

instructor can possibly employ towards perfecting the men in their drill, and what is the result, even in three months? Why! the Provincial papers teemed with paragraphs of praise in favour of the Civil Service Rifles, showing that they had exhibited an earnestness of purpose, and a perseverance in learning their drill, which had placed them already in the foremost rank of the Volunteer Force of Canada, and that there was nothing, after all, like a "stake in the country," to make earnest and determined Volunteers.

The Company was so strong, that it had to be divided for the purposes of drill, and the average attendance from the 6th of November, until the 31st of December, in subdivisions, was 40 rank and file; and, when it is borne in mind that many members of the Corps lived a great distance from the drill rooms, that there was nothing compulsory in the attendance on parade, and that the cold frosty nights of 1861, especially, had nothing very enticing in their chilly embrace to call one out as a companion, I may safely say there is not one Company in Canada of the Volunteer Force, that can claim as high an average, and can show sixty parade states on file.

As the last sands of 1861 were dropping through the hour glass of time, the Company had to part with their commander, who retired on the honorary list, in accordance with Rule No. 5, after he had received an appointment to the Deputy Adjutant Generalship of Upper Canada; he regretted that such a thing should happen, but trusted that nothing would prevent the Civil