



INSPECTION OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE CADETS.



ST. MARY'S CADETS.

St. Mary's College Cadets, composed of students of St. Mary's College, Montreal, have had an interesting history. The first company was formed in 1856, under Captain Arthur Jones, now Rev. Father Jones, of St. Mary's College. The movement originated with the students themselves, and their organization was not favourably recognized by the faculty until 1861. Mr. Wm. Mauntel was made captain in 1861, and was succeeded the next year by Mr. Honore Mercier, the present Premier of the province. In that year the band was organized and the first public parade took place. In 1880 the Dominion Government granted the company 40 Peabody carbines. In 1887 a second company was formed, and the two turned out on May 24th of the next year to join in the reception to the Queen's Own of Toronto. In October of that year the second company was equipped by the Government with Star rifles. Two other companies were added last year, for one of which the college authorities, now fully convinced that the organization is a most beneficial one, purchased arms. Last autumn an ambulance corps, a signal corps and a drum and bugle band were organized. The present muster roll is 234 all told. On the 16th of June last the four companies paraded on the Champ de Mars, and were inspected by Lieut. Col. Houghton, deputy adjutant general of the fifth military district. The muster was 226 all told, the fourth company being supplied with rifles for the occasion by the 6th Fusiliers, through Lieut. Col. Massey. A very large crowd witnessed the manoeuvres, which consisted in the execution of the various marching movements, manual and firing exercise, bayonet exercise, attack drill,—in short, a course that would have tried the mettle of veterans; and, with the exception of some minor faults, the cadets acquitted themselves in a manner that won for them high

praise and hearty applause. The battalion is a credit to the college and the city, and the sturdy exercise voluntarily taken will unquestionably result in improving the physique of the members and make them the better students.

MONTREAL FIELD BATTERY INSPECTION.

The Montreal Field Battery, one of the finest in Canada, in camp on St. Helen's Island in the latter part of June, was inspected June 30th by Lieut. Col. C. E. Montizambert, artillery inspector of the province. The day was hot and rendered active exercise anything but desirable; yet the battery men acquitted themselves in the most satisfactory manner. The men fell in at 10.30 a.m., and marched out upon the parade ground, receiving the inspecting officer with a general salute. The battery was manoeuvred by Major Hall, Capt. Hooper, and Lieutenants Costigan and Benyon. The march past was excellently done, the sword exercise well executed, and the going into action and retiring by alternate half batteries carried out in a manner that won high praise. After the non com's had been examined by the inspector with most gratifying results, the battery was put through the "Gzowski trial" in subdivisions, the average time being less than 2.46—a creditable showing with comparatively untrained horses. The time was taken by Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and Col. Stevenson. After dinner the tents, camp equipage, etc., were inspected, and at the close the inspecting officer expressed himself highly gratified with the drill, discipline and efficiency of the battery.

THE BISHOP'S ROCK, GRAND MANAN, N.B.

In the DOMINION ILLUSTRATED for July 18th appeared an engraving showing that remarkable rock called the Southern Cross, which stands off the southwest head of Grand Manan, N.B. In this week's issue are presented two views, equally striking, of the rocky figure looming up at the extremity of the Northern Head, and called the "Bishop." One writer has called Grand Manan a "paradise of cliffs," and it is a favourite resort of marine artists. The high western shore for twenty miles shows no accessible entrance from the sea. Among Lower Province summer resorts, Grand Manan holds a favoured place with

American tourists. It is easily reached from Easport, Me., only a few miles away, and a steamer plies regularly also between the island and St. John, N.B. Lovers of magnificent cliff and seashore scenery find intense pleasure in visiting Grand Manan. A second view presented this week shows a picturesque fishing beach at one of the coves on the island, for it is famous for its fisheries as well as for its scenery.

CHRISTMAS.

It may seem rather premature to talk about Christmas in this hot weather, but we wish to impress on our readers the fact that we intend issuing early in December, the most superb holiday souvenir that has yet been offered to the Canadian public. In supplements, it will be unusually rich, presenting features that have never been approached by any paper, while in general artistic and literary excellence it will be the event of the season.

Stray Notes.

OBEEDIENCE.—"And, mamma," sobbed the unhappy wife, "he—he threw his slippers across the r-room, and told me to go to the dud-dud-devil."

"You did right, my dear child, to come straight home to me."

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A SIMPLE PLAN.—A drill-sergeant in the British army was recently ordered to ascertain the religious views of some recruits; and this is how he did it:—"Fall in! Church of England men on the right; Roman Catholics on the left; all fancy religions to the rear!"

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Plenty of Water, too—"I say," said the investor, "you advertised your farm as a fine location for a dairy. It hasn't a single feature to recommend it for that purpose." "Haint it? There's a tremendous chalk deposit just beyond that hill over there."