

## REGIMENTAL.

## THE FIFTH ROYAL SCOTS.

For the first time since Lt.-Col. Hood has been in command of the Fifth Royal Scots, says the *Montreal Gazette*, they have passed an inspection, and that inspection, which took place on Saturday, was fully up to the previous ones of this fine corps—fine in physique, fine in appearance and fine in drill. Taking the inspection as a whole, leaving out a few minor points, a better inspection could not be asked, for the muster was not only a strong one, but the recruits of this year are a fine body of men in appearance, nearly all of them being over standard height. The crowd began to gather shortly after three o'clock, and when the battalion, accompanied by the Highland Cadets, marched on the Champ de Mars, the squad of the Sixth Fusiliers had all they could do to keep the ground clear. By the way, it would be a good idea at future inspections if vehicles were relegated to the opposite side of the Champ de Mars, instead of obstructing the view of the spectators on the steps. When the Scots marched on at the west end of the Champ de Mars, a detachment of the Duke of Connaught Canadian Hussars rode on at the east end and pressed the crowd back. When the battalion had come to a halt the muster was seen to be as follows: Lt.-Col. Hood in command; Majors Strathy and Ibbotson, five staff officers, six captains, five lieutenants, eight staff-sergeants. Musters of companies: A Company, 4 sergeants, 1 corporal and 32 privates; B Company, 3 sergeants, 2 corporals and 27 privates; C Company, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals and 27 privates; D Company, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals and 29 privates; E Company, 3 sergeants, 1 corporal and 24 privates; F Company, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals and 29 privates; buglers, 6; pipers, 6; pioneers, 4; band, 26, and ambulance, 10; making a total of 283 on parade. Soon after four o'clock Major-Gen. Herbert arrived with his staff, and after being received with a general salute the inspection commenced with the inspecting of the companies. Major-Gen. Herbert inspects the companies very thoroughly, calling attention to any fault in clothing or any accoutrement, that are not correctly placed. In inspecting the Scots companies, however, he had nothing to find fault with. After the march past, in which No. 5 Company lost a little distance, Lt.-Col. Hood put the Scots through battalion movements, the Cadets also obeying the same commands in the line to the left of No. 4 Company. There was no distance lost and the dressing was quickly caught up; in fact regulars could not have executed this command better. Major Strathy put the battalion through the manual and firing exercise, which was exceedingly well accomplished. Major Ibbotson then put the men through the review bayonet exercise, which, with the exception in the low guard point of the bayonets striking the ground once or twice, was very good. But, as the Major-General said in his speech to the Scots afterwards, this was to be expected, as the men had only had a month's drilling at bayonet exercise. Major Strathy then put the men through a number of manoeuvres, which were well done. At this time Major-Gen. Herbert asked to see the Cadets in physical exercise, and the line was halted and 32 of the 56 on parade came forward. That the boys drilled well to the music of the Scots fine band was to be expected, but on Saturday they outdid themselves, every arm swinging in unison and every movement being in exact time. A few more battalion movements were then gone through, under the command of Lt.-Col. Hood, and the line was formed, and the Scots advanced in review order, coming to a halt and giving the general salute for the last time for the day. Three sides of a square were then formed, the Cadets filling up the other side.

Major-Gen. Herbert then addressed the men, complimenting them highly, not only on their appearance, but on the splendid manner in which they had executed the different

commands. He also referred to the other Highland regiments, which, he said, were always first, especially at Alma and Tel-el-Kebir. At the last place he had not only the honour, but the pleasure of seeing them. Turning to the Cadets, he said: "I wish to say a word to the Cadets on the manner in which they drill. Their smartness in executing the commands deserves praise, and the physical drill is beyond all praise."

The line was then reformed, and, with the Major-General and the staff at the head, the battalion marched off the parade ground, and the Scots' inspection was over.

After the Scots' inspection the Major-General paid a visit to St. Mary's College, where he witnessed the Cadets go through a number of movements, which were done in the Cadets' best style. Afterwards he addressed the boys in English and in French, thanking them for the pleasure they gave him, and said he was glad to see that their proficiency in drill had been attained without detriment to their studies.

## THE RIFLE.

[Secretaries of Rifle Clubs and others interested are invited to send in the chief scores of practice or other competitions.]

## OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The ninth spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club was held on Saturday last, on Rideau range, with Snider rifles, at 200, 500 and 600 yards, and resulted as follows:

T. McJanet	30	29	27	86
H. L. Koss	30	26	27	83
W. A. Jamieson	29	25	24	78
E. D. Sutherland	28	28	21	77
J. G. Lyon	22	27	26	75
H. F. Perley	24	27	23	74
T. Carroll	25	27	22	74
J. W. O'Grady	28	29	27	74
J. H. Ellis	25	25	21	71
R. Moodie	23	20	27	70
J. Wright	26	27	17	70
Dr. G. Hutchison	26	27	17	70

## HISTORY OF PROJECTILES.

(The Broad Arrow, 23rd May.)

On Wednesday last, Capt. Berthon (Durham Artillery) delivered a lecture to the members of the Military Society of Ireland, taking for his subject the "History of Projectiles." Major-Gen. G. H. Moncrieff, commanding Dublin District, was in the chair. The attendance was remarkably small.

Gen. Moncrieff, in introducing Capt. Berthon, said that he felt that an apology was due to him for the paucity of the audience, which was accounted for by the fact that there had been a large field-day in the Park that morning, and officers quartered in Richmond, Wellington, and other distant barracks could not possibly be in time. He hoped Capt. Berthon would accept this explanation. He was sure they would hear a most interesting lecture.

Capt. Berthon said: On the subject of projectiles there is and always has been great diversity of opinion, many most interesting and ingenious contrivances have from time to time been in use, and many wild theories propounded; indeed there is hardly a subject in the world that has proved so attractive to would-be inventors as war projectiles. Some few ideas certainly have been worthy of trial, but in most cases they have been of the useless type, from the imaginations of those who did not understand the requirements. [Capt. Berthon here gave an able *resumé* from the earliest period down to the present day.] Many appliances have from time to time been in vogue for imparting the necessary "spin" to projectiles, *i.e.*, to keep their points to the front, a few of which may be noted. There is the Arm-