

positions as in a company formation or whether they shall move up on the reverse flank.

The inspection of the Seminary of Quebec drill companies took place on the morning of the 8th of May in the Drill Hall. Lieut. Col. T. J. Duchesnay made the inspection accompanied by a staff consisting of Lt. Col. Geo. R. White, 8th Royal Rifles and Mr. W. Forester, R. C. D. Having been unable to witness the above no further information can be furnished.

Photographs of the pioneers and bandsmen of the 8th Royal Rifles were separately taken on the day of their recent inspection. Both are very good. In the former case the full complement of seven are taken in line and with their regimental outfit of tools, present a fine appearance. In the case of the bandsmen (brass and bugle bands) consisting of some 35 members they appear in a standing line with a line in front in a sitting position. The drums and instruments are in the foreground. Bandmaster Hutchison occupies a position in the centre of the picture. With but one exception the faces in both cases are excellent and the pictures will serve as a pleasant souvenir for those interested in the battalion and its friends.

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A competent authority says: "The annual inspection of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars was a disappointment as it was by no means up to their past standard. The squadron was under the command of Lt. Col. J. Bell Forsyth. The march past at the walk and trot was by no means up to the mark, as for the rank past in single file, sufficient attention was not given to the intervals, which consisted of from 2 to 10 feet and in a small proportion of the regulation distance. The sword exercise under command of the adjutant was poor. The cuts, guards and points were given in a go-as-you-please way, and due in a great measure to the word of command being given too hurriedly, a failing which appears to exist in the militia to a too far great extent and often the direct cause of spoiling what would otherwise prove a well executed movement or exercise, the objective point appearing to be to get the work done in as quick a time as possible irrespective of the manner in which it is carried out. The troops were dismounted and practised in skirmishing for a very short time. The advance was uncertain and indicative of a want of knowledge as to what was intended, but what was lost in the advance was more than compensated for in the retreat which was carried out in a rapid and faultless manner, the horses being the objective point left no room for uncertainty. The general appearance of the squadron was good, with but few exceptions they were well mounted. The result of the inspection cannot be considered satisfactory but it can be partly accounted for owing to the exceedingly bad weather which prevailed during the time fixed for their training. Some 60 to 70 per cent. of their mounted drills were lost on that account. This reduction in the ordinary

allowance of twelve days naturally proved a great drawback and may well be brought forward as a reason for the inspection not being up to former years. There are, however, other matters which cannot be overlooked on the same contention. The trumpeters were useless and were given to understand that next year they will require to know their work or be replaced by others. As for the N.C. O.'s they were far from competent in the knowledge of their duties."

A commanding officers' inspection of the 9th Battalion took place on the evening of the 25th. The parade was well attended and the inspection was made by Lt. Col. Roy. A large number of spectators were in the galleries and manifested considerable interest in the movements performed. The wearing of the chin straps hooked up whilst on the parade cannot be considered as correct and coupled with the fact that several were hooked up on the wrong side gave anything but a pleasant result to such as were conversant with the regulation. The latter could well receive the attention of the adjutant. A church parade of this corps took place on Sunday, the 28th, and although the weather was decidedly bad, nevertheless they paraded about two hundred strong, exclusive of bands. The march down was in the rain but they were favored with better weather on the return.

A cricket match between the Garrison (mostly, if not all, "B" Battery) and the City, was played on the grounds of the Q.A.A.A. on the afternoon of the 27th of May and resulted in the defeat of the Military by 8 runs, the scores being 84 to 76. For the Civilians Patton and Kennedy got into double figures with 30 and 18 runs respectively and for the Military Boutellier and Fawcette with 29 and 10 respectively.

The first match in the League series was fired at the St. Joseph range on Saturday the 27th and was taken part in by three teams from the 8th Royal Rifles. The "B" Battery and 9th Battalion, who were represented last year, have not entered this time, a matter to be regretted. The firing of the 8th was good, the second team defeated the first by some 18 points. Four officers were in the composition of the teams and Lt. Col. Geo. R. White acted as range officer. It is expected and also desirable that officers should attend and show an interest in the match even though not forming a part of any team. Their presence will no doubt lend a moral support and the regiment will be the gainer in the end.

At the annual meeting of the 9th Battalion Rifle Association, held recently, the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Capt. J. Lebel; secretary, Sergeant Major Trudel; committee, Captains Routhier, Trudel, Ouellet and Mr. Ferland, Sergts. Germain, Miller, Bilodeau and Private Devarennos.

Two concerts are now under preparation, the one to be given by the regiment of Canadian Dragoons on the 8th June and the other by the "B" Battery R. C. A. minstrels on the 20th of the same

month. Both will take place in the Academy of Music and should be well patronized.

June the 1st witnessed the inspection of the 9th Battalion, "Voltigeurs de Quebec." Although 2.30 was the hour appointed for receiving the inspecting officer, the battalion did not leave the Drill Hall until after that hour, and it was 2.55 when they were formed up on the field and ready to receive the D. A. G., Col. T. J. Duchesnay, who had reached the field prior to the hour first above mentioned and had to await the arrival of the battalion. He was accompanied by Captain Farley, "B" Battery, R. C. A., and Mr. W. Forester, "A" Troop, R. C. D., as a staff. The ground was not marked out until after the arrival of the corps and in fact the flags were carried in rear of the battalion. This necessitated a delay to have them duly placed and which was not satisfactorily accomplished until the inspecting staff had a hand in the matter.

After the general salute, etc., the battalion marched past in quick and double time. In the former case the band took up a position some 50 yards or more in advance of the saluting base and remained so stationed until the completion of this part of the work. The march past in column was not good; for some reason the companies in front closed on one another so as to cause them to mark time opposite the saluting point, this coupled with the band not being in their proper position, caused the latter to cease playing when but half the companies had passed the saluting point. The band immediately struck up again but nevertheless the result was sufficient to mark this part of their work as far from successful. The march past in quarter column, was a decided improvement. The double was not up to the mark.

After the above the battalion was formed into line and put through the manual and firing exercises and battalion movements under command of the field officers. A good deal of unsteadiness prevailed in the ranks, the moving of the hands was very marked and marred the general appearance. The independent company inspection which then took place showed a want of study on the part of some of the officers. In many cases errors were made which are inexcusable. The corps returned to the Drill Hall at about six o'clock.

In the evening, as in the case of the other corps who have been inspected, the officers entertained the staff to a dinner in the Garrison Club, at which a pleasant time was spent. Music was furnished by the regimental band.

The establishment of the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, and the very excellent lectures which have been delivered in that institution from time to time, which have served to raise that district to the marked standard which it now occupies, followed by the recent organization of the Montreal Military Institute, who will no doubt follow in the same lines as the above, serve as a reminder that we should in this city endeavor to make use of the Garrison Club, for the purpose of giving therein a series