

At the Province of Quebec Rifle Association meeting (1885) the representatives of the 6th were very successful, winning \$269 in cash, three silver cups, N.R.A. medal, D.C.R.A. medal, the Governor-General's silver and bronze medals, P.Q.R.A. badge and a Martini-Henry Rifle, the team winning two first prizes (one of which was the aggregate) and three second prizes. In individual prizes they carried off among others, four firsts, four seconds, and one third, taking the first, second and third aggregates.

On 4th November, 1885, fired a match at Point St. Charles, 13 men of "A" company, 6th, against same number of "A" company, 5th Royal Scots, the 6th team winning by 88 points.

From 29th September to 11th October, 1885, was on duty (in conjunction with the other corps of Montreal brigade) in aid of the civil power, on account of demonstrations made by anti-vaccinationists in the city. The duty was guarding the armories and exhibition buildings while the latter were being prepared for use as small-pox hospitals.

On 12th November, 1885, the annual inspection held. At the close, Lieut.-Col. Van Straubensee, D.A.G., addressed a few words to the officers and men, saying that he complimented the battalion on being one of the smartest and most efficient, if not in fact the very best volunteer corps he had ever inspected. After the inspection the battalion dined at the Windsor Hotel, some 350 sitting down, including the Mayor, the United States Consul General, the city M.P's., the District staff officers and n.c.o.'s of all the other city corps, and other friends of the battalion.

On 12th February, 1886, Lieut.-Col. Gardner retired from the command of the battalion after a service therein of 20 years, previous to which he had been a member of the Victoria Rifles. In losing Colonel Gardner the 6th lost a good commanding officer, one who had at all times worked hard for the good of his battalion, and as the record shows always worked in the right direction. The new commanding officer, Major Fred. Massey, also boasts of a long service. First in the Victoria Rifles he served for about 6 years, then joining the 6th on 9th November, 1877, as ensign, and remaining until the present date, when he becomes commanding officer of the battalion. During his service with the "Vics," Col. Massey was under fire at Eccles Hill.

In 1886 Private Jas. Riddle represented the 6th at Wimbledon.

In August, 1886, the new service cap was adopted as the forage-cap of the battalion; and the brass band's tunics of white were replaced by scarlet ones as now worn by H. M. regular service. Both caps and tunics were imported direct from England.

The season of 1886 was a successful one for the members of the Rifle Association. The team won two first, three second and a third prize as follows: First prizes, P. Q. R. A. meeting, association match (silver cup), and Prince of Wales' open match; second prizes, team aggregate, P. Q. R. A. match, V. - R. C. open match and 6th Fusiliers open match; third prize, active militia match, P.Q.R.A. The winnings of the marksmen for the year were as follows: Team prizes, \$90 and silver cup; local open matches, \$134; P.Q.R.A. \$74; Dominion R. A. \$146; Wimbledon meeting \$70; battalion monthly matches \$100, and annual matches \$380—total, \$994. Sergt. Marks won the Stewart silver cup, first prize in the P.Q.R.A. Association match, and others won medals, badges, prizes in kind, etc. Sergt. Marks tied for second place in the Grand Aggregate at Ottawa, but lost in firing off the tie. He stands fourth man on the Wimbledon 1887 sixty, with a score of 343, and Private Riddle seventeenth with 323.

In September, 1886, the battalion visited Belleville, remaining there under canvas three days. During the stay a rifle match was shot with the 15th Argyle light infantry, teams of six, the 6th being the victors by 19 points. The officers at Belleville were Lieut.-Col. F. Massey, Majors Mooney and Gray, Capts. Burland, Stewart and Virtue, Lieuts. Light-hall, Ross, Engelke, Stanway, Smith and Chambers, Surgeon Bell, Paymaster Seath and Captain and Adjutant Pettigrew. Lieut.-Col. Van Straubensee, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Mattice, B.M., Captain Radiger, adjutant of the "Vic's," and other friends of the battalion accompanied it on the trip. While at Belleville the annual inspection took place by Lieut.-Col. Van Straubensee. A pleasing incident of the trip was the presentation to Dr. Bell of a beautiful ring, as a testimonial from the members of the two Belleville companies who were on service in the Northwest with the Midland battalion. At Batoche several of the officers and men of the 15th battalion's companies were wounded, and they have since held in grateful remembrance the attention bestowed upon them by Dr. Bell, who was in charge of the field hospital, first at the front, and subsequently at Saskatoon.

On 1st March, 1887, a guard of honor attended the departure of H. E. the Governor-General from Montreal.

The battalion is now of full strength, has a brass and drum and fife bands, pioneers, ambulance and signal corps.

Since its formation one hundred and twenty-one officers have been on the strength of the battalion. Of those now serving Lieut.-Col. Massey, Capt. Seath, paymaster, and Capt. Pettigrew, adjutant, were on

frontier duty during the Fenian raids, Colonel Massey and Captain Pettigrew being present at the Eccles Hill engagement. Surgeon Bell and Lieut. Chambers served in the Northwest campaign, for which they have received the medal. Many of the n.c.o.'s and men are veterans, some of over 20 years standing, and among them are men who have seen service in nearly every part of the world.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Militia General Orders, No. 10, of 16th June, 1887.

No. 1.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1883.

The following changes in the "Regulations and Orders for the Militia, 1883," relating to transport, subsistence and pay of the active militia when called out for actual service, have been approved by the Governor in Council on 8th June, 1887:—

TRANSPORT.

The following are added as sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) to paragraph 720 of the Regulations and Orders, 1883:—

(2.) In making requisitions for transport of officers, men, horses or stores, etc., by railway, the requisition is to be for transport of the number of officers, men, horses and the weight of stores to be forwarded, not for a specified number of cars. The railway company must see that enough suitable cars for the service are provided, having water and all other necessary conveniences, also for the personal baggage, etc., which is to be carried free of charge.

(3.) Special trains by which the railway company will charge a higher rate for transport than by ordinary trains must not be applied for without authority from headquarters.

(4.) Officers ordering special trains or cars for transport, without authority from headquarters, will be held to account for the additional expenses their requisitions for such entail upon the public.

To be added as sub-section (2), paragraph 730, Regulations and Orders, 1883:—

(2.) When several packages are forwarded at the same time, consigned to another officer or person, a way bill is to be given with the requisition. A copy of the way bill is to be sent to the consignee having upon it a receipt from the person or company who is to perform the transfer, together with the rate of pay for the service. In all cases the consignee is to verify the receipt of the articles by a written acknowledgment to be sent by him without delay to the person who forwarded the packages.

SUBSISTENCE.

The following to be substituted for paragraph 744, Regulations and Orders, 1883:—

744. The officers, non-commissioned officers and privates shall receive, in addition to their pay, free lodgings and rations, and, subject to the regulations for the issue of forage, the mounted officers and men of mounted corps, the mounted officers of other corps, and mounted staff officers, shall receive forage in addition for their horses, or a daily allowance of 25 cents in lieu thereof for each horse.

FORAGE.

The following to be added after paragraph 786, Regulations and Orders, 1883:—

1. Officers who accept any civil employment which necessitates their being struck off ordinary military duty will not be entitled to receive forage.

2. Forage is not to be issued in kind for any days for which the allowance in lieu of forage is issued, nor is an allowance in money in lieu of forage to be issued for any days for which forage is issued in kind.

3. The allowance in money in lieu of forage will not be substituted for forage in kind except under particular circumstances, nor unless the expediency of such commutation shall have been clearly established by some local peculiarity. This to be decided by the local commanding officer temporarily, who will also make a report without delay for decision of the Minister of Militia as to a continuance or otherwise of the issue of the allowance.

4. The ration of forage counts for the mid-day feed of the day for which it is drawn, and therefore includes the morning feed of the next day.

PAY.

The following to be added to the instruction to paymasters:—

Assignment of pay by officers, non-commissioned officers and men to their wives and families.

1. Applications for assignment of pay by officers, non-commissioned officers and men on active service to their wives and families must bear the signature of the individual wishing to make the assignment, the number of days' pay per month assigned, and the name in full of the person to whom the assignment is made.

2. Regimental assignment lists so prepared, certified to by the lieutenant-colonel commanding, by the captains of companies, and countersigned by the regimental paymaster, that the amount of pay so assigned shall not be included in any pay list except the "assignment pay list," will receive the attention of the Minister of Militia and Defence, who at his discretion will issue the necessary order to meet the wishes of the officers and men concerned.

3. These lists of assigned pay must be transmitted by the officer commanding in *quadruplicate*, as follows:—One copy to the principal supply and pay officer, one copy to the brigade or divisional paymaster of the field force to which the corps may be attached, one copy to the Minister of Militia and Defence (account branch), Ottawa, and one copy to the paymaster of the military district to which the corps belongs.

4. Each captain of a company shall retain a copy of his company "assignment pay list," and each regimental paymaster shall keep the regimental list of "assigned pay" on file in his office.

5. The monthly regimental pay lists must show the name of every officer and man, with the pay due him for every day he has served during the month, and in the column of stoppages must be shown the amount of "assigned pay" to be deducted; and in the column of remarks the number of days' assigned pay deducted must be stated.

STAFF.

1. The following are the rates of pay and the regulations under which issued to the under named staff officers in Her Majesty's service. These rates of pay are appli-