

DURHAM REVIEW.

Thursday, June 14, 1900

Notes from the Niagara Camp.

June 13, 1900.—Here we are again, a part of the three thousand and odd who occupy this white city by the Lakeside, who are "tenting on the old Camp grounds" without, however, the tragical memories of departed comrades, suggested by the well known song. Memories there are, however, of things grave and gay, but amid the bustle of beginning and the blare of the bugle they are soon shoved aside.

The journey down presented no unusual incidents. At Brantford we took on a Co. of the 30th, (Peel) Regiment, two more were taken on at Georgetown, and the "interest" deepens as we meet others of the "Soldiers of the Queen", mostly unknown: by face and feature, but brothers by the sign-manual of uniform, the belts, the buckles, and the toggery of war.

Not all unknown, however. Here is Sergt. J. Fields of Flesherton, now on his 20th trip to Camp, and has never lost a drill or parade through sickness or any other cause. Staff Sergt. Weber, Vandeleur, is here, who can point to 34 yrs. of service, and 20 Camp meetings with an equally good record as to health, &c. Sergt. W. Clark, Maxwell is another with 22 years record and this should take away the fear on the part of some as to their ability of standing the strain of drilling. Few if any in No 4 Co. can point to such long terms, but they are working up; the writer's experience extends to 10 years.

We had a cold sail across the lake and rather windy, but a welcome seems to lie for us in the historic column on Queenston heights, in the antique Fort Mississauga, and the memories that cluster round the town and river of Niagara.

In marching into Camp the Regiment, (not Battalion now) was inspected by the new D. O. C., Col. Peters, and his deputy adjutants. Rather soon to be at it, and if we did not make much of a show, just wait for a week or so and we promise better things. Our Regiment has its usual officers: Col. Telford, Majors Campbell and Rorke, Adj. Sprule, Qr. Master McCallum, Surgeon Oldham, Paymaster Kent and all seem keenly alert to their duties.

I must close in the meantime, the bands are at present regaling us with patriotic airs.

Edge Hill, June 17th, 1900.

8.30 a. m.—During divine service all the reg'ts massed in the form of a square near the old buildings which constituted the barracks in the olden times. I am writing comfortably in a camp tent, the adjutants, where I do the most of my work. To see the reg'ts massed in their red and others in black tunics and to hear the music of the massed bands in familiar hymns, is something never to be forgotten though it is looked upon by certain parties, as a daring piece of sarcasm for some reg'ts to be marching to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Of course it is always some other Reg't.

This Camp is, as usual, the best yet truthfully enough. We are allowed to go around in our gray shirt sleeves and straw hats, a great improvement on our having to wear as formerly, our serge jackets and helmet, and then again the manner of dining is changed instead of eating from your knees, or perhaps from the ground, the men have now seats and tables on which to eat their meals.

The manner of cooking also is improved, instead of the open kettles to catch ashes or anything that may be flying around they have large sized cans, 40 gals capacity or over, in which they place the articles to be cooked, these are connected by steam pipes from a small upright boiler, the cooking is done for the whole Reg't at the one place, not so many cooks required, a great saving on rations and on wood.

The target practice is much the same as last year, "Morris tubes" inserted in the Lee Enfield and shooting a small 22 calibre, it is much cheaper than shooting the regular cartridge, there is much dissatisfaction felt with it though. There are no means of telling where you strike the targets either, so one is rambling all over the target, finding out where you are going. I was not down with the boys from Durham so can not give you their score if any was kept, tho' I hear some did very good shooting. Another feature and which gives us a distant idea of warfare is the continued rattle of musketry, which we hear from the Mississauga commons more than 1 1/2 miles off, where some Reg't or other is always to be found practicing volley firing by half companies and advancing for 50 or 100 yds, firing again, and so on at the word of command: some of the missiles find a watery grave 3 miles out in Lake Ontario, while others have been seen to strike ground about 50 yds. off.

Our boys had some previous practice volley firing with blank cartridges, which would result in some benefit if they honestly strove to take aim at some or any distant object, but there are always some who are careless and indifferent, raise their rifle, shut their eyes and bang away. There is talk of an excursion to the falls on Wednesday afternoon. There are some this afternoon every hour from the wharf (Queenston thence by Electric cars to the falls for 50c and return. A great crowd will be taking it in. We were inspected on the field yesterday (that is the Regiment) by Lt. Col. Aylmer and Col. Foster besides Lt. Col. Peters and 5 or 6 others all in khaki except Foster who was in rifle

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blue. They pay great attention to the little details, of having blankets piled just so, all piles to be in a line folds out, tents rolled up, only one tent in our Reg't, right done up. It is a perfect piece of humbuggery paying such attention to little matters and letting other and more important matters go as they may, such as sanitary matters, the Latrines being an abomination, and what would be more needful should ever it be required, is more rifle practice. They are taken to the butts, told to "hurry up another co'y will be here in such a time, get through with it." The men have to hurry, get rattled and careless, and so fire away as fast as they can manipulate the breech block, thus the most essential point is neglected and skimmed over.

The regiments are coming back from Divine service of 1/2 of an hour duration, playing "Bonnie Dundee." It always appears to me as the greatest profanity of anything in camp, the desecration of the Sabbath. The "wheesht laddie, dinna whushtle the dav, this is Sunday" of our earlier years, lives forever, of course there are some things just as bad as this done, but it seems different somehow.

The men are in from Church parade so I have changed my location. The church bells of Niagara and of Youngston are pealing their invitations and memory takes me back to the "Sabbath bell" in Haddington, Scotland, but amid how different associations! There all calmness, here, tooting of bugles, commands of officers, loud and flippant talking, &c. &c.

MONDAY.—Our company is as large as any of them and larger than four of them, and claims to be the quietest in the regiment. Our boys are really a well behaved, good-looking lot ready to put up with any inconvenience, without chronic grumbling as do others. Doing finely in drill under Captain Snider, St. Williams (attached) Sergeants Terry and Jack, all most capable officers.

Later I learn our boys are going to the Falls sure on Wednesday, fare only 25c. The weather has been lovely here, fine and cool at nights. We had a shower on Wednesday night but our tents were all right.

I took a trip across to Youngston and up to Lewiston on the American side, a lovely country, healthy orchards and no marks of San Jose scall. Cherry trees, fruit about ripe planted on the streets, no fences, cow by-laws being enforced. From Lewiston a fine view can be had of the Heights and the monument, which stands out so bold and so challenging.

Pay muster this morning (Monday), our pay sheets were finished yesterday, from this out my work is practically over. The total pay of the 31st Regiment is \$3220.40 for all ranks. This includes transport allowances for men and officers baggage, but not railway or steamboat fare.

The regimental band, 25 strong, under Prof. Heinicke is in fine shape, and gives a good account of itself. No 4 Co. is all right.

To. At.

Edge Hill.

Died at the residence of Thomas Davis, his infant son, Benjamin Cecil aged 8 mos. 12 days. Service was conducted by Rev Mr Ryan. Mr and Mrs Davis have the sympathy of the community.

Wm McFadden and his cousin Wm Firth, visited at Gieneden and Nenagh last week.

Mrs Robt Ector, is visiting her daughter in Greenoch this week.

Mr and Mrs Turnbull from Vickers are visiting friends in the Avenue, June 11, 1900.

Quite a number from this part took in the excursion to the Model farm last week and speak highly of their trip.

Mrs and Mrs Mitchel visited Edge Hill friends one day last week.

Mrs Thos. Greenwood and her son Jno. are visiting at Hamilton at present.

Mr Chas. Moffat left for Toronto on Saturday.

Edge Hill Sunday School intends holding a picnic at Wilders Lake on the 30th.

P. G. Morrison, leaves for Toronto on Friday to take a course in Canadian Ophthalmic College.

Mr and Miss Carr of Sydenham, were the guests of Mrs Wm. Kenney last week.

Mrs Wm. Morrison and daughter Lizzie were visiting friends in Ayton last week.

John Greenwood, Zion was visiting Hamilton friends last week and returned on Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs Thos. Greenwood and her son Jno. Wilfrid.

Mrs Anderson O. Sennit is visiting her father Mr Jno. Davis this week.

Mr Archie Burnet, Hopeville, visited his sister-in-law Mrs Burnet on the 4th, last week.

Sorry to hear that old Mrs Staples is confined to bed again.

Rev Mr Farr, Atwood is visiting the old homestead this week.

Samuel Edge a son of Robt. Edge got kicked on the head by a horse the other day.

JUDICIAL SALE

In the Estate of Joseph Mighton, Deceased, Telford vs Johnston

Pursuant to a Judgment of the High Court of Justice, dated the 22nd day of March 1900, and the direction of Duncan Morrison, Esquire, Local Master of this Court at Owen Sound, there will be sold by the said Local Master at the Middaugh House in the

TOWN OF DURHAM, on TUESDAY the 10th day of JULY 1900, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the interest of Isabella Johnston, (formerly the widow of Joseph Mighton deceased) in the west-half of Lot Number sixty-five in the Third Concession West of the Garafaxa Road in the Township of Bentinck in the County of Grey, consisting of a Lien or Charge thereon of \$365.48 and her dower therein as the widow of Joseph Mighton, deceased.

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About Forty acres of the said Lot are cleared and in a good state of cultivation, the balance being a good hardwood bush. The land is said to be a good clay loam. The lot is well fenced by good rail fences.

TERMS OF SALE
Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale, and the balance in One month thereafter without interest.

There will be a reserved bid fixed by the said Master.

The other conditions of Sale are the standing conditions of the said Court.

For particulars of age and state of health of said Isabella Johnston and for Further Particulars, Apply to the undersigned or to

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Dated at Owen Sound this 15th day of June A. D. 1900

DUNCAN MORRISON, Local Master at Owen Sound.

STRAYED.

Came to the premises of the undersigned about June 4th, lot 10, Con. 1, S. D. R. Glenelg a young mare. Owner is requested to prove property and pay expenses.

WM. RYAN.

Robt Roy, June 11, 1900.

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Miss Annie McCormick of the Walkerton Post Office visited her home here for a number of days last week.

Mr Chas. McArthur who has been laid up with Rheumatism all spring is on the mend we are glad to relate.

Mr Donald McCormack attended the funeral of the late John McArthur of the Garafaxa on Tuesday.

G. and A. McComb spent a day with Dan McKinnon of Farewell Corners. Dan says his batching days will soon be numbered.

Quite a number from here took in the Guelph excursion last week. All report a pleasant trip and a good time.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Ryan visited friends out near Allan Park last Sunday. Billy now sports a light stepping charger and a swell new buggy.

Mr Hugh Campbell has completed his wire fence which is certainly a dandy. Hugh is a hustler he is now putting in water works on his farm for the convenience of the tenant. He intends soon to leave to spend a few years more in western life.

Mrs — of Toronto formerly Miss Mary Firth is spending a couple of weeks with her parents Mr and Mrs Firth of Lake Cottage.