

performed. Capt. Costigan was in command, the other officers in camp being Lieuts. Wilson and Smith, Surgeon Wilson, Vet.-Surgeon McEachran. There were altogether 75 men. Sergt.-Instructor Slade, "B" Battery, Quebec, acted as instructor. Major Hooper, who had just returned from abroad, was present, but took no part in the inspection. A luncheon was given by the officers at one o'clock, at which Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, Lieut. - Col. Houghton, D.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. Mattice, Major Hooper, Capt. Frenette, Capt. Collins, Capt. Armstrong and Capt. Ogilvie were present.

The returns from the local corps for comparative efficiency will soon be made known. Already many of the officers have answered the necessary questions. Capt. McDougall, acting brigade major, attends at the brigade office for this purpose. In future the comparative efficiency returns will be promulgated in district orders for the information of the corps concerned, and will then be transmitted to headquarters for the information of the general officer commanding. As soon as the officers have answered their questions, and the corps put in their target practice who have not already done so, the results will be made public and the winners of the Sir Donald Smith cup known.

Lieut.-Col. Houghton has been asked by Col. Lake, quartermaster-general, to notify the different corps in Montreal to have photographic groups taken of their officers and non-commissioned officers for the purpose of having them published in *The Navy and Army Illustrated*.

The Highland Cadets had a most enjoyable outing on Dominion Day to Ogdensburg. They were treated handsomely, and their drilling caused favorable comment. Mayor Wilson Smith's cup, which he has presented to the corps, will be handed over at the first favorable opportunity. Just now they are drilling hard in anticipation of the event.

The 2nd R.C.A. will hold their annual matches at Cote St. Luc on Saturday. Capt. Collins, the sec.-treas., has things well up to time. The events are; Maiden stakes, regimental match, at which Lieut.-Col. Cole's cup will be competed for; Association match, at which the Turnbull challenge shield will be competed for; extra series, for members; extra series, open, and open matches for individuals and teams and the usual aggregates.

Capt. Collins, G.A., who had the getting up of the competition between the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps and the G.A., Montreal, has handed the score sheets to *THE GAZETTE*. The Montreal men were the winners, having a score of 785, while Bermuda had 693. The Bermuda team held well together until the 600 yards was reach-

ed, when they broke down. The conditions were 10 men a side at 200, 500 and 600 yards. A return match will be engaged in shortly.

The competition for the Sims cup, presented to the Victoria Rifles for company competition, is now finished. No. 4 Company won, with 354.8 points.

The last Militia General Orders contain the following: District Paymaster and Hon. Capt. Louis Elzear Frenette is granted the honorary rank of major, under the provisions of par. 94 Regulations and Orders for the Militia, 1887. Major Frenette joined the 8th Batt. February, 1870, as ensign; in May of same year had command of Co. "A"; appointed lieutenant in October, 1870, and captain in January, 1871; took a military school certificate, 1st class, in 1870; was appointed a brevet major in 1876; took a field artillery certificate at Royal School of Gunnery in 1884; in October, 1887, he was appointed to the permanent force and made an honorary captain; he held the position of superintendent of stores for No. 6 District from 1893 until he was appointed paymaster of military districts 5 and 6 in 1895. He took part in the Fenian Raid in May and April, 1870, and was with the forces in the Northwest in 1885.

On Tuesday evening the sergeants of the 6th Fusiliers entertained the petty officers of H.M.S. Tartar and Intrepid. In the absence of Sergt.-Major Currie the chair was occupied by Col.-Sergt. Kneen, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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LIEUT.-COL. PRIOR TALKS OF RETIRING.

VANCOUVER, B.C., July 4.—Nos. 5 and 6 Companies of the 5th Regiment had another opportunity of brigading with the Imperial forces on Dominion Day in Vancouver. In connection with the celebration H.M.S. Satellite and H.M.S. Icarus landed a party of bluejackets and marines at 9.30 a.m., which was joined by the militia and two bands. After marching through the principal streets Cambie street grounds were reached and the brigade formed into line. A feu de joie was then fired punctuated by 21 guns, followed by the royal salute and three cheers for Her Majesty. After the march past in column and quarter column, the sailors went through their ever popular physical drill with arms, followed by the bayonet exercise by the marines and manual and firing exercise by the militia. Finally the sailors did some wonderful work with their two 7 pounders, slinging them round with ridiculous ease. The brigade then left the grounds, the militia returning to the drill shed, where refreshments were provided by the Celebration Committee,

which proved most acceptable, as the day was an intensely hot one.

The press spoke very well indeed of the steadiness of the militia in marching, and also of the manual and firing exercise.

In the afternoon a successful rifle meeting took place on Central Park range. Forty-six competitors entered, among whom were 17 from the ships. Geo. Turnbull, of New Westminster, No. 4 Company, was top man with 95, and, considering the heat and blinding sunshine, it was a very creditable performance. The fifteenth man made 80. Six targets were used and everything went satisfactorily.

As a result of the protest against the action of the minority of the Executive of the Provincial Rifle Association, a meeting of the Executive was held in Vancouver on the 1st July, with the president, Col. Wolfenden, in the chair. The meeting was harmonious, and a resolution was carried that the 1896 meeting be held on Central Park range. The matches were discussed, and two set apart for younger shots, to encourage them to compete. This action is approved by everyone, and a very successful meeting is anticipated.

In the Military League matches, No. 4 Co., of New Westminster, have gained a very creditable position in the aggregate.

Much regret is expressed at the announcement that Lieut.-Col. Prior intends resigning the command of the Fifth Regiment. He is a very popular officer, and has done much for his regiment in particular and the militia in general, and his retirement will be severely felt. It is understood that his resignation is in deference to the order limiting the term during which an officer can command a battalion, although it would not apply to him for some time to come. The senior officer is Major T. O. Townley, at present in command of No. 5 Co. in this city. He has been in the militia for some years, and was formerly in command of the company in New Westminster. Officers and men here will be very pleased indeed to see Major Townley obtain his promotion, as he is deservedly popular. The formation of the first company here, No. 5, was through his exertions.

The recommendation of the Minister of Militia in the last annual report, that the Fifth Regiment should be divided into two, with headquarters at Victoria and Vancouver, may possibly be again considered at this juncture. The 80 miles of water that separates the local from the present headquarters is a barrier which prevents that united action in all matters which affect the regiment. The officers are almost strangers to one another when they do meet, perhaps once a year.

It is to be hoped the "powers that be"