

It looks as though military work for the season for the season was over, if we except the big gundrill of the Garrison Artillery and a couple of adjutant's classes. All idea of holding field manoeuvres appears to have been abandoned. It has been a hard year financially for all of the regiments, and it is not to be wondered at that there should be some hesitancy about contracting further expenses now, particularly as every one concedes that the expense of field manoeuvres should be borne by the Militia Department and not by the regiments themselves. There can be no doubt that such field works as that referred to would be of great value to the militia, and public money devoted to it would be well spent.

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It did well; they were, however, slightly handicapped owing to the non-attendance of Major Beattie and Captain Brookes. The Battalion was formed up on inspection day in the drill shed by Lt.-Col. Payne, but as it was evidently too small to drill even half the Battalion in they were moved out to Victoria Park and drawn up in line. Ranks opened and at 10 O'clock sharp the Deputy Adj.-Gen. approached the line and was received with the usual general salute. From that time until half-past two o'clock the inspection was kept up. Lieut.-Col. Payne and Major Harper putting the Battalion through a number of battalion movement with detail. Every officer present was also called to the front of his Company and detailed company drill, firing exercises and so on. Section commanders also came in for their share of drill, the inspection being quite rigorous. Everything went off in good style, officers, non-

com. officers and men showing themselves fairly well up in their drill. The absence of Major Beattie and Captain Brookes will however, somewhat detract from the Battalion's percentage and was the subject of comment by both officers and men of the Battalion, who feel annoyed at their non-attendance. The Deputy Adj.-Gen. was pleased at the general showing of the Battalion.

The annual inspection of the armories of the Seventh Battalion was made yesterday afternoon by Lt.-Col. Smith, D.A.G. at the Drill Shed in the presence of Lt.-Col. Payne, of the Seventh Batt., and the officers. The inspection was a most satisfactory one to the D. A. G., everything being found in splendid condition, so far as lay in the power of officers and men. At personal expenses the officers had made the dingy little armories to look quite inviting, and the arms and accoutrements gave evidence of proper care. In the evening the usual inspection of the officers was made by Lt.-Col. Smith.—Free Press, Nov. 18.

It is said that the two modern rifled guns for the Citadel will be the only really modern part of the armament. One of them is a nine-inch B. L. rifle, about the same size as the largest of H. M. S. Blake's engines of destruction, her two fore and aft guns. It is one of the most serviceable guns manufactured. The other is one of the new high angle firing six-inch guns, and is about the latest out. Both will be fully equipped with good carriages and all necessaries. They will give our artillerymen an opportunity of becoming fully acquainted with modern artillery and it is as much for this purpose as for any other that they are being brought out. The heaviest gun at present in the Citadel is the 8-inch breech loading rifle, which looms up over the southwest end of the Citadel but the weight of the metal thrown by it is much inferior to that of the shell hurled from the mouth of the expected 9-inch baby, while in point of accuracy and penetration the two cannot be compared. The 7-inch muzzle loading gun commanding the St. Lawrence towards the Island of Orleans comes next in point of size to the 8-inch gun, to which it is also much inferior and which commands the river towards Montreal as well as all the ground composing the scene of the first battle of the Plains of Abraham. With such a machine at their disposal the French under Montcalm in 1769 might have both-
 eied the invaders very considerably.

Thursday, Nov. 9, at one o'clock. Lieut. Joseph A. Benyon, R.C.A., was married to Miss Marie Blanche Thibaudau, daughter of the U. Thibaudau, Esq., of the firm of Thibaudau Bros. & Co., at the St. Louis Chapel, the Rev. Father Fagny performing the ceremony. Both of the high contracting parties belong to the highest circles of society in Quebec. Mr. Benyon is a young officer of distinction, the son of Capt. Benyon, of Montreal, and the grandson of Andrew Allan, Esq., the head

of the Allan Line. The bride is a young lady whose amiability and kindness of manners have endeared her to the hearts of all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her popularity was amply proved by the long list of splendid presents which her friends in every walk of life, literally showered upon her. Few are the brides who have fared so well as she. The ceremony was strictly private, owing to the recent death of the bride's uncle, the Hon. Isidore Thibault. Mr. Benyon was attended by Mr. William Dobell. Miss Thibault was given away by her stepfather, Urie Tessier, Esq., assisted by Alfred Thibault, Esq., of Montreal. The only relations present, besides the above named, were Capt. and Mrs. Benyon, father and mother of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. William Rae. Mr. R. R. Dobell sent his carriage to convey the bride from her residence to the chapel. The happy pair left immediately by the Quebec Central Railway, for the United States, where the honeymoon will be spent, followed by the hearty congratulations and good wishes of their many friends.

The Navy is represented in Matabeleland. With the column from Fort Victoria, which was in the skirmish the other day, is Lt. E. C. Tyndale-Briscoe, who retired from the Navy in September, 1889. He was a midshipman of the Euryalus during the Egyptian war of 1882, and in 1884, when landed with the Naval Brigade in the Soudan, distinguished himself at the battle of Tamai. He was selected to convey a banner taken from the sheikhs on that occasion to the Lords of the Admiralty, and was specially mentioned in despatches for coolness and gallantry. He wears the Egyptian medal with Suakim and Tamai clasps, the Khedive's bronze star, and the Medjidie of the 5th class. He commanded the machine guns of the pioneer force in the advance to Fort Salisbury, where he first hoisted the British ensign, and now he has the command of the Maxim guns of the northern column of the Chartered Company's force advancing upon Bulawayo.

The annual Balaclava banquet, to commemorate the thirty-ninth anniversary of the memorable charges by Lord Cardigan's gallant "Six Hundred" and Sir James Scarlett's heavy brigade, was held on Wednesday night, Oct. 25, at the Cavalry Club, London, when amongst the surviving officers there were present: The Earl of Lucan, Lord Hylton, Lord Tredegar, Generals Sir C. Shute, K.C.B., G. C. Clarke, C.B., W. C. Forrest, C.B.; Major Generals Alexander Elliot, C.B., R. T. Godman, and W. Mussenien; Surg. Gen. J. Mount, C.B., V.C.; Colonels Lenox-Prembergast and Swiien; Lt. Colonel John Glas Smeleman; Major M'Leigh-Theobalds, Col. J. C. Clowes, Everard-Hutton, and Phillips, together with Captains Clutterbuck, Halford, E. R. Fisher-Rowe, Leevan, Hefferon and Sutherland. The toast of "Our Comrades who Fell" was honoured in solemn silence. Some of the survivors of those that fought in the ranks also dined together the same evening at the St. James' Hall restaurant.