

essions of patriotism which cost nothing. After well nigh half a lifetime of service, it is not likely that I shall ever cease to feel a keen interest in the Thirteenth, and by being allowed to remain in the active militia and to retain an honorary connection with the battalion, I may still at times have the opportunity of being of some service to you and associating with you; but I am no longer your commanding officer."

Several times during the delivery of his address the speaker's voice trembled with emotion, and as he turned away his eyes were suffused with tears. After a painful silence that lasted some seconds, the band in rear of the line struck up *Auld Lang Syne*, and played the melody twice over.

Lieut.-Col. Moore replied briefly to Lieut.-Col. Gibson's remarks, assuring him of the deep regret of every officer and man at his retirement. A pleasant feature of it, however, was that the government had granted him an honorary connection with the regiment, and consequently all ranks hoped to see him often with them. He would always be sure of a warm welcome when he visited the corps. After thanking him for the kindly reference to himself, Lieut.-Col. Moore called upon the officers and men to take off their caps and give three cheers for Lieut.-Col. Gibson.

The regiment gave three hearty cheers and a rousing tiger, and the ceremony was over.

Apart from the concluding feature of the parade it was a very busy night for the regiment.

During the forenoon Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., of the district, inspected the company armories, and was much pleased with their appearance and especially so with the cleanliness of the rifles, the inside of the barrels of which fairly shone.

Lieut.-Col. Buchan had examined the officers during the day and at night inspected the four companies as follows:

"A" company, 47 strong; Major Stoneman, Lieuts. Herring and Marshall.

"E" company, 44 strong; Capt. Osborne, Lieuts. Waddell and King.

"G" company, 43 strong; Capt. Mewburn, Lieut. Logie.

"H" company, 42 strong; Capt. Moore, Lieuts. Bruce and Barker.

These companies did even better than the other half of the regiment the previous week.

The manual exercise of "A" company, under Sergt. Allan, was splendidly done, having plenty of snap. The firing exercise, under Color-Sergt. Parkhill, was also good; then the company was put through three movements of company drill by their officers, the movements being particularly well done by the men, the only mistakes being a few slight ones in command by their captain.

The manual and firing exercises of "E" company, under Sergt. Stewart and Color-Sergt. Hill respectively, were well done, and the manoeuvring under the company officers, if characterized by a little more snap, would have been good.

"G" company followed and showed that they had profited by the extra

week's drill allowed them over the other half of the regiment.

The manual and firing exercises were carried through with plenty of snap and good time, and the marching of the company under the captain and Lieut. Logie was such as should bring them well to the front in the Gwoski cup returns.

"H" company, as in the case of one of the preceding companies, lacked snap, although both their manual and firing exercises were good as also was their manoeuvring.

The regiment was then mustered and every officer and man stepped from the ranks and saluted. The strength of the regiment was 431, the other four companies turning out as follows: "B," 45; "C," 50; "D," 40; "F," 48; staff, bugles and band, 67.

The principal prizes won at the regimental matches were presented by Lieut.-Col. Gibson, assisted by Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Henry McLaren, Lieut.-Col. Buchan and Chaplain Forneret. As each man or team came forward their company comrades applauded heartily, and when a bandsman was the recipient the big drum was beaten with sonorous, triumphant booming.

As the colonel presented the prizes to the old shots of the regiment, such as Staff-Sergt. D. Mitchell, Sergt. Morris and others, he was deeply moved and could not but remark that it was the last time that they would receive prizes from his hands.

The Hamilton Field Battery will take an active part in the Military Encampment this week, when they will give exhibitions of mounting and dismounting ordnance drill, gun drill and sword exercise. The Battery can give a splendid exhibition and will doubtless do themselves credit.

There is talk of having a battalion dinner, at some date, when the regiment can again meet Lieut.-Col. Gibson, and also celebrate together the great victory of Private Hayhurst at Bisley. There is no doubt but that this will be a great improvement over the usual company dinners.

It is rumored that the 13th Regiment have a very tight grip upon the Gwoski Cup for 1895-96.

The Pedro League formed amongst the various clubs in the city will afford a great deal of pleasure to a large number this winter. The clubs comprising the league are the Sergeants Mess, 13th Regiment, the Hamilton Bicycle Club, the Canadian Club, the Victoria Yacht Club, and the Young Liberals Club.

The sergeants and the young Liberals met the other evening, and after a hard night's playing the result was a tie.

The Canadian Almanac.

This almanac which has just been published for 1895-96 is as complete as ever and more specially interesting to military men by its militia list—corrected to October '95—and also its lists of graduates of the Royal Military College and details about the North West mounted police etc. It is a valuable compendium and useful work. The Copp, Clark Co. Ltd., publishers, Toronto.

Kingston.

KINGSTON, Nov. 25.—Major-General Gascoigne with Mrs. Gascoigne and his staff will arrive here to-morrow, and will remain until Friday. During his stay he will inspect the Royal Military College, and "A" Field Battery R C A. He will also inspect the stores of the 14th Batt P W W R at the new regimental headquarters in Artillery Park.

On Tuesday evening the Major-General will be entertained at dinner, in the mess of "A" Battery, by the officers of that corps. A similar attention on the part of the officers of the 14th Batt. is being talked of. On Thursday Mrs. Gascoigne will be tendered an informal reception by the wives of the officers of "A" Battery.

There will be no turn out of the 14th during the stay in the city of the general officer commanding the militia.

An officer commanding a company of the 14th Batt. states that every time a new issue of tunics is made, it costs his company from \$15 to \$20 to "cut down" the garments. He is of the opinion that the government should insist that the contractor supplies uniforms to the militia, or make and not ask the men to pay for such work, after they have devoted their time and pay to the regiment.

Lieut. C. M. Strange returned a few days ago from a business trip through the North Territories. He returns to Montreal this week.

Major (Ald) L. W. Shannon of the 14th Batt, was home on Monday last.

Corporal D'Amour, of "A" Battery, has received from Shoeburyness, England, his certificate, recording his proficiency in gunnery. This makes the second certificate of proficiency that he has received from England, and he possesses besides these two four others from Canadian military schools.

It is understood that a strong deputation of citizens will wait upon the Major-General, as soon as convenient after his arrival here, to urge upon him the advisability of reorganizing the band of "A" battery, R C A, which was disbanded some time ago.

VEDETTE.

London.

The 7th Fusiliers could not have made arrangements with the weather bureau for their annual matches which they held at the "Cove Ranges" on Thursday, the 14th Nov. Snow was plentiful—but not the gentle snow of the poet—rather that of the storm king and western blizzard.

It was weather that would have disgruntled marksmen less keen than those of the 7th and their gallant Major Hayes, who as range officer managed to have all things work smoothly to even win glory for himself by very creditable scoring.

A good deal of interest centred in the competition for the "Tracy" cup which had been won for two years in succession by B. Co. and which would have become their property this year had they succeeded in winning it again. But there's