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## The Queen's Birthday Celebrations.

All over the Dominion the Militia appear to have this year as usual taken the lead in the Queen's Birthday celebrations, and as the result of no little trouble and expense to themselves have furnished the general populace entertainment for a day's recreation. They had their reward in the openly expressed admiration, and the liberally bestowed applause. If a little tight in their grip upon the purse strings when military expenditures are mooted, Canadians entertain no feelings but those of respect and esteem for their fellow-citizens who in time of peace voluntarily don the soldier's uniform. It is true that in some places the general public, while appreciative of the militiamen, are also very apathetic and undemonstrative, thus robbing their appreciation of a good effect it might otherwise produce.

In the greatest military centre—Montreal—the most imposing demonstration of the day took place. Elsewhere in this issue particulars are given of this grand review, in which not only the local forces participated but also crack corps from Toronto and Ottawa, and the smart little company of regulars from St. John. Arriving on Sunday morning, "B" Company had to return the same day. The Queen's Own stayed in Montreal until Sunday afternoon, and the Guards until Saturday evening, and all left with golden opinions of the hospitality of their Montreal comrades. The entertainment was very largely left to individual effort, especially in the case of the Guards, though the Queen's Own, rank for rank, were pretty well under the wing of the Victoria Rifles; and the enjoyment was more general than if the time had been largely taken up with formal receptions and entertainments.

The great beauty of the "review" was the simplicity of the affair, consisting merely of the salute by artillery and infantry, and the march past. It was timed to commence at noon, but an hour before that every point of vantage about Fletcher's field was taken up, and each regiment was criticised or admired as it took up position on the field. In the intervals the spectators were able to acquire the information that the handsome, stylishly mounted gentleman in civilian dress was the Minister of Militia, Sir Adolphe Caron, and that the veteran by whom he rode was Lieut. General Sir Fred. Middleton, the gallant officer who four years previously had presided over a Queen's Birthday review of nearly as many Canadian militiamen on the plain adjoining Battleford, after he had safely tided them through their baptism of fire in the Northwest. A strange face to most of those present was that of Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson, Director of Stores of the Militia Department, who was on the staff on this occasion. He is a veteran in the Departmental service, where he keeps an ever watchful eye upon all matters connected with the equipment of the forces. Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., had to

be pointed out to many as the officer who had lately succeeded Lieut.-Col. Van Straubensee in command of the district, and who bids fair to rival that exceedingly popular officer in the affection of his command.

Great interest was taken in each corps of those to pass in review, and one and all appeared to strive for the palm of excellence. The Troop of Cavalry looked smart and trim; "Stevenson's Battery," as the field artillery have been popularly styled, looked serviceable as usual; the Garrison Artillery well maintained the reputation won in Col. Oswald's time; the Engineers looked very serious and business like. The appearance of the Infantry School Company—model soldiers in every respect—was a revelation, and their natural marked superiority to all the other corps was such as to attract general attention. The Governor General's Foot Guards, the household troops from the Capital, were observed with particular interest. They presented an excellent appearance. Their uniform is one of the nicest possible, so far as appearance is concerned, and the companies were well drilled, marching past very steadily. The Fifth Royal Scots' picturesque uniform—the kilt—drew upon them also general attention, under which they showed to advantage; and the same may be said of the Sixth Fusiliers, the last of the scarlet brigade to pass in review. The Fifth and Sixth justly pride themselves upon their physique.

Of the rifle corps, the 1st Prince of Wales Rifles made by long odds the least favourable appearance, the corps possibly still suffering from disorganization consequent on a recent change in command. The Victoria Rifles, though anything but at their best, made a creditable appearance; and so did the 65th, which corps perhaps never looked better. Last of all came the Queen's Own Rifles, whose nine companies passed by in splendid style, all apparently braced up for the occasion, and each man determined to justify the pride the Queen City takes in the corps. Notice must be made also of the cadet company from St. Mary's College. The boys appeared a trifle nervous at the company in which they found themselves; but they deserve congratulation upon the plucky spirit which brought them to the parade ground. On the whole, the review may be pronounced one of the most satisfactory ever held in Montreal, and much good fellowship in all ranks was developed by the day's demonstration.

A handsome stone striking clock, a gift from the Optician, Mr. J. H. Steward, London, Eng., to the Dominion Rifle Association, has been placed as first prize in the new match in this season's programme—the Snider aggregate. It is valued at six guineas. The other prizes are one of \$15; one of \$10; and twenty-five of \$5 each.

It has been decided that the Ontario members of the team for Wimbledon shall report at Montreal on the 18th June, and take the Parisian at that city; to be joined at Quebec by the five from Nova Scotia, who report at the Ancient Capital on the 19th. The Parisian sails from Quebec on the 20th. The team will practise on the range of the Cambridge University Volunteers the week preceeding Wimbledon. In the absence of Lieut.-Col. Thos. Bacon, who goes in command of the team, Lieut. S. L. Shannon will be acting Secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association.

## THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

### How the Anniversary was Celebrated by the Militia throughout the Dominion.

In all parts of Canada, the crack corps of the Dominion were on the 24th of May found engaged in right royally celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the birth of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The following report of the Montreal review is condensed from the *Gazette*:

The celebration at Montreal can fairly be pronounced a success. The weather was, if not altogether up to the "Queen's" standard in the forenoon, pleasant all through, and in the afternoon warm enough for comfort. The holiday was well kept; numbers left town on various errands of enjoyment bent, and many thousands crowded to the mountain and Fletcher's field where the military display was to be made. This was the feature of the occasion, and a decidedly successful feature. The home and visiting corps vied with other as to which could acquit themselves best, and if in some things the honour must be given to the black or red-coated visitors, in others it can justly be claimed for the home corps. The Queen's Own attracted favourable attention for their steady marching and soldier-like behaviour; the Foot Guards maintained the good impression their previous visits have made on Montrealers. They won frequent applause. So, too, did the cadet companies of St. Mary's College. The marching of these boys was most creditable, and caused many to express a wish that on future occasions when Montreal's citizen troops are met for holiday duty their blue coats may again be given a place in the line.

The second event in the celebration of the national holiday, was the arrival of the Queen's Own Rifles from Toronto. They were advertised to arrive at 7 in the morning, but a delay of an hour in leaving Toronto, for which the railway blames the men and the regiment, and some time lost through heating of car axles, prevented the train carrying them from reaching Montreal till 8.15. There were in all sixteen passenger coaches, and each one was filled, though not uncomfortably; the men experienced no more discomfort than is customary in such cases, and the trip down was entirely without incident, except for those jokes more or less Rabelaisian with which soldiers are wont to regale themselves. When the station was reached, the white helmets flooded the platform, and to greet the men there were a few of the Victoria Rifles, though no demonstration was made. Then the buglers sounded the "fall in." The markers, one from each company, took their place. The pioneers, with axe, pick and shovel, took their places, the band came next and then the bugle corps. The companies quickly found their places. The line of march from the station to St. Helen's ferry, was lined with spectators to admire the men as they marched along. Major Delamere was in command on account of the illness of Lieut.-Col. Allen, and Captain V. Sankey discharged the adjutant's duties admirably. The regiment numbered nine companies with 476 men, its full complement being ten companies, but the university contingent was absent, the members being engaged at their college examinations. During the march the band, which is composed of forty-three pieces with a bugle corps of thirty-seven members, under direction of Bandmaster Bailey, played the "Kiloloe March," "Riviera" and "One and All." Arrived at the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company's wharf Captain Labelle was waiting to escort the visitors on board the *Cultivateur*, which was engaged to transport the troops to the island. Upon landing and escaping the clutches of the photograph fiend the men were marched to the military reserve which was converted into a tented field. This important work had previously been done by Quartermaster Heakes, Sergeants Kennedy and Caldwell and a party of eighteen men who had arrived the previous day. The tents were pitched in nine lines, the captain occupying the one at the end, and outside these, nearest the river, were five tents for staff officers. Though breakfast had waited an hour it was pronounced very good and a pleasant half hour was spent. Again the bugle sounded the "fall in." Some spare time was spent in completing arrangements; ammunition was served out, the lines were formed, and the march resumed. Montreal was reached, and again the process of forming the companies were gone through, this time under the eyes of admiring thousands, and the men set out for the parade ground along Notre Dame, down St. Peter, up Bleury and Park Avenue.

On the field the Cavalry took up position on the extreme right. Next came the Field Battery, the Montreal Garrison Artillery, B Company, I.S.C. St. Johns, the Governor General's Foot Guards, and the Royal Scots, forming the first brigade. The second brigade comprised the Sixth Fusiliers, the Prince of Wales Rifles, the Mount Royal Rifles, the St. Mary's College Cadet corps, and the Queen's Own Rifles. Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G. of Military District No. 5, was in com-

mand of the first brigade of Infantry, with Lieut.-Col. Mattice as Brigade Major. Lieut. Col. Caverhill was in command of the Rifle Brigade, assisted by Major Roy, brigade major. The third brigade, comprising the cavalry and artillery, was commanded by Lieut.-Col. A. A. Stevenson. The troops took up position on three sides of a hollow square in the corner below the Exhibition buildings and facing the mountain. The ground was not at all suited for extended movements, being restricted and broken, so much so that the cavalry had some trouble in getting over it. Shortly after 11 o'clock Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, and Lieut.-General Middleton rode on to the field, attended by Captain Wise A.D.C., and in an open carriage were Lady Caron and Lady Middleton. They were received on arriving at the grounds by a brilliant staff, including Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., fifth Military District; Lieut.-Col. Mattice, brigade major; Major Roy, brigade major; Lieut.-Colonel Macpherson, director of stores, Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. Hughes, Major Atkinson and Capt. Clapham. Amongst those on the grounds were Captain Douglas, R.N.R. Immediately on arriving on the grounds, the various corps handed their parade state to the brigade majors, and the various corps were found to be as follows:—

	Staff.....	Officers.	Men.	Horses.
Cavalry.....	12	2	29	31
Montreal Field Battery.....		6	58	38
Montreal Garrison Artillery.....		17	242	5
Montreal Engineers.....		2	70	..
B Co. I. S. C., St. Johns.....		4	75	..
Governor-General's Foot Guards.....		21	285	5
Prince of Wales' Rifles.....		20	190	3
Queen's Own Rifles.....		25	445	5
Victoria Rifles.....		22	259	5
Royal Scots.....		21	279	5
Sixth Fusiliers.....		16	256	4
Mount Royal Rifles.....		25	318	5
Total.....		203	2,473	118

The following are the names of the officers commanding the various corps:—

- Troop of Cavalry—Capt. McArthur.
- Field Battery—Capt. John S. Hall.
- Garrison Artillery—Lieut.-Col. Turnbull.
- Engineers—Lieut.-Col. Kennedy.
- I. S. C., St. Johns, P. Q.—Lieut.-Col. D'Orsonnens.
- Governor-General's Foot Guards—Lieut.-Col. Tilton.
- Prince of Wales Rifles—Lieut.-Col. Butler.
- Queen's Own Rifles—Major Delamere.
- Victoria Rifles—Major Radiger.
- Fifth Royal Scots—Major H. H. Lyman.
- Sixth Fusiliers—Lieut.-Col. Massey.
- Sixty-Fifth Mount Royal Rifles—Lieut.-Col. Dugas.
- St. Mary's College Corps—Capt. Pierre Trudel.

A grand stand had been erected facing the grounds and on this were seated the leading citizens of Montreal and their lady friends. When Sir Adolphi Caron and General Middleton arrived they rode along the line and inspected the troops minutely. After this they took up a position at the saluting point and awaited the arrival of the Queen's Own Rifles who were a little late. Just about noon the Queen's Own arrived and took up position on the left face of the square. As soon as they were in position the *feu de joie* was fired, commencing with seven guns from the Field Battery. The firing was next taken up by the infantry, and so on. Then the General called for "Hats off, and three cheers for the Queen," which were given right royally by the troops; the cheering being taken up by those on the grand stand, spread away up the mountain side, which was crowded with people.

The division then marched past in column. The cavalry, formed into two troops, led the way. They looked very well on the whole, but the horses were slightly scrubby and they crowded too much on the march. Next came the Montreal Field Battery. The men looked well and the guns and harness were in first class condition, but the horses looked as if they had been more accustomed to dragging coals on the wharf than field guns. In spite of this, however, the battery looked magnificent. Then came the Garrison Artillery, all tall, broad-shouldered fellows, who appeared to advantage in their blue uniform and white helmets. They marched past with great steadiness and were without doubt one of the finest looking corps on the field. Next to them came the Engineers, who, though small in numbers, looked well in their handsome uniform. Next came the Infantry School Corps, B company. Their marching was simply perfection, and their distances well kept. When the word "eyes right" was given on approaching the saluting point every eye was turned in that direction and remained so until the order was given "eyes front," when they all moved to the front like a piece of machinery. The men were all neatly dressed and their marching was faultless. The Governor-General's Foot Guards were unfortunate in having to follow the regulars. On ordinary occasions their marching

would have been pronounced magnificent, but following B company it looked very unsteady. The Royal Scots looked well in their kilts and white helmets. Their marching was very fine, though the effect was somewhat spoiled by the leading company neglecting their dressing. This was a pity, as otherwise this regiment was one of the best drilled on the ground.

The second brigade then came along, headed by the Sixth Fusiliers. This regiment has the advantage of a showy uniform, and, being well officered, ought to have been the finest battalion on the field, but there was, apparently, a very large percentage of recruits, and this spoiled the general effect; otherwise the Sixth would have been able to hold its own with any regiment on the field. The Prince of Wales had rather a slovenly look that bespoke a lack of regular drill. The Victoria Rifles ought to have been the best drilled regiment on the field, but their success at their last inspection seems to have made them somewhat careless. The 65th Mount Royal Rifles came along at a swinging pace. The men looked well and gave evidence of careful drilling, but the physique was not quite equal to that of some of the other regiments. Then came the Queen's Own Rifles, which, outside of the regulars, was undoubtedly the finest corps on the grounds. They were on their mettle, and to all appearances determined to make the best show possible.

The St. Mary's College cadets were roundly cheered as they marched past. The first company was composed of very young boys and their marching was not altogether what it might have been. The senior company, however, marched past with the regularity of veterans and was well deserving of the liberal praise it received. The division then marched past in quarter column and here again the Queen's Own showed themselves superior to any of our Montreal regiments by their attention to small matters of detail, which go so far to make or mar the appearance of a regiment. The St. Johns men once more took the honours, as might be expected. Their marching was simply perfection; the line was as straight as a die, the ranks well locked up, the distances well kept and the rifles carried in a soldierlike manner. The divisions then formed up and marched forward in review order with colours flying and bands playing, the officers in front. The general salute was given, and the bands played the national anthem, the crowd uncovering as they did so. The Minister of Militia, the Lieut.-General and his staff fell in with the cavalry and the division then marched off the field and thus ended the best review that has ever taken place in Montreal, not only for the number of men taking part, but also for the excellence of the drill.

The following division orders were issued during the afternoon:—

MONTREAL, May 24, 1889.

The Major-General commanding desires to express his satisfaction at the result of the review held at Montreal in honour of Her Gracious Majesty's birthday to-day. The appearance of the troops, their movements and their general good conduct during the day reflects credit on all concerned, and the arrangements made by Lt.-Col. Houghton, D. A. G., M. D. No. 5, assisted by Lt.-Col. Mattice, B. M., and Major Atkinson, M. G. A., were admirable and enabled the review to be carried out without a hitch in spite of the ground being restricted and difficult. The Major-General commanding has authority for stating that the Minister of Militia, who was present, was highly gratified.

By order,

C. F. HOUGHTON, LT.-COL.,  
D. A. G., M. D. No. 5.

In promulgating the division orders of this date, Lt.-Col. Houghton, D. A. G. of the Fifth Military District, has much pleasure in congratulating the troops of the military district under his command, as well as the visiting corps, on the above highly satisfactory division order from the G. O. C.

He wishes at the same time to convey his own thanks to all ranks for the very creditable manner in which the brigade orders relative to the review were carried out, and the interest taken by them, from the commanding officers downwards, in bringing the review to such a successful issue.

He also begs to tender his thanks to the officers who acted on his staff for the valuable assistance rendered by them, to which much of the success of the occasion was due.

By order,

G. MATTICE, LT.-COL.,  
B. M. M. D. No. 5.

The regiments marched back to their armouries, and having deposited their arms there, marched down to the island wharf, headed by their bands. The Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company had placed two special boats at their disposal and they were conveyed over to the military grounds on St. Helen's Island, where they were entertained to lunch. The visiting officers were entertained by the officers of the Montreal corps in a large tent to the left of the grounds. Lieut.-Col. Stevenson presided and at the table of honour sat Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister

of Militia, Lady and Miss Caron, Lieut.-General Sir Fred and Lady Middleton, Capt. Wise, A.D.C., Hon. H. Mercier, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, Major Delamere, His Worship Mayor Grenier, Ald. Rolland, chairman of finance; Ald. Clendinneng, Rousseau, Tansey, Martineau and others. While the lunch was in progress the St. Johns Infantry company formed up in front of the marquee and went through the new physical drill, to music. The crowd pressed around so close that the effect was altogether spoiled. The company left early in order to catch the evening train to St. Johns and the rest of the visitors returned by the last boat.

The concert given by the combined bands of the Victoria Rifles and the Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto, in the Victoria Rink, was a fitting conclusion to the celebration of our national holiday. The galleries and promenade were comfortably filled with ladies and gentlemen anxious first to hear and enjoy the music, and then to compare the qualities of these two great bands. The strength of each was the same, forty-two pieces besides the bugle corps, but the difference lies in their instrumental equipment. The band of the Victoria Rifles is strong in the "woods," which gives to the brass all the softness and richness of organ tones; while the Queen's Own uses the metal to a greater extent, so that their concerted playing is never free from that brassiness that is always common in military playing. Mr. Bailey, the leader, is an accomplished conductor, a thorough musician, and a musical authority of undeniable weight, while many of his players, like Mr. Clarke, are acknowledged solo players. These two take rank in Toronto among the legitimate musicians in church music and the Philharmonic society. This was also the first time this year Mr. Hardy marshalled his forces for inspection, and they bore traces of the winter's training and the preparation made for the coming season's programme. The first number was an overture by Auber, played by the Queen's Own; and the Victoria Rifles a march from Meyerbeer. Mr. Clarke gave a fine exhibition of cornet playing, which made one compare him not unfavourably with Levy. The Vics then played a selection from "William Tell," one of their best numbers, and the drum and bugle corps of the Queen's gave some capital instances of fancy drumming. Another solo was given by Mr. Marrie, the music of which had been arranged by Mr. Hardy himself. A selection from "La Traviata," and a waltz by Benoist followed. Mr. Smith, of the Queen's, executed a euphonium solo, and the Vics closed the concert with an overture. About nine o'clock Sir Adolphe Caron and Gen. Middleton arrived and occupied seats in the gallery.

#### The Grenadiers at Berlin.

(From The Mail.)

BERLIN, May 24.—Again have the Grenadiers had an outing, and again acquitted themselves with credit. The trip up was as enjoyable as such trips usually are. Put two soldiers together and they will not want for means to pass the time pleasantly. Put half a dozen together, and it is impossible for time to weigh heavy with them; but put three or four hundred into a special and they would travel round the world, and be ready to do it again with pleasure if the opportunity presented itself. This was the condition of affairs when the special bearing the Grenadiers pulled out from the Union depot, amidst the waving of hats and handkerchiefs and the cheers of the comrades left behind. Once fairly on the way it did not take long for them to settle themselves down for the journey and a good time. The greatcoats were stowed away between the seats, while the racks overhead presented a formidable array of spiked helmets and belts, and here and there a sword. The arms were carefully placed so that they could not be injured. That it would have been impossible to injure some of the old gas tubes goes without saying. But a soldier is trained to take the best possible care of his arms, and as a matter of discipline more than anything else the venerable Sniders were cared for with much solicitude.

Orders had been issued that no liquor was to be allowed on board, and to the credit of the men of the Grenadiers be it said the order was strictly obeyed. They did not require tonics of any sort to keep their spirits up.

The train hardly reached Brock street station before a fine, deep baritone voice started "John Brown's Body." The men took up the chorus and made the old car windows rattle as they never rattled before. Poor Brown's body was resurrected several times on the way up, and was passed from carriage to carriage in an eminently satisfactory manner. Then came "Marching Through Georgia," that grand old song which has cheered many a weary soldier's heart on the march or in bivouac. And so the time passed and the train sped on until the conductor shouted "Berlin." The stop was only for a few seconds however, just long enough to transmit an order to the driver to take the train out to the Exhibition buildings. There the Reception Committee awaited the arrival of the long talked-of welcome visitors, and escorted them to their quarters. Never before has the regiment been more hospitably received or more thoughtfully cared for than here. Huge piles of clean bright straw awaited the tired redcoats, together with a pile of sandwiches almost as large. Then there was lager galore to quench their thirst and

clear the dust and smoke from their throats. All united in praising the forethought of their Canadian German friends. But it was late and no time was lost in unnecessary delays. The men stacked arms and each company was told off to its allotted quarters. Then a guard was mounted, and soon all were wrapped in slumber save the watchful sentry, who with nothing but the stars to keep him company paced his beat.

Truly this was a red letter day for Berlin. The town was full of visitors from all over the neighbouring country; flags were flying from every staff, and nearly every house had done more or less in the way of decoration for the great event. The weather was all that could have been desired, and although it threatened rain during the afternoon none fell to mar the programme.

Bright and early this morning the bugles rang out the *reveille*. Then the quiet was broken by the "non-coms," who proceeded to rouse those whose sleep was too deep for even the bugles to disturb them. All were soon out and at their morning ablutions. The men next fell in and were marched down town to the different hotels, where they breakfasted. A march out through the principal streets followed, which drew large crowds all along the route. Col. Dawson was in command, and looked proud and pleased at the fine appearance of the red-coated Grenadiers, a large percentage of whom wore the North-West medal, a reminder of the days when they trudged over the prairies of the far North-West. The officers were quartered at the American hotel, and when they saw their men comfortably provided for were escorted to their own billets by the mayor and committee. There was not a single hitch in the whole of the arrangements. Everyone found a comfortable room awaiting him. Following is a list of the officers together with the number of non-commissioned officers and men in each company:

Staff, Lieut.-Col. Dawson, Major Harrison, Major Mason, Surgeon Ryerson, Quarter-Master Ellis, and Adjutant Manley.

A Company, 38 men, Capt. A. C. McLaren and Lieut. Lamb.

B Company, 38 men, Capt. Howard and Lieut. Cameron.

C Company, 32 men, Capt. Caston and Lieut. Gibson.

D Company, 31 men, Lieut. Heward and Lieut. Lowe.

E Company, 44 men, Capt. Harston and Lieut. Mackay.

F Company, 34 men, Lieut. Fitzgerald.

G Company, 40 men, Capt. Michie and Capt. Kemp (attached).

H Company, 42 men, Capt. Trotter and Lieut. Macdonell.

The Band, 37 men, under J. Waldron.

Fifes and drums, 17 men, under J. G. Cox.

Pioneers and Sergeants, 12; in all, 418 officers and men.

All slept sound enough, and when the level rays of the morning sun crept in through the lattice they turned out not because they felt like doing so, but because duty called. "Ready, Aye Ready" is the motto of the regiment, and officers and men alike take a pride in sustaining it.

As early as six o'clock the visitors began to arrive. There was the staid old Teuton who had seen service in "der Vaterland," and who, tempted by the golden dreams of far off America, had left his watch on the Rhine to seek his fortunes in the Occident. His better-half accompanied him, of course, together with their stalwart sons, to criticise the citizen-soldiers of Canada, and compare them with his own Landwehr. The lager beer flowed freely. How these Germans can get outside such immense quantities of this beverage is something no one but a German can understand. And then the old men fought their battles o'er again, and talked of comrades in the dear old hamlet so far away. These old men will be Germans and nothing but Germans till their race is run. But their children are Canadians, and although they may speak the language of their parents at home English is their tongue when in town or doing business. They take a real pride in their country, and with the old blood of the fatherland in their veins make some of the best and most successful citizens.

By seven o'clock the driving sheds were filled with vehicles of all descriptions, and two hours later the streets were thronged with visitors in holiday attire. Here and there a redcoat formed a pleasing contrast to the darker attire of the civilians, and formed as well a point of attraction for all fair eyes in the neighbourhood. So great was the crowd that it was almost impossible to get sleeping accommodations at the hotels, all the available room having been reserved the previous day.

At half-past one the bugles sounded the fall in and the regiment headed by the local band marched to the parade ground. A more favourable piece of ground for manœuvring it would be hard to find. Level as a bowling green, it presented every requisite for a review of a regiment. All the way to the grounds the route was lined with sight-seers, and many were the pleasing remarks passed regarding the fine soldierly appearance of the men and their accurate marching. Arrived at the grounds they were allowed a few minutes' rest and then the preliminaries to "trooping the colour" were proceeded with. In this case "H" company escorted the colour along the line, officers and men presenting arms, and the band playing. Then when all was over the ranks were closed,

and the men, taking off their helmets, gave three cheers for the Queen. The five thousand odd spectators in the ground, and fully as many outside, took up the cheer. The Mayor called for three cheers for the Grenadiers, which were given with a heartiness the visitors thoroughly appreciated. The march past was splendidly executed, and drew forth applause from the spectators. The men then marched back to their quarters and were dismissed for the afternoon. A foot ball match delighted the crowd after the regiment passed out. In the evening the skating rink was crowded, the occasion being a concert and ball, at which the music was supplied by the band of the Royal Grenadiers and the Berlin Musical Society.

#### New Colours for the 54th.

RICHMOND, Q., May 24.—The mayor of Richmond issued a proclamation last week that the Queen's birthday be observed as a general holiday, and all business places to be closed. As a result the town appeared to-day in holiday attire. Flags were waving from all public buildings and some private residences both in Melbourne and Richmond. The weather has been very propitious, though in the morning the clouds looked ominous. The gathering of volunteers at the presentation of the colours to the 54th Richmond battalion drew large numbers from all parts of the county to the grounds of the Agricultural Society. The Richmond Field Battery turned out to do honour to the occasion and the 53rd Battalion came from Sherbrooke, to assist the 54th, as the latter did the 53rd some years ago, on a similar occasion. The Sherbrooke boys arrived by a special train at 10.30 and were met at the station by the local corps. Then they marched to the grounds followed by a very large crowd of people. The presentation was made by Mrs. G. A. Wane and Mrs. Dr. Brown on behalf of the ladies of Richmond and Drummond Counties, of whom a number were present and supported the above named ladies with one assurance that the fair sex of the district are as enthusiastic admirers of the sons of Mars, as the latter cannot fail to be of the donors, and those present to do honour to the occasion. A march past and *vue de joie* were next on the programme. The whole of the volunteers and invited guests were entertained to lunch which was served by the ladies of St. Ann's Guild with the skill and success in matters of that line, for which the ladies of Richmond generally have a particular aptitude. An excellent programme of athletic sports was gone through in the afternoon, including some military events; and prizes of value, consisting of silver cups, articles of jewellery, etc., including the inevitable new hat, were well competed for. Three bands, the 53rd, 54th and the Richmond Cornet Band, enlivened the proceedings during the day.

#### The Day at Fredericton, N.B.

The noteworthy event was the military review. At 11.30 o'clock, the Infantry School Corps under command of Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., marched out of barracks to the Officers' Square, and formed into line at open order. Here the prescribed honours were given, the band playing "God Save the Queen," and three cheers for the Queen were given. Then followed the march past, the new drill being adopted for the first time at a review in the province. The corps was formed into two companies, No. 1 being under the command of Capt. Drolet, and No. 2 under Lieut. Kane, 62nd St. John Fusiliers, Lieut. McLean, 94th Bn., carrying the regimental colour and being in command of the colour party. The corps was put through the manual and firing exercises by Capt. Hemming, and the bayonet exercise by Capt. Drolet. Capt. Hemming acted as Adjutant. The appearance of the troops was magnificent, and the various movements were performed with the utmost precision.

#### The Eighth Royal Rifles.

People swarmed on to the Plains of Abraham from all parts of Quebec city, on the Queen's birthday afternoon, to witness the inspection of the 8th Royals. There was a good muster of the battalion when the men paraded at the Armoury at two o'clock, and at three they marched out to the Plains, headed by the pioneers and bands and signal corps.

The regiment having been drawn up in line, the Deputy-Adjutant-General, Col. Duchesnay, attended by Col. Montizambert, Col. Forrest, Col. Taschereau, Col. Evanturel, Major Lindsay, and Lieut. Heward, Orderly Officer, rode on to the ground and was received with the general salute. The men were then put through the march past in column and in quarter column in both quick and double time. Major Prower put them through the manual and firing exercises, and Major Jones through the new sword bayonet and point exercise. They then went through several movements under Captain Miller and Captain Montizambert. The regiment then performed the new attack formations, under Col. Miller, in a manner reflecting great credit upon it, seeing that it had been impossible to practice it even once. The Eighth is the only regiment in Canada that has so far performed the new bayonet exercise at its annual inspection. The regiment marched back to the Drill Hall, where it was addressed by the D.A.G., who expressed himself as much

pleased with the movements, which were all performed with great proficiency, and said that this reflected the more credit on them when it is remembered that the drill this year is in very many respects entirely different from that to which they have been hitherto accustomed. He also commended them highly for the neatness and cleanliness of their uniforms and accoutrements. While there, Colonel Duchesnay also presented Sergt. Douglas with the regimental badge and the prize of \$10 won by him on Wednesday last. The regiment was then dismissed till its next annual drill, and the various companies were entertained by their officers.

### Regimental News.

The following particulars of the tragic death of Major John R. Cunningham of the 16th Battalion, noticed in a recent issue, are taken from the *Belleville Ontario*:

"On Friday morning before leaving his home, he complained of not feeling well and ate but little breakfast. He said to his wife, he thought he would feel better soon, and took his dinner and proceeded to cross over to the mill in his sail boat as he had been daily accustomed. During Friday he worked with little heart, and about 4 p.m. he quit, took his boat and started for home. When about midway over the lake a little daughter of Mr. Soper, who lives on the same side of the lake as the Major, and the only one who, it appears, saw his boat after it left the mill, says she saw the Major rise to his feet in the boat as though fixing the sail, when all at once he fell into the water. She could not say whether he fell on his face or back, but she saw the splash and no further motion in the water, which goes to show the unfortunate man must have sunk at once. The body was not recovered until Tuesday morning. He was buried with military honours, the A.O.U.W. also taking part. The regimental band from Picton was in attendance. The number of mourners from all round was very large, including Col. Bog and officers of the 16th, Col. Lazier, and some officers of the 15th Batt. and many others. The pall bearers were Major Ross, Capt. Benson, McDonnell, Lighthall, Hourigan and Anderson, all of his own regiment. His loss is very severely felt; the Major was a universal favourite, his kind heart and genial manner making him loved and respected by all who knew him.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND GARRISON ARTILLERY.

Nos. 1 and 2 Batteries, G.A., and the Engineers, headed by the fine band of the brigade, and under the command of Lieut.-Col. Moore, paraded to the Methodist church on Sunday the 19th inst., where the Rev. J. Read preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from Matt. 22, 21. "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Two things are comprised in this passage, he said: patriotism and piety. (1). Patriotism. Love for one's country. The passion which aims to serve one's country; to defend and protect its rights; to maintain its laws and institutions. This is the noblest passion which animates man as a citizen. (2). Piety. Reverence for the Supreme being; veneration of His character; the exercise of these affections in obedience to His will and devotion to His service; due respect to our fellow beings. This is the passion which animates man as a Christian. (3). The union of these constitutes true manhood; life consecrated to God and humanity the only real life. The recognition of this has produced the world heroes.

The rev. gentleman alluded to the sad death of Major Short and Sergt. Walleck, of "B" Battery, R.C.A., who sacrificed their lives in attempting to save the property of their fellow-citizens at the recent disastrous fire in Quebec.

The companies presented an exceedingly handsome appearance, being in many respects equal to the British regulars. The music discoursed sounded very sweet on the beautiful Sabbath day. The playing of the Artillery Band has greatly improved of late.

A London correspondent of the *New York Times* writes: "I am afraid we are going to have trouble with the subsidiary armour for the protection of our quick-firing guns in the navy. The curving of the plates is causing delay, and I hear that it has been found so to weaken the fibre of the metal as materially to diminish its resistance. If this is so, it will be a very serious matter, for armour which can be penetrated easily is worse than no armour at all, inasmuch as by the scattering of its fragments it will multiply the destructive effect of the shell so far as life is concerned. And there is no doubt that men are more terrified by the penetration of what they thought to be adequate protection than by even greater mortality in the open. At the best the delivery of these pieces of curved armour will further delay the completion of some of our best and biggest ships, which have already been kept waiting too long for their guns."

### The Rifle.

#### GARRISON VS. FIELD ARTILLERY.

A telegraphic match was fired on the 22nd inst., by the 1st Brigade of Field Artillery at Guelph, and the 1st Brigade of Garrison Artillery, at Halifax. The match was fired with Martini rifles, at 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each range; and two sighting shots at each also allowed. The weather at each place appears to have been unfavourable, rain and a fishtail wind having to be contended against. As will be seen the Garrison men were victorious, having an average of above three points per man to spare:

Halifax Garrison Artillery.				Guelph Field Artillery.					
Major Garrison	31	28	29	88	Crowe (Corpl.)	28	26	22	78
Capt. Maxwell	28	30	27	85	Macdonald	26	23	27	76
Capt. Harris	27	26	30	83	Armstrong	30	31	14	75
Bombdr. Fader	28	31	20	79	Ogg	28	26	20	74
Capt. Adams	26	29	23	78	Crowe (Trumpt.)	27	24	19	69
Sergt. Harris	26	26	25	77	Thatcher	27	24	15	66
Total				490	Total				471

#### NOVA SCOTIA'S CHAMPIONS.

The first rifle match of the season, to select the Nova Scotia team for the inter-Maritime match, which takes place at St. John this summer, took place at Bedford range last week. The light was poor and the wind gusty. Martini rifles were used; 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots:

Major Garrison, H.G.A.	31	28	29	88	Lieut. Dover, 78th	30	26	22	78
Major Weston, 66th	29	29	29	87	Sergt. Harris, H.G.A.	26	26	25	77
Sergt. Elliott, 63rd	30	27	28	85	Lieut. Flowers, H.G.A.	26	23	27	76
Capt. Maxwell, H.G.A.	28	30	27	85	Bombdr. Campbell, H.G.A.	30	31	14	75
Sergt. Inst. Power, 63rd	26	30	28	84	Sergt.-Major Spencer, do	28	26	20	74
Major Egan, 63rd	29	30	25	84	Capt. Barnhill, 78th	29	27	17	73
Capt. Harris, H.G.A.	27	26	30	83	Capt. Corbin, 63rd	30	27	16	73
Lieut. Dimock, H.G.A.	28	33	22	83	Corpl. Faulkner, H.G.A.	27	31	14	72
Lieut. Stevens, 66th	31	24	27	82	Priv. Wilson, 63rd	25	29	17	71
Sergt. Mumford, 63rd	29	26	26	81	Lieut. Jacques, 72nd	30	24	16	70
Bombdr. Fader, H.G.A.	28	31	20	79	Sergt. Snow, H.G.A.	25	30	15	70
Sergt. Case, H.G.A.	27	26	25	78	Lieut. Dixon, 63rd	26	24	19	69
Priv. Reynolds, 63rd	29	25	24	78	Sgt.-Major Murray, H.G.A.	27	24	15	66
Capt. Adams, H.G.A.	26	29	23	78					

#### BOWMANVILLE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, the 25th inst., the association held the first of three competitions for the District Rifle Associations' medal. The firing was with Sniders at 200, 400 and 500 yards:

King	29	33	29	91	Hoisey	29	26	28	83
Morris	30	30	30	90	Curtis	26	29	27	82
Sando	24	32	31	87	Young	26	30	26	82
Russell	29	31	27	87	Mitchel	26	28	23	78
Beach	29	29	26	84	Windatt	27	23	17	67

### Militia General Orders (No. 8) of 17th May, 1889—Concluded.

#### No. 6.—ASSOCIATIONS FOR DRILL IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

**Galt. Col. Inst. Drill Co.**—To act as capt., George Easton Goldie, vice J. H. Ratz, left the institute.

To act as lieutenant, William Burnet, vice J. Goldie, left the institute.

To act as 2nd lieutenant, William Wood, vice J. B. Rose, left the institute.

**Seminary of Quebec 2nd Drill Co.**—The formation of this drill company is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 453, Regulations and Orders for the Militia of Canada, 1887.

To act as capt., Léon Fiset.

To act as lieutenant, A. P. Audet.

To act as 2nd lieutenant, C. A. Pariseault.

**College of St. Hyacinthe Drill Co.**—To act as capt., Taglius Gagnier, vice Lechance, left the college.

To act as lieutenant, Hector Tetreault, vice A. Beaudry, left the college.

To act as 2nd lieutenant, Delphus Henault, vice G. Michon, left the college.

**Joliette Coll. Drill Co.**—To act as capt., Israel Bélanger, vice C. Charest, left the college.

To act as lieutenant, Jos. Edmond Dubé, vice J. Bte. Bonin, left the college.

To act as 2nd lieutenant, J. Eugène Laurre, vice T. Barrette, left the college.

**College de l'Assomption Drill Co.**—The formation of this Drill Co. is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 453, Regulations and Orders, 1887. To act as capt., René de Salaberry; to act as lieutenant, J. A. Faucher; to act as 2nd lieutenant, C. C. Fetreault.

Commander Reade, R. N., calls attention to the fact that former naval engagements were not decided by injury to the hulls of the ships, but by injury to their crews. He therefore advocates covering the sides of the new battleships with six inches of armor.

The reports received from the officers of the Mediterranean Fleet and the dockyard officials, who have inspected H. M. S. *Sultan*, are not favorable to the prospect of saving the vessel. The damage to the hull is considerable, and the deterioration of the fittings and machinery will be so great, that it is very doubtful, from a pecuniary point of view whether she is worth raising.

## How to Shoot Well.

[Lieut. J. M. Partello, Champion Shot U. S. Army.]

In these piping times of peace when there is little else for the soldier to do, the principal duty of our small army of regulars is to acquire the science of shooting and marksmanship. Shooting to hit is the objective point of military art. All other drills and studies are for the purpose of placing the soldiers in a position to do this effectively. As a preliminary to target firing, he must know how to aim, and he cannot aim correctly unless he can see straight. The most common defect in the recruit is inability to see straight. Bad aiming, bad holding of the piece, constrained position of the body, canting the piece—that is, inclining the rear sight to the right or left—and fear of recoil, all these defects mastered, the recruit is bound to be a good shot in spite of himself, and possibly a fine marksman. Color blindness is another important drawback, and one much more common in the average mortal than most people imagine. Practising at vision tests soon overcomes any tendency to crooked sighting; holding the piece properly and with ease cancels bad aiming, unsteadiness of body, constrained position, etc., and a proper grip hold as well as butt position against the shoulder, will render the heaviest recoil of no moment. There is a system of preliminary drills adopted in the United States army which it would be well for the militia of the several States to pattern after.

We get raw, green, verdant material, genuine numbskulls, who really do not know which is the dangerous end of a gun, and out of this stuff it is a fact that fine, accurate marksmen are developed, and even the finest grade of all, sharpshooters.

The difference between our regular army and the State militia is that the former makes all duty, work, and labor subserve the end of target practice. With the regulars the most important of all drills and exercise is to perfect the soldier into a shooting machine, while on the other hand the time of the militia is occupied in fancy drills, parades, reviews, and other show work. The United States has to-day an army of marksmen. The officers thoroughly understand their business, and the soldiers take great pride in becoming fine shots.

The service rifle is a good gun, provided with excellent, durable sights, and the mechanism is so simple and easily understood, that it is equal in every respect and superior in some to the best repeating rifle yet invented. Our government is right in not adopting a magazine gun until it finds one that is better than the Springfield service rifle now in use. This arm has a notch near the muzzle on the bayonet stub that answers for a front sight, and a buck horn or a V shaped crotch near the breach for a rear sight. The latter is mounted on a movable leaf that can be used in three positions at once. Lying flat along the barrel the piece is then ready for a blank range, or any distance within two hundred yards. Raise the leaf quickly and according to the position of the buck horn, which combines a peep sight and an open sight, two other distances are at command. Now look through the notch at the extreme top, and the rifle is ready for long range work. This leaf has a movable screw by which the sight can be set either to the right or to the left, to overcome drift in the twist of the barrel and cross winds, and also a slide to raise or lower the elevation.

Allowing that all minor difficulties have been mastered, and that the recruit sees straight, holds correctly, and has a good position, does not cant the piece, and does not fear the recoil, why is it then that when he fires—each shot with the same elevation and under the same conditions—his bullets scatter and a bad score is made?

The answer is very simple, and next to pulling off, the defect is the most common of all and the most easily remedied. I once stood beside a militiaman who was shooting at 500 yards, conditions perfect, ammunition without fault, his nerves steady, and his piece carefully handled, and yet in spite of all he could do his bullets would fly first up then down, and not infrequently from the target altogether. He could not understand the cause, and was much provoked at himself; yet the reason was plainly apparent to me, and a few words of caution served to overcome the difficulty, and enabled him to finish his score with fair results. The whole fault lay in drawing an imperfect bead each time.

The front sight may be so arranged to the eye that it falls into the buck horn at the rear, either as a large, medium, or small bead, and it is this little drawback that causes nine-tenths of the misses at long range. If, for instance, the marksman is shooting at 600 yards, and the gun is so sighted (all other conditions being favorable) that the medium bead will place the lead on the bull's-eye; if he should now by accident or otherwise, substitute a coarser or finer bead the chances are that the bullet would fly clear over the target, or fall short of the same. It is this fault that causes such irregular grouping by amateur marksmen. Which one of all who try is absolutely sure that he draws twice in succession the same size of bead? Very few, if any, can truthfully assert they are perfect in this respect. Then it is not the gun that does such poor shooting, but rather the man behind the gun. A little careful practice will

overcome defective holding, fear of recoil and canting; but it requires long, faithful, steady and watchful work, the utmost care and attention to aim truly and successively the same way. My own company attained a percentage last year at fixed distances of more than 90 per cent. This excellent showing was mainly due from a system of preliminary practice followed indoors during the cold months, so that when the time came for open range work, the men were ready to begin scoring at once without the usual waste of ammunition. This is the scheme, and it would do the militia a vast amount of good, besides saving them lots of ammunition money, if they first adopt this course for the preliminary training of their raw material, before commencing range shooting out of doors. A sheet of white blotting paper, say two or two and a half feet square, is placed against a wall, and thirty or forty feet distant a musket is steadied on a sand bag rest, or in a tripod, so that it can be arranged in a sighting position to suit the observer.

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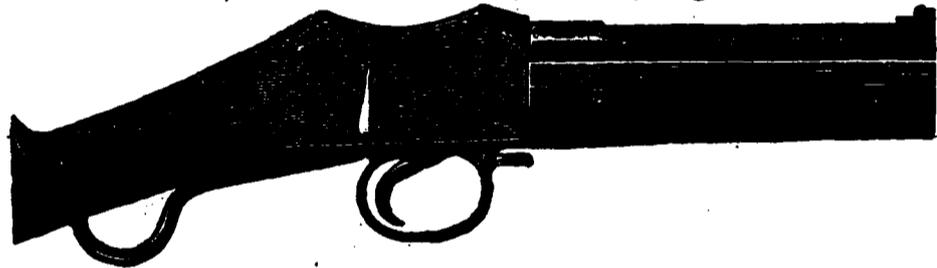
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