

Dominion Hotel, Hamilton, last week, and gave them some sound advice on military etiquette, which was badly needed if all accounts are true. It is to be hoped, however, that white-winged peace will soon reign over the old 77th, and that they will be able to take their place this year as one of the best battalions in camp.

Lieut. Carpenter, of "A" Company, I.S.C., Fredericton, (late of the 13th) was in town during the holidays visiting his people. He paid a visit to the drill hall and was much pleased with the condition of the armouries; he leaves on Monday for Kingston where he is taking a course.

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Halifax.

At a meeting of No. 4 Company, 63rd Rifles, on the 1st inst., Capt. W. J. Butler informed the company that owing to press of business he had been obliged to tender his resignation. This information was received with deep regret, and a vote of thanks was tendered Capt. Butler for the valuable services rendered to the company during the past three years.

Sergeant Gullen, another valuable member, who is very popular, and has done good work in the company, has also left the service. The following were elected to fill the vacancies in the company organization:

Treasurer, Lieut. Blackmore;

Secretary, Corpl. Somers;

Auditors, Messrs. Blackmore and Somers.

The 27th Battalion band at Sarnia is \$300 in debt, and has undertaken to raise the money by private subscription. One prominent citizen has guaranteed \$100.

On the 11th the officers of the 63rd will celebrate the departure of the Halifax contingent for the North-west by a dinner at the Halifax Hotel.

Lord Wolseley is expected to assume the Irish command, when Sir Redvers Buller will probably succeed him in the Adjutant Generalship.

London.

The re-organized 7th Fusiliers held their first church parade on Sunday afternoon last, under command of Lt.-Col. Tracy. The route of march was lined by citizens anxious to see the new regiment, and the praise bestowed was well merited, for the gallant Fusiliers never looked to better advantage. The service was held at St. James' Church, London South, and the following patriotic sentiments expressed by the rector, the Rev. Canon Davis, during the course of his sermon, are, I think, applicable to the whole force, and are worth repeating. I quote from the London Free Press:

"Remember, that as your Queen has trusted the defence of her Canadian dominions in the hands of the volunteers of this country, you are therefore justified in regarding yourselves as the Queen's soldiers, called to preserve the Queen's rights, and that such a position links you at once with the regular troops of the British army. You are part and parcel of that body before whose onward march and determined rush the greatest nations of the earth have quailed; part and parcel of that body whose record of victory has only been excelled by personal bravery. Remember these things, volunteers, and if it should ever be that you should be called upon to join your voices in the shout of battle; if it should ever be that you should be called to defend your country or protect the rights of your fellow subjects or your own, remember to act as the men of Corunna and Waterloo acted, as the men of Inkerman and Balaclava acted, as the noble and the brave at Trafalgar acted—soldiers of a country whose standard has never been disgraced. The volunteers of Canada have made for themselves a name of which they may be proud. They have faced danger and willingly borne hardships. They have faced the cruelest, meanest kind of warfare, and have rushed to the charge with that old British cheer of their forefathers which has never rung out clearly that it was not followed by lasting victory.

The battalion marched back to the drill shed by way of Victoria bridge in quarter column.

Morris tubes have been obtained, and already practice is being made preparatory to the coming season's field work. Great rivalry already exists between the different companies, thanks to their energetic Colonel.

On Tuesday evening last the 7th were inspected for the first time by Lt.-Col. Smith, D.A.G., the six companies turning out a total of about 250 men. At the close of the inspection the officers were highly complimented by the Colonel on the proficiency attained. This inspection closes the annual drill of 1889, which, by permission from headquarters, owing to the late period of last year when reorganization was commenced, has been extended to the present time.

Church parades will probably be held monthly during the summer. Lieut. Wm. Butler, adjutant of the 7th, intends taking a cavalry course at Quebec, with the praiseworthy ambition of qualifying himself in the highest possible degree for his responsible position.

One night in each week has been set apart for physical training with and without arms.

Chatham, N.B.

The 73rd Battalion made a great success, both financially and artistically, of a concert which they held here on the 24th March, and which they repeated in Newcastle a week later. The entertainment was opened with a selection by the Battalion Band, and the manner in which it was rendered must have surprised the greater part of the audience, as it displayed the careful training the band had received under the skilful leadership of Mr. Kaine. The chorus "Let the Hills and Vales resound" was nicely sung, as was Miss Carter's solo "The song that reached my heart." Mrs. Kaine showed herself a talented musician, her violin solo being particularly fine.

Mr. Sheridan was very amusing in his comicalities, and Capt. Cragie brought down the house with his local hits.

The rest of the programme was successfully rendered, the grand march of the Cavalier Guards, officered by Masters W. Norton and B. Wyse, sending every boy away delighted. It was, certainly, very well done and was the result of a month's hard training under the guidance of Mr. J. D. B. F. Mackenzie. Mr. Mackenzie has always taken an active interest in the band and the efficient and creditable state in which it is at present is very largely due to his exertions, backed up by an efficient committee.

The Late Major Seely, N.B.B.G.A.

Major George B. Seely, of the New Brunswick Brigade Garrison Artillery, who died at St. John, N.B., on the 21st ultimo, from diphtheria, was born at Oromocto, N.B., in 1851, his father being the late Abner Seely, and his mother a daughter of the late Hon. John A. Beckwith.

While attending the village school at Oromocto the boys of the place formed themselves into a cadet corps, and young Seely was appointed their first captain. Removing to Fredericton, he attended the Collegiate school, and in 1866, during the Fenian Raid, it was announced that the late Judge Wilmot, who held the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, and who afterwards became Lieut.-Governor, would address a meeting. A large number were present, including the boys from the school. Judge Wilmot made an eloquent address, appealing to the patriotism of his hearers to go forward to quell the invaders. The next morning, saying nothing to anyone on the subject, young Seely, being then a fine stalwart youth, and large for his age, presented himself for enrolment and was accepted, and had soon donned the uniform, and, with rifle on shoulder, started to join his company. On the way he passed his school mates, who, in surprise, asked him what he meant; he cheerily shouted back, "I've done with Homer for a while. I heard Judge Wilmot last night." At St. Andrew's with his company he soon became very popular, and was thought highly of as a soldier.

Returning after the affair was over to Fredericton he entered the University of N.B., and in time graduated without special effort with honours. He then studied law at Fredericton and St. John, and during this period he obtained an infantry certificate under the 78th, now the Seaforth Highlanders. In 1874 he was admitted to the bar, and after practising in Fredericton he removed to St. John in 1880, and entered into partnership with the late Mr. T. H. McMillan. In the spring of 1885 he was appointed a captain in the N.B. Artillery, and in the fall of that year he took a special course at Quebec, receiving a first-class artillery certificate, obtaining the high standing of 91 per cent. of the marks. As a battery officer he was very successful, his battery taking the second prize in the general efficiency competition for garrison artillery in Canada in 1888. In January of last year he was promoted to the majority of his corps, the members of his battery presenting him with a valuable testimonial and address on his promotion.

From fear of contagion the Board of Health at St. John declined to allow a military funeral, so his remains were quietly and mournfully followed by his brother officers and members of the corps to the railway station, whence they were conveyed to Fredericton. Here, by the kindness of Lieut.-Col. Maunsell and Major Gordon the Infantry School Corps preceded the hearse, the band playing an appropriate march, and after the burial service of the Church of England had been read, three volleys were fired over the grave, and the remains of Major Seely were laid at rest by the side of his father in the old burying ground in the City of Fredericton.

Major Seely was a most popular officer in his corps and in the militia generally among all who knew him. His knowledge of military matters was admitted by all, and he was constantly referred to on such subjects by his brother officers. Of erect and commanding appearance, with a deep full voice, with self-possession and ability, strong in mind and body but gentle in manner, he had all the traits which go to make a good officer.