

appearance. Shortly before leaving they were photographed. Lieut.-Col. White was in command. At about seven the regiment left the drill hall and marched down to the ferry with fixed bayonets. Their appearance drew favorable comments from the large number of persons who were present to witness their departure. Their marching was very good and steady, and the officers are to be congratulated upon the success of their turn-out. They gave a good account of themselves at Sherbrooke.

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### QUEEN CITY NEWS.

**T**ORONTO, June 1. — The Canadian Military Institute have, for some time past, been on the lookout for more suitable premises than those on King street, which they have occupied since the institute's inception, and on the 1st inst. succeeded in securing satisfactory quarters, fronting on Queen's avenue, immediately opposite the Armouries. While not possessing the facilities of the old place as regards accessibility to down town, to say nothing of the uninterrupted view of the south side of King street, the completeness of the new institute rooms will make ample amends for what is relinquished. Quite a fashionable party were present at an informal house-warming, held on Monday evening after the tournament.

It is altogether likely that the next GAZETTE will contain notice of the withdrawal of Capt. J. F. Crean from the Queen's Own and of his appointment to No. 9 Battery. The Battery are to be congratulated on their gain and the Queen's Own to be consoled on their loss, for, with the regiment in the throes of the present crisis, the loss of such an efficient member as Capt. Crean has been will make itself felt to a far greater degree than were things in apple-pie order. It was the general impression that Capt. Crean was to have the command of "I" Company when Major Murray obtained his promotion, and it would have been most fitting to see Capt. Crean in command of the company which in the early days of the regiment he was instrumental in organizing. By the transfer the Q.O.R. lose one of their best rifle shots and the Battery obtain about the only rifle shot we know of.

A paragraph appeared in a recent paper referring to Toronto as a city for adjutants, and the thought strikes one on looking over the regimental lists that it is quite correct, and also that, with one exception, they are all supplied with acting adjutants. In this respect the Q.O.R., as usual, tops the list, and outdoes its sister regiments by having an adjutant, an assistant adjutant and an acting adjutant.

When the brigade holds its next church parade the C. O.'s should try and rectify some of the mistakes that were so painfully in evidence on the occasion of the last par-

ade. For instance: When a parade is ordered in leggings, it should be impressed on certain N.C.O.'s that their rank does not entitle them to any departure from the regimental orders.

It does not add to the appearance of any company to have any men in its front or rear rank wearing forage caps instead of the same head-dress as the balance of the regiment. Staff-sergeants and assistant staff-sergeants do not as a general rule carry swagger sticks.

This innovation was decidedly startling, and is liable to give people the impression that the permanent corps do not know all the latest wrinkles from Aldershot.

If more attention was paid to preserving proper distances, the music of the band of the regiment in the rear would not have such a bad effect even if each corps seems to have a cadence of its own, and lastly.

If there is no authorized drill for ambulance corps, the sooner the city corps decide on something that ensures uniformity the better, as at present each corps seem to have, and put into execution, an idea of its own.

These are just some ideas casually thrown out for consideration. People on the sidewalks are quick to point out what may be quite correct in a sense, yet to their idea it looks quite out of place, and a little attention to a few details such as already referred to will work wonders.

Although early in the season, the attendance at the Rifle Ranges does not appear to be as large as on previous years. Some attribute the falling off to the cycling craze, and others point out that the interest will not revive until the new rifles are received. There is certainly not much encouragement for a recruit to go out and try to succeed with the old gaspipe, as, unless he is possessed of more than ordinary enthusiasm, one or two trips make him decide that it is the rifle's fault, and that he will wait until the new issue is received.

Major-General Gascoigne inspected Stanley Barracks and the forces stationed there on Friday and Saturday, 29th and 30th May, and, needless to say, took his departure highly pleased with his trip.

Decoration Day, as the 2nd June is beginning to be termed, was celebrated in the same manner as the past few anniversaries of the fight at Ridgway in '66. The Veterans, accompanied by about 1,500 of the scholars of the public schools, who comprise the senior school battalions, paraded at the Armouries, and, headed by the band of the Q.O.R., proceeded to the Queen's Park, where, with appropriate ceremonies, the monument was decorated. Patriotic speeches were delivered by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Kirkpatrick, Major-General Gascoigne, Mr. Alexander Muir and others, and the parade of the school boy brigade was inspected by the Major-General.

Space will not permit of any lengthy re-

marks concerning the recent holiday outings of the city corps, all of whom had a good time and lots of work. In fact, so much monkey and processional work was done, that unless a distinct understanding is arrived at before the next outing, I am very much afraid that the members of the different regiments will decide to either stay at home or go to some place where they will only be subject to the programme and decisions laid down by their own officers. It's true that they are soldiers; it is equally true that unless absolutely necessary it is not fair to call on men who do not drill more than two hours per week to remain under arms for about six hours, for the edification of a crowd of spectators who regard it in the light of a circus.

The transportation furnished by the G. T. R., if the cars used by the Q.O.R. in going to Kingston are taken as criterion, were a disgrace to the furthest backwoods railroad, and in all probability will result in the rival line getting the bulk of traffic in future outings. Especially severe was the condemnation on the return trip, when entraining in such a heavy shower as the Q.O.R. entrained in, some of the companies found that through leaky roofs they were not much better off than if exposed to the elements. So much incensed was one of the companies that I understand the conductor failed, up to the time they reached the Union Depot, to collect the tickets for their return trip.

### INSTRUCTOR FOR TORONTO FIELD BATTERY.

**K**INGSTON, June 2. — Sergt.-Major Stroud, of "A" Field Battery R.C.A., will probably leave for Toronto, on Saturday next, to act as instructor to the Toronto Field Battery during that corps' annual camp. If the sergeant-major should be prevented from going, one of the sergeants now in the Queen City, taking part in the military tournament will be left to perform the duties of instructor.

The Queen's Birthday was celebrated with more than usual eclat. The Q.O.R., Toronto, were the visiting battalion. The corps were reviewed by Lieut.-Col. Vidal, acting D.A.G. The following composed the staff: Brigade-major: Capt. Hudon, "A" Battery, R.C.A.; orderly officers, Lieut. Bickford, G. G. B. G., Toronto; Lieut.-Col. Hunter, 47th Battalion, and Vet.-Surgeon Massie, "A" Battery, R.C.A. A report of the review appears in another column.

Two gun detachments from "A" Field Battery, R.C.A., went to Toronto to take part in the military tournament. No guns were taken, those of the Toronto Field Battery having been placed at the disposal of the "A" Battery men. Sixteen horses were taken. Following are the names of the non-coms. and men composing the detachment: Sergts. Clifford, Henderson, Pearson;