

LONDON.

No. 1 Company 7th Fusiliers finished their first annual camp a few days ago, the men having a good time and being greatly benefited by the drill they have had. They had the tents down and everything packed ready for marching home in twenty minutes, the march from Springfield to the city being accomplished in one hour and twenty-five minutes. While skirmishing on Saturday one of the men found an old bayonet, of the kind used in the war of 1812, stuck in a tree. They are going to keep it at the shed as a relic. Great credit must be given to Lieut. Graham for the way the camp has been conducted, and to Col.-Sergt. Freeland and Sergt. Scarlet for the way the wants of the men have been looked after, nothing being wanting to make the camp a success.

"D" Co. 7th Fusiliers held a meeting in their armory recently for the election of officers for the ensuing year, Col.-Sergt. Hayman in the chair. The following officers were elected;—Captain Boker, President; Color-Sergt. Hayman, Treasurer, and Corporal Shillington, Secretary. The Management Committee will consist of the aforementioned officers, together with Sergeant Milligan, Sergeant Gauld, Private McNab, Private Short and Private George McNab.

Sergt.-Major Baxter, late of the 4th Royal Dragoon Guards, and who has recently been appointed drill instructor of the London Collegiate Institute, by resolution of the London Board, arrived in the city to study the system of school drill here. He sought out Capt. Clark, who gave him an insight into the system instituted here, and which has won so much commendation for Capt. Clark all over the Province that all the leading schools are adopting it. *Guelph Mercury.*

The annual rifle match for the Carling cup between the Seventh Battalion and the No. 1 Company, C. R. I., teams will take place this year at the Cove Range on the second Saturday of October. The School team have won the cup twice and the Seventh were victors once. Should the former win this year they will be entitled to retain possession of the trophy. Both teams are confident of success, and are practising regularly.

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It is understood that the new saddlery, swords and carbines (M. H.) for issue to the Canadian Dragoons, stationed at Winnipeg, have arrived at Ottawa and will be forwarded without delay. This will make the corps one of the best horsed and equipped in Canada.

The 91st Manitoba Light Infantry is to be disbanded, and orders have been issued by Colonel Villiers, D.A.G. No. 10 Military District, calling in all arms, etc., of the Regiment. As far as can be learned two companies remain as independent companies, namely the Kildonan and Virden companies.

The Canadian Dragoons Cricket Club have just completed a most successful season, having defeated all the clubs in Winnipeg, among the victims being the crack Winnipeg eleven, which had defeated all comers this season. This places the Dragoons in the lead, and they are to be congratulated upon the excellent cricket as displayed by them during the season; and, with a good football and hockey team in the field, the corps may justly feel proud of itself, and not only be an example for our regular corps of Canada, but also to many of our athletic associations throughout the Dominion.

The new cavalry barracks at Fort Osborne are well under way, and the contract calls for its completion by the 1st December. However, if they are ready for occupation by Christmas all will be well. Our Hon. Minister of War has said that the barracks are to be an ornament to Winnipeg, and that the drill shed and square, at present unoccupied, are both to be brought within the barrack walls. If this is done Winnipeg may justly feel proud of her barracks, which of course should be the chief point of interest to visitors from other lands. Major-General Herbert again inspected the barracks, stables, etc., on Saturday, the 24th inst., and again expressed himself as much pleased with all.

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Virden, Brandon and Portage la Prairie are to have independent troops of cavalry, as the Major-General thinks mounted troops the best and only arm for the far west. Why not make them mounted infantry, as the officers would not be obliged then to go to the expense of providing themselves with new uniforms and they would be mounted men just the same. The Government would also save by it, as the uniforms would not require to be changed.

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The Canadian Dragoons had a field day on Monday last. Leaving the barracks at 9 a.m. the squadron scouted to Little Stony Mountain, where they were exercised in attack and defence tactics. The left troop (defending force) took up a very strong position on high ground, very thickly covered with bush, the object of the attacking force (right troop) being to dislodge them. Many awkward positions were got into and many daring rushes were made. Altogether the day's outing was of a most instructive character. The squadron partook of a well-earned lunch, and returned to barracks at 5 p.m.

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The 90th Rifles are now drilling every Wednesday evening and doing good work, although rather under strength.

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

AN INFORMAL INSPECTION BY MAJOR-GENERAL HERBERT.

At 2.45 p.m., (21 Sept.), a foot parade took place. On the sub-divisions being wheeled into line General Herbert made a careful inspection of the line, and asked several questions about the arms and dress. He does not approve of the system of carrying cartridges in belts. A slight breach of etiquette was committed by receiving the General, who was present unofficially and merely as the guest of Col. Herchmer, with a general salute; that he did not appreciate the intended compliment was evidenced by the fact that he did not acknowledge the salute. The parade was put through the usual movements by Superintendent Moffatt and under that cool headed officer acquitted themselves most creditably, the march past being exceptionally good. At 4 p.m. a mounted parade took place when the same unfortunate blunder was repeated with regard to the salute. After the line had been inspected the men were marched out to the prairie south of the track, where about three quarters of an hour of lively drill was engaged in. From the point of vantage of the riding school we were able to follow the movements of the troops with a tolerable degree of accuracy with the aid of a powerful pair of field glasses, and the various movements appeared on the whole to be well carried out. During the dismounted duty the men kept their intervals exceptionally well, and the horses behaved admirably. There was one movement towards the close, which unless we are mistaken or our glasses were out of focus reminded us of the old familiar infantry one of forming "rallying square." We do not quite see the object of this formation, armed as the police are at present without bayonets. The muzzles of a few Winchester rifles would not be very effective in stopping a charge of cavalry. We do not remember that this formation is laid down in the drill book which is supposed to guide the performances of the N.W.M.P. on parade.

After the parade the General, Hon. Mrs. Herbert and Capt. Streatfield partook of afternoon tea at the officers mess and then returned to town. During tea, the band under Staff-Sergt. Walker played a number of lively airs. As General Herbert's visit was strictly unofficial he did not express any opinion or make any address to the men. *Regina Leader.*

THE MAJOR-GENERAL'S OPINION OF THE FORCE.

"It's one of the most excellent systems in Canada," he said. "It should be a useful force for this country. The foot parade impressed me much; of course I didn't come expecting to see everything perfect. You can't expect the men to have much time for drill, for their duties are pretty heavy. But they are a fine lot of men. I walked along the ranks and looked at each man and they struck me as a very superior lot of men. The drill was certainly better than that of our own men at Victoria, and I don't care if this gets to