

Thirteenth Battalion, of Hamilton. In connection with the determination of the inter-company competition just held, Capt. Mutton, of the Queen's Own Rifles, who was one of the judges, is reported to have said that during ten years' acquaintance with the Thirteenth, he had never before seen the corps in so efficient a condition.

There has just been issued from the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, a neat programme of the lecture course for the remainder of the present season, the first announcement being for Monday evening next, 15th inst., when Lieut.-Col. O'Brien, M.P., of the 35th Battalion, will treat of "Drill and Discipline." On the 12th January, Lieut.-Col. R. Z. Rogers, of the 40th Battalion, will contribute to our military history a paper dealing with incidents gleaned from "Journals of the officer commanding the Queen's Rangers during the war of 1755-1765"; and coming half a century closer Capt. Ernest Cruickshank, of the 44th Batt., will on the 16th February address the Institute on "The Battlefields of the Niagara Peninsula during the war of 1812-14." The annual meeting of members will be held on the 26th January.

Good service is being rendered to the force, in attracting public attention, by the *Dominion Illustrated* in publishing a continuous series of illustrations of military subjects, and the members of the militia should show a generous appreciation of the interest thus taken in them. By a special arrangement made with the former proprietors and renewed with the new management, we are enabled to offer the *Dominion Illustrated* and the *MILITIA GAZETTE* for \$4.50 a year, or \$1 less than the price of the two otherwise than under this clubbing arrangement. A new volume of both publications will commence with the first of the year, and we would advise those intending to take advantage of this offer to do so at once by forwarding their subscriptions to us.

Once again the Prince Edward Island Brigade have won first place in the General Efficiency Competition for Garrison Batteries, thus maintaining for the ninth year their unbroken record of victory. As in the previous six years, No. 2 Battery are the Brigade and Dominion champions. Their score was 118 points (the same as last year) out of the 130 possible. No. 5 Battery of the Halifax Brigade were a very close second, with 117 points, and for third place No. 1 P.E.I., and No. 1 New Brunswick, tie numerically with 116 points each. The contest thus proved unusually close. There were not more than two points difference between the first two batteries in any of the seven departments of the contest, and in four they tied. The first prize is the cup presented annually by the Governor General; and the second consists of \$25 cash and a year's possession of the challenge cup the parting gift of the Marquis of Lansdowne. We are happy to be able to renew our annual congratulations to No. 2 Battery, P.E.I., and their commanding officer, Capt. Longworth, and trust that they may long continue to set so hot a pace for this contest. The official returns, hitherto withheld by reason of the protest disposed of as reported in this issue, will be given in full in our next.

The Dominion Artillery Association.

An extraordinary meeting of the Council of the Dominion Artillery Association was held at the Drill Hall, Montreal, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., in accordance with a circular notice issued by the Secretary according to instruction. There were present Lt.-Col. Turnbull, President of the Council, in the chair; Major Cole, Captains, Finlayson, Ogilvy, Bissett and Crathern. Capt. Maxwell by request acted as Secretary. The correspondence by reason of which the meeting had been called, was read, as follows:—

HALIFAX, October 18, 1890.

SIR,—Having learned from you that the Battery which I command has been beaten in the annual inspection by one point, I would say that if the battery which has beaten us is Captain Longworth's, and it is due to the result of *his* examination, I must protest against his marks being allowed to count, inasmuch as he was not present at the inspection, as required by the conditions of the competition.

I am, your obed't servant.

(Sgd.)

FRED. H. OXLEY, Captain,

No. 5 Battery, H.G.A.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Curren, H.G.A.

[This protest was endorsed and forwarded by Lt.-Col. Curren.]

MEMO. BY INSPECTOR OF ARTILLERY.

"In making arrangements for my inspection tour in the Maritime Provinces, I informed Lt.-Col. Moore that I would probably inspect Nos. 1 and 2 Batteries, P. E. I. Brigade, on or about the 16th August. He replied requesting me, if possible, to postpone my inspection until a later date, when Capt. Longworth, commanding No. 2 Battery, would have returned from Bisley. As, however, in 1889 I had taken N. B. first on my tour and P. E. I. last, I considered it only fair to the former to change the order in 1890, but, however, referred Col. Moore's request to Lt.-Col. Armstrong, in order that, if it suited his convenience, I would take P. E. I. last, instead of first, in my tour. Col. Armstrong was, however, anxious that I should postpone his inspection to as late a date as possible, and consequently I inspected the P. E. I. Brigade on the 18th August.

"Lt.-Col. Moore referred the question as to whether Capt. Longworth should be allowed to answer the printed questions for my decision, suggesting also that if I thought proper a different set of questions should be prepared for the purpose, or that Capt. Longworth should be required to answer all the questions instead of any two. After giving the subject very careful consideration I came to the conclusion that inasmuch as the object of the Efficiency Competition is to decide the relative efficiency of the batteries for the current year, and that as Capt. Longworth had attended the drills of his battery up to the time of his departure, was actually an efficient officer thereof, and would have been present with his corps had I been able to postpone my inspection for a week or so, it was only fair to his battery to give him the opportunity of answering *any two* of the printed questions.

"Acting upon this conclusion I requested Lt.-Col. Irving, Brigade-Major, to hold the examination, and to forward the replies to questions selected by me and written in his presence, without assistance of any sort, to me. This has been done, and the credits awarded.

"With reference to the argument that Capt. Longworth was not actually present at inspection, I may add that several somewhat similar cases have occurred from time to time, in which officers have been prevented through illness or some other unavoidable cause, from being actually present at inspection. So long, however, as the officers were actually efficient with their batteries at their annual drill, I considered that the conditions of the competition were practically observed, and the officers were given an opportunity of answering the questions, as I do not think that a mere verbal technicality should interfere with the main purpose of the competition.

"It so happens that Capt. Longworth's battery has obtained the highest marks at my inspection, and would consequently receive the first prize for efficiency, if no other battery makes a higher score.

(Signed),

D. T. IRWIN, Lt.-Colonel,

23rd October, 1890.

Inspector of Artillery."

The following members, being unable to attend the meeting, sent their opinions in writing: Lt.-Col. Montizambert, Lt.-Col. Cotton, Lt.-Col. Macdonald, Lt.-Col. Armstrong, Lt.-Col. Moore, Major Lindsay and Capt. Gregor. All of these were in favour of sustaining the action of the Inspector of Artillery.

On motion of Capt. Finlayson, seconded by Capt. Ogilvy, it was unanimously resolved that the action of the Inspector of Artillery be sustained and that it was only fair and just that, Capt. Longworth being absent on duty, his Battery should not suffer by such absence.

It was pointed out that as there is no rule regarding the presence of an officer at inspection, it would be well to have this point more clearly defined for future competitions.

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