the parade ground clear, had considerable difficulty in keeping the spectators behind the long lines of camp colours defining the quadrilateral within which the manoeuvres were to be executed. When the inspecting officer, Lieut.-Col. Duchesnay, D.A.G., arrived, the battalion was drawn up in line at open order facing the road.

The customary salute was given and Colonel Duchesnay accompanied by a large and brilliant staff proceeded down and back along the line to inspect the men's equipment, with which he was well pleased. The officers on the staff included Lieut.-Colonel Taschereau, B.M., Lt.-Col. Montizambert, Capt. Rutherford, Capt. Bourget, Lt.-Col. Evanturel and Lieut. Heward.

When the inspection of the ranks had been completed and close order taken, the battalion marched past in column, quarter column, and at the double, the several companies as they went by with jaunty step and correctly dressed ranks being loudly applauded.

The regiment was then put through the manual and firing exercise by Major J. Elton Prower, and afterwards through the sword bayonet exercise by Captain Ernest F. Wurtele, adjutant of the regiment. Great praise was bestowed upon the men for their precision and steadiness in the above.

Lt.-Col. Miller then put the corps through a number of battalion movements, including changes of front, formation of squares, deployments, echelon movements, etc. Captains G. E. A. Jones and J. S. Dunbar were afterwards called out and put the battalion through a number of movements, all of which were very neatly executed.

The battalion was then extended for attack, and this part of the drill was also very creditably performed.

The medals won at target practice by the different companies were then presented to the fortunate winners by Mrs. Dunbar. The Championship Regimental Badge was presented to Sergt. Dewfall, who holds the proud title of champion shot of the regiment, for the year.

The inspecting officer expressed himself as very much pleased with the serviceable appearance and excellent drill of this crack corps.

The regiment was then photographed by Mr. Iivernois, and next marched to the armoury, where the members were addressed by Lt.-Col. Miller, who thanked them for having done so well and invited them all to become members of the rifle club of the regiment and keep up their shooting during the summer.

In the evening the officers entertained the staff and commanding officers of the different corps at the Garrison Club. The following guests were present: Lt.-Col. Duchesnay, D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Taschereau, B.M., Lt.-Col. Forsyth, Q.O.C.H., Lt.-Col. Turnbull, R.C.S.C., Lt.-Col. Montizambert, R.C.A., Lt.-Col. Evanturel, 9th Batt., Major Short, R. C.A., Major Lindsay, Q.F.B., Lt. Heward, R.C.S.C., Lt.-Col. Scott, R.L., Lt.-Col. Oswald, R.L.

Toronto.

The Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto is extremely anxious to obtain possession of the Garrison Commons here with a view to the removal of the butts to Slabtown or some similarly remote locality. A deputation from this association recently waited upon the Minister of Militia, who, I believe, said he would look into the matter during an intended visit of his to Toronto.

The Exhibition people are much worried about the dangers of rifle shooting, and assume a virtue by saying that the firing is extremely dangerous to passers by. We might suppose that if the association ever went in for such a dangerous pastime, great precautions would be taken by them to prevent the loss of life, and further that no boating parties would be incommoded on their account.

Being so solicitous about the public safety we would naturally expect that on the occasion of the "Arabi Pasha" practice, when the Toronto Field Battery fired shells at that famous frigate, the public safety was guaranteed, and that the traffic on the lake, which we are told is enormous, was not hindered. Their arrangements were such a complete success, that the same were in vogue when the Gatling brigade was mowing everything down in front of it, except the target. Here are two occasions upon which the exhibition association went into the lead and gunpowder business, and a rich harvest too they reaped.

I am ready to take the Minister in to my confidence on this occasion and tell him the great secret of the successful arrangements of the Industrial Exhibition Association, they were cheap.

"Dragrope" wants to know about the A. D. C.'s to Lieutenant-Governors. He says that the name of the Quebec A. D. C. does not appear in the Militia List. If he will look up the Postal Guide of Canada,

published by authority of the Postmaster-General, he will find the A. D. C.'s name given and after it, as I hinted before, the mystic letters, "C. A." Surely it is not "Canadian Artillery."

The Queen's Own celebrated the Queen's Birthday at Ottawa and the Grenadiers at Guelph, consequently except for the Royal salute fired by the Toronto Field Battery under Capt. J. P. Beaty, we had no military demonstration.

Hamilton.

The regimental orders of 29th May, published for the information and guidance of the Thirteenth Battalion over the signature of Adjutant Stuart, embody the following:—

Alterations in the Field Exercises of 1884.

The confirmation by general orders, of the promotions to the rank of lieutenants, of 2nd Lieuts. Charles Albert Chapman, and Percy Domville, R.S.I.

Notification that the annual drill will be performed this year at local headquarters.

Regiment will parade for battalion drill on 8th June.

The citizens of Hamilton last night petitioned the City Council to allow the Thirteenth Battalion band to give a series of concerts in the Gore Park during the coming summer. The suggestion was very favourably received by the majority of the council, but obstruction was placed in the way, as a matter of course. The 13th are getting used to that now. It has been said that "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," and generally speaking it has, but it would appear that there are two savage—perhaps I should say unmusical—members of the Hamilton City Council who refuse to be charmed. I would suggest to the officers of the corps that Bandmaster Robinson be authorized to give a free exhibition of his talent, inviting a full delegation of the Council to attend, when if he and his magnificent band still remain unappreciated by these two refractory savages—I mean city fathers—I have no doubt the genial bandmaster, overflowing with music, and in the fulness of his heart, would be most happy to give them an able rendition of the "Dead March" which would, from striking a kindred chord, doubtless meet with their approval.

Capt. Mewburn, lately promoted, has been posted to the command of "G" Company, and although having been practically in command as a sub. for some time past, the members of the company are to be congratulated upon the permanent accession of this energetic young officer to the post which he now occupies. Good results will undoubtedly follow.

Major Van Wagner, ably assisted by his officers and Sergt. Kerley, is rapidly getting the battery into shape. From present indications they will be in good condition for field service by 12th June.

"GIRTY."

Guelph.

The 10th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto were at Guelph on the Queen's birthday 360 strong, under command of Major Dawson. Besides going through the usual parade movement, they trooped the colours, greatly to the pleasure of the hosts of Guelph citizens turned out to see the visitors. In the afternoon the Grenadiers interested themselves in the athletic sports, notably in a tug of war between a team of ten of their men and one of the same number from the 1st Brigade Field Artillery of Guelph. A handsome silver cup was the prize offered. The Grenadiers, besides being stronger men, had the advantage of long experience in such contests and won the cup easily. At the request of the team, Capt. Davidson presented the cup to Capt. Manley, in recognition of his services as captain of the team on many such occasions.

An interesting feature of the day's celebration was the school children's parade. Guelph is noted for having the best drilled school corps in Canada. This is the result of the untiring efforts of Capt. Clark, a Crimean veteran. The children turned out over 1,200 strong, and headed by the fife and drum band, city band and Highland Cadets, marched to the exhibition grounds. There they competed for about \$300 worth of prizes. The principal competition was in company drill.

In the evening the Guelph City and the Royal Grenadiers band played a number of popular selections in the park. At the same time the city council entertained the officers at dinner. Lieut.-Col. McDonald, the mayor, presided, while D. Guthrie, Q.C., Ald. Gowdy and Ald. W. G. Smith occupied the vice chairs.

Literature. Alden's new illustrated weekly magazine, is certainly one of the brightest, handsomest and most readable of the literary papers, of course it is the cheapest, for Alden publishes it; \$1.00 a year; specimen copy free. Especially interesting papers in the last issue are; Lew Vanderpoole on Romance in Fiction; Frederick Hastings on John Ruskin's Forge, and Edmund Gosse on Henrik Ibsen, the Scandinavian poet, which is accompanied by a fine portrait. It is a good paper for every home library. John B. Alden, Publisher, 393 Pearl St., New York; 218 Clark Street, Chicago.