

district, with the assistance and military example of the officers and men of the permanent corps. If this were allowed a healthy spirit of rivalry would be engendered which induces the different companies composing the assembled force to put in a considerable quantity of voluntary drill which is so much needed, and I sincerely hope that a camp of instruction will be authorized for this district for the next annual drill, as a Militia Force in a comparatively new country like Manitoba requires and should receive every encouragement." An extra special grant is asked to enable the Council of the Manitoba Rifle Association to put the range at Stoney Mountain in good repair.

In his report on No. 11 District, British Columbia, Lt.-Col. Holmes, D.A.G., again recommends the formation of these corps: two batteries of garrison artillery at Vancouver; one battery of garrison artillery at Nanaimo; and a corps of mounted rifles in the Okanagan district, with headquarters at Vernon. He states that at Victoria there is no rifle range the property of the Government, nor is there one under lease, and in consequence the Force are liable at any time to have their practice stopped.

The report on Military District No. 12, Prince Edward Island, discloses that at the annual camp "no musketry was done, the range not being available."

[In next issue we will give the substance of the remaining reports, including those upon the Artillery, the Royal Military College, the Permanent Corps, the Stores and Engineer branches, the Cartridge Factory, etc.]

REGIMENTAL.

The retirement of Lt.-Col. Caverhill from the command of the Fifth Royal Scots, announced some time ago, is gazetted in last General Orders, and as the popular next senior officer, Major Lyman, declined the honour of the command and also retired with his rank, Major John Hood becomes Lieut.-Colonel commanding. Long acquaintance with the good qualities of their new Colonel makes the Scots confident of keeping well to the front while in his charge.

The Governor-General's Foot Guards have lost two good officers in the retirement of their Adjutant, Capt. Chas. F. Winter, and of Lieut. L. M. Lambe, both of whom have just been gazetted out. The last named is a Military College graduate. Another graduate, Lieut. G. S. Bowie, succeeds temporarily at least to the vacant adjutancy. The promotion of two deserving non-commissioned officers, Staff-Sergeant R. M. Gallwey and Col.-Sergeant H. P. Brumell, to Second Lieutenancies, is gazetted. Sergt.-Major Conroy insisting upon retirement has, greatly to the regret of the regiment, been placed upon the supernumerary list, and Sergeant Instructor Thos. Davis becomes Acting Sergeant-Major. Capt. H. H. Gray speaks of retiring from the regiment, and has obtained leave of absence, during which No. 2 Company will be in charge of Capt. P. B. Taylor, just posted to it. The Guards commence drill next week.

After considering Major General Herbert's scheme for holiday parades, the Montreal commanding officers have come to the conclusion that so far as that city is concerned the proposition is impracticable owing to the want of sufficient grounds for parade purposes. On such days as Thanksgiving the suggestions for practical work could be carried out, provided the farmers would give permission to the volunteers to have the use of their lands. The crops would all be gathered then, and no harm could come to them. On the Queen's Birthday and Dominion Day, however, the thing is impossible, and the chairman will communicate with headquarters to that effect. The Queen's Birthday in Montreal will probably be marked by a brigade parade to church.

Col. Barry and the officers of the Montgomery Guards, of Boston, visited Quebec last week and made all arrangements for their visit promised for next summer. After calling on Mayor Fremont, who promised the warmest welcome to them and their comrades in the name of the Ancient Capital, they had an interview with Sir A. P. Caron, Col. Duchesnay, the Colonel and officers of B Battery and the Colonel and officers of the Royal Cavalry School, who received the American visitors with the utmost courtesy, and promised them a brotherly reception from the Quebec military. The strangers subsequently, in company with the Hon. John Hearn, paid a visit to the spot in Champlain street, where the gallant Montgomery, from whom their corps takes its name, fell on that wild, stormy night in 1875, when he co-operated with Arnold in the attempt to take Quebec.

The annual meeting of the Allan Rifle Association, Toronto, was held lately at the office of the retiring president Mr. M. S. Mercer. There was a large attendance of the members, and all took a deep interest in the proceedings. The secretary and treasurer presented reports, which were very satisfactory, showing the association to be in a flourishing condition both numerically and financially. The following officers were duly elected:—President, J. H. Knifton; Vice-President, Robt. Reenie; Secretary-Treasurer, G. M. Donnelly; Committee, J. F. Crean, William Harp, W. R. Pringle; Auditor, W. C. Macdonald. It was decided that being unable to have an annual match last year, there would be an extra large prize list offered this season for matches to be held about the middle of July, open to members in good standing. The association has been presented by Mr J. J. Lappin with a handsome and valuable challenge cup, to be competed for at 200 yards, standing 10 shots, long or short Sniders. Any member winning it three times will become the owner.

LONDON.

The Seventh Fusiliers are already being benefited by the prospective visit here of the 13th, of Hamilton, on May 24th. Recruits are coming in rapidly, and absentees that were formerly the despair of the Col.-Sergants are turning up now quite regularly. It is also noticeable that the standard of recruits now coming in is much higher than formerly.

There is a rumor about that the regiment will go to Ottawa on July 1st and take part in the grand review to be held there on that date, competing for supremacy with such corps as the Queen's Own and Royal Grenadiers, Toronto; 13th, Hamilton; 1st Victorias, Ottawa, and Royal Scots, Montreal, and G. G. F. G.'s, Ottawa. The trip will take three days and will be a most delightful one.

All the companies are putting in an extra night's parade per week. A and D, Mondays; E and F, Tuesdays, and B and C, Wednesdays. The movements taken up are company drill extended order and guard mounting. The attendance is most gratifying.

D Company is losing one of its oldest members, and the regiment one of its best men in the person of Sergeant R. J. M. Webb, who through inability to attend drill is compelled to leave the corps.

C Company under its new officer, Capt. J. M. Moore, is rapidly improving both in attendance and drill.

Since the gymnasium has been started athletics are developing all through the corps. The local amateurs had better look to their laurels this coming season.

Friday night, for the first time this season Col. Tracy was absent from parade, a severe cold being the cause. Capt. Payne had command, and assisted by Capt. Hayes, put the men through several battalion movements, which were executed with smartness and precision. All the companies were well filled, but D Co., under Lieut. Magee, carried off the palm as usual, having over 30 men on parade.