

byterians, 53 to the Wesleyans, seven to other Protestant bodies, and 179 to the Roman Catholics. The proportions in the navy are about the same.

## News of the Service.

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### London.

According to the latest general order the dates for the inspection of the different companies in the 7th Batt., and the Battalion as a whole is fixed. Is it possible that the Department is not aware that there is no 7th Batt., nor has there been since early spring. Some three months ago Lieut.-Col. Payne sent in his papers, and owing to some hitch in the appointment of his successor, the arms and accoutrements were handed over to the D.A.G. of the District, by whom they were locked up and placed in care of the caretaker. Since then there has been no account of Lieut.-Col. Payne's resignation being accepted, nor any move made to force Major Beattie (who is next to command) either accept the command, or make way for some one else. Whether there is politics mixed up in it or not, is hard to say, but we can all "think." Anyway, the chances of Maj. Beattie to a good regiment is very small, as he has added nothing to his popularity since his first connection with it, coupled with his absence at inspection last year. Of course we admit that the day of inspection was very cold and raw but a little extra clothing would enable anyone to stand the fatigue of an inspection for a couple of hours.

It is reported that the Rifle Range used by No. 1 Co., R. R. C. I., and the corps who camp here, has been condemned by Lieut.-Col. Smith, D. A. G., who recommends that the lease of which the Department of Militia holds be given up and one more suitable be obtained. If this be true, and the department obtain one that will meet the requirements of the new rifle, it is hoped that one will be selected that will be within reach of our city shots without having to walk three or four miles to a range, as it is understood that the lease of the rifle range held by the Western District Rifle Association expires this year. Now let the department do something, if they wish to encourage rifle shooting in London.

The London Field Battery went into camp on Tuesday, June 12th, in full strength, but they being the only corps

on the heights, (which are capable of accommodating 3,000 or 4,000 men) they look exceedingly lonesome. This fine battery is officered by Lieut.-Col. Peters, Major Williams, and Lieuts. Heskett and Woods, the latter being newly commissioned, although by no means a new soldier. The guns are a picture of neatness, the brass hubs being burnished to the utmost, and every bolt and piece of metal as bright as labor can make them. If the L. F. B. does not rank top this year, it is no fault of the officers, N. C. O.'s and men.

Although the 7th Fusiliers is dormant and to all appearance lifeless, Sgt.-Major Munro, R.R.C.I., has a weekly class of the non-commissioned officers of this regiment, whom he is instructing in the new drill, interior economy, etc. The non-commissioned officers still seem to have hopes that something will soon be done towards providing them a commanding officer.

OLD FOGEY.

### Kingston.

Barriefield common just now presents a forlorn appearance in comparison with former years. The "tented field" is a term that cannot be used this year in speaking of the well-known camping-ground. The 16 or 17 white tents of the Kingston Field Battery make but a small showing when the large camps of other seasons are remembered.

The men of the Battery have settled down to work and the regular routine of camp life. The camp is situated on Barriefield common, a few hundred yards from the Catarqui bridge.

The strength of the Battery is six officers and seventy men, with twenty-nine horses. Major Drennan is in command. His officers are Capt. Wilmot, Lieut. Moore, 2nd Lieut. Canes, Surgeon Saunders and Veterinary Surgeon Morgan. The officers have no mess facilities in camp, and are consequently forced to mess with the officers of "A" Battery.

Sergt.-Major Stroud, of "A" Battery, is acting Sergeant-Major, as the corps is short of non-coms. This deficiency will be remedied in the course of a day or two, when a number of promotions will be in order.

Reveille is sounded at 5 a.m. At 5.30 there is a general parade; at 7, breakfast; from 9 till 11.45, mounted parade; dinner at 12; mounted parade, 2 till 4 p.m. Standing gun drill is practiced at different hours each day.

Retreat is sounded at 7.30 p.m., first post at 9.30, second post at 10 and lights out at 10.15.—Kingston News, June 14.

Three candidates—Messrs. Skinner and Cartwright, of Kingston, and Sherwood, of Napanee—presented themselves at the last examination for entrance to the Royal Military College, now going on. The examination was conducted by Major Drury, "A" Battery, R.C.A., and Capt. Hora, 14th Batt., P.W.O.R.

The 14th Batt., P.W.O.R., paraded for

divine service on Sunday, 24th inst., to St. George's Cathedral. The band played in the chapel.

### OUR SERVICE CONTEMPORARIES.

The composition of the four new army corps in India has been settled. The first and most important will be that of the Army of the Punjab—the most northern force—which will consist of 23,000 British and 47,000 Indian troops, or a total of 70,000 all ranks. The next in importance will be the Hindustan Army, which will comprise 23,000 British and 33,000 Native troops, or a total of 56,000 men. The Bombay Army will be composed of 12,000 British troops and 18,000 Native—a total of 30,000. The Madras Army will consist of 9,000 British and 18,000 Native troops, or a total of 27,000 all ranks. The British and Native effective Army in India will therefore be 183,000 all ranks, and in addition the British troops will be make exceptionally strong in Artillery.

The Earl of Chesterfield has been appointed Captain of H.M. Corps of Gentlemen at Arms in the room of Lord Vernon.

A military writer in a home paper tells the following story, said to be true:—The mention of the Cameron Highlanders reminds me that the proposal to transform the regiment into Guards appears to have come into nothing, and is not likely to be renewed. The following anecdote is related of Col. Alan Cameron, the founder and first commanding officer of the regiment. His reply to the Duke of York, then Commander-in-Chief, will long be remembered. The story goes that "in 1795 the Colonel having received private information that the regiment was to be drafted into four other corps, obtained an interview with the Duke, who was then at Portsmouth, and respectfully but firmly remonstrated with him, pointing out the injustice of the proposed measure, which besides being a direct breach of faith to him personally, was also in open violation of the specific clause in His Majesty's 'Letter of Service,' for raising the regiment. Col. Cameron plainly told the Duke that 'to draft the 79th is more than you or your royal father dare do.' The Duke then said, 'The King my father will certainly send the regiment to the West Indies.' At this the colonel lost his temper, and replied, 'You may tell the King your father from me that he may send us to hell if he likes, and I'll go at the head of them, but he daurna draft us.' Thus the first attempt to change or abolish the 79th, like many subsequent ones, was successfully foiled.

Rumours have been current that the London Scottish wish to discard their hoden grey uniform and the jaunty feather, in favour of scarlet tunics and the formidable Highland bonnet. Colonel Nicol, who has just resigned the command, was strenuously opposed to any change. What opinion Lieutenant-Colonel Balfour, the new C.O., may hold