

## The Annual Meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association, will be held at Ottawa, on the 4th March.

At the moment of going to press we learn that Lt. Col. the Hon. L. R. Masson has resigned the Portfolio of Minister of Militia and Defence and is to be replaced by the Hon. Sir A. Campbell. Lt.-Col. Masson deserves well of the Militia. Having made himself acquainted with the short comings of the Force previous to coming into Office, he has, we believe, done more to advance its interests, during the short time he has governed it than any of his predecessors.

We hope the Hon. gentleman will see his efforts on behalf of the Militia, and for the defence of the country, fully realised.

## Regimental News.

6th Provisional Regiment of Cavalry, P. of Q.—A. Laphorne Smith Esq. M. D., has been appointed Surgeon of this Regiment. "B" Battery S. G. Quebec.—The strength of this Battery has been increased by one Lieutenant: Major J. E. M. Tschereana has been appointed to the vacancy caused by augmentation. We believe Capt. O. Prevost is under orders to proceed to England to study the manufacture of S. A. Cartridges.

Hamilton Field Battery.—Lieut. H. P. Van Wagner, has been granted a first class and Gunner F. G. Cooper, a fourth class S. G. certificate.

Ontario Field Battery.—Sergeant W. McGibbon has been granted a third class and Corporal J. M. Ferguson and Bomb. C. J. Davies fourth class certificates.

Toronto Garrison Artillery.—Gunnery Hunter and Leith have been granted fourth class certificates.

Trenton Garrison Artillery.—Corporal J. Woods has been granted a third and Gunner Arnold a fourth class certificate.

Leeds Garrison Battery.—Major C. L. Hamel has been granted a first class certificate.

1st Battalion, "Prince of Wales Regiment" Montreal.—Wm. J. Turpin, gent., has been appointed Quarter-Master vice Scott appointed Captain.

2nd Battalion, "Queen's Own Rifles" Toronto.—2nd Lieuts. F. E. Maule, R. Wilkinson and M. McS. Kerthland have been appointed Lieutenants, and Corporal V. Surkes 2nd Lieut. provisionally, the resignations of 2nd Lieut. G. P. Elliot and asst. Surgeon Norman Beattie have been accepted.

3rd Battalion, "Fusiliers" Montreal.—Lieut. W. H. Cushing has been appointed Captain and 2nd Lieut. F. E. Nelson, Lieutenant.

7th Battalion, "London Light Infantry" Lieutenants A. M. Smith and J. A. Mahon have been appointed Captains.

14th Battalion, "Royal Regiment" Toronto.—Captains Anderson and Bailey have been permitted to retire retaining rank. Capt. Hills resignation having been hitherto, really gazetted, it has been corrected in G. O.

19th "Lincoln" Battalion.—Color Sergeant F. B. Rogers has been appointed 2nd Lieut. provisionally.

20th "Elgin" Battalion.—Lieut. and Adj. W. Faulds has been appointed Major. Sergeant J. R. Burwell has been appointed Lieutenant provisionally and Bag. Major D. Phinco 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally.

34th "Brant" Battalion "Dufferin Rifles"—Edward Digby Hemmwood, gent., has been appointed 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally.

39th "Norfolk" Battalion.—Paymaster W. W. Livingstone has been granted the Hon. rank of Captain.

45th West Durham Battalion.—Pte. A. Codd has been appointed Lieutenant provisionally.

53rd "Sherbrooke" Battalion.—2nd Lieut. W. H. Embury has been appointed Captain, Sergeant A. E. Phelan Lieutenant provisionally and Sergeant E. Donegan 2nd Lieutenant provisionally.

57th "Peterborough" Battalion.—No. 4 Company's headquarters have been transferred to Keene. Captain E. B. Edwards and Lieuts. J. W. Miller and N. DeBols' back have been confirmed in their appointments.

68th "Montmagny and L'Islet" Battalion.—2nd Lieut. E. A. H. Talbot has been appointed Lieutenant and H. H. Robertson, gent., 2nd Lieutenant provisionally.

80th "Nicolet" Battalion.—H. Trudel, gent., has been appointed 2nd Lieutenant provisionally.

81st "Portneuf" Battalion.—Asst. Surgeon A. G. Eugène Beaudry M. D., has been appointed Surgeon and A. de la Roche, rollier Esq. M. D., Asst. Surgeon.

84th "St. Hyacinthe" Battalion.—This Battalion has been gazetted as a full Battalion instead of provisional. Major J. Doherty has been appointed Lieut.-Colonel, L. Telfer, Esquire (provisionally) and B. F. Campbell Esq. Majors.

## Halifax in the Olden Times.

### "THE HALIFAX FIELD BATTERY."

In place of our usual instalment of "Halifax in the Olden Time," we place on record this evening a few particulars regarding the Halifax Field Battery, which now—under the command of Major J. R. Graham—is a relic of many generations, and our sole reliance when ever any salute of a local character is wanted.

The Battery takes its source in 1778. But there is no record of its progress, save as is afforded in the list of officers in old almanacs and periodicals. In Anthony Henry's almanac for 1791, we find the following officers of the "Halifax Artillery Company":

Captain—Jonathan Tremaine.  
Capt. Lieutenant—Andrew Liddell.  
Lieutenants—John Bremner, Wm. Smith.  
2nd Lieutenant—Thomas Moody.

From an old record is also taken the following. It will be observed that it was the fashion in those days to wear queues:

At a meeting of the officers and a committee of the Halifax Volunteer Artillery Company, on Monday, 21st May, 1804, respecting the choice of a uniform: the following was agreed upon to be submitted to the Company for their approbation: A short Coat, viz., to be made of blue cloth, a blue cape edged with red round the cape and coat, the skirt to be turned up with white, to have blue faced lapels, small yellow buttons placed two and two, to have a gold loop on the cape, to be worn buttoned.

A white Waistcoat. Blue Pantaloon, edged with red. Half Boots. Black Silk Stock. Round Hat and Cockade.

The Company to appear without queues; those who have long hair to turn it in under their hats.

It is agreed that the Company should meet at the Jerusalem Tavern on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

It was agreed that the Company should appear with a cutlass slung by a broad black belt instead of the Musquet and side arm, usually worn, agreed to.

JOHN BRENNER,  
Captain Halifax Artillery.

The Company met on the 23rd May, 1804, when the following was agreed to:

That the coat agreed to by the Committee should be the uniform.

Jackel. A white waistcoat. Blue pantaloons edged with red. Half boots. Black stock tied before. Round hat. Cockade, with a gilt button sewed in the centre.

The cockade to be chosen by the officers.

Company to appear in short hair.

Moved that the Company turn out three days in the week, viz: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, to exercise, each member to go out at least three times in one week; agreed to.

The Company to meet Capt. Bremner in uniform on the 1st July at 12 o'clock at the Free Mason's Hall.

Officers appointed by the Company—Alex. Smith, paymaster; David Thomson.

A militia general order, issued on the 2nd June, 1812, orders the "1st Volunteer Company of Militia Artillery, 4 field pieces," to be present on the exercising ground on the anniversary of His Majesty's (George III.) Birth-day.

The following is a copy of the list, under Capt. Tremaine's own signature, of the composition of the Company sixty-seven years ago:

Return of First Company of Halifax Volunteer Artillery, under command of Captain Richard Tremaine, 6 July 1812:

Sergeant-Major:	John Henry,	Thos. Muirhead,
Peter Robb,	Wm. Smith,	Alex. Fiddis,
Sergeants:	Martin G. Black,	Hevin Cameron,
John Brown,	Leslie Moffatt,	Thos. Summers,
William Forsyth,	John Phillips,	Wm. H. Barry,
Thos. Fenerty,	Fredk. Russell,	John Hussey,
John Rogers,	Francis Muncy,	Thos. Ritchie,
Corporals:	Robt. Grinton,	John McPherson,
Charles Dunbrack,	Geo. O'Brien,	Fredk. John Knight,
Thomas Nelson,	Morgan Doyle,	John Cobb,
John D. Scott,	Dani. Fraser,	Thos. Smith, Jr.,
Wm. Rudolf,	John Forrest,	Daniel Ferguson,
Bombardiers:	John F. Satter,	Chas. W. Hill,
David Muirhead,	John Tattus,	Wm. Murray,
Wm. Story, Jr.,	Rehd. Scott,	Thos. Ott Beamsish,
Martin Pinza,	Wm. Strachan, Jr.,	Nicholas Vase,
John Tremaine,	John Simpson,	Alex. Clark,
Gunners:	Robt. Fraser,	Joseph Lordley,
Fredk. Major,	Alex. May,	Henry Boyer,
Wm. Goreman,	Thos. Gentles,	John Bennett,
James McEwen,	John Pendergast,	Henry Warner,
John Miller,	Wm. Stairs,	David Hutton,
Wm. Bond,	John S. Ford,	Ralph Turnbull,
John Peoples,	Nicholas Wright,	Donald Fraser,
Wm. O'Brien,	Azor Stevens,	John Wilson,
Alex. Smith,	Samuel Black,	Jos. Cogswell,
Geo. Morin,	Henry Monson,	John Buchan,
Francis Story,	Dennis Connor,	Wyndham Madder,
Geo. Noek,	Paul Cernanattl,	Jas. Leishman,
Saml. Liddard,	Henry Wright,	Hugh Gull,
Benj. Muirhall,	Abner Stowell,	Alec. Smith,
Benj. Krigton,	Wm. Schwartz,	Joshua Lee,
Peter McNab,	Peter McNab,	Robt. Field,
Fredk. Kringie,		

Halifax, July 6, 1812.

RICHARD TREMAINE,  
Capt. H. V. A.

A good many other similar data might be given, but they would be of the same tenor. In an unbroken line, the Company has come down to the present, and is now more than a hundred years old, and is at the same time an ancient and modern institution. In the list of names given above will be found the founders of families in our midst, several generations of whom have since passed away.—*Halifax Recorder*.

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