

On Monday morning the battalion was drawn up in column previous to striking tents. The Major said that he had immensely enjoyed himself during the camp, and spoke briefly of the manner in which the boys had behaved themselves, there not being a breach of discipline in the whole camp. He also read a letter from Colonel Loveday [quoted above].

Major Dempsey is to be congratulated on the week's work at the camp. He has shown great care for the boys and has been untiring in his efforts to secure their comfort. His whole heart is in this kind of work, and the result, we are sure, must be highly satisfactory to him. The Colonel is voted by Major Dempsey to be "one of the best."

SIR,—

17th April, 1906.

I have the honour to report for the information of your Board that I attended the camp of the 3rd Wanganui P.S. Cadet Battalion at Porewa from the 18th to the 25th January last, inclusive.

It affords me great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent behaviour of the cadets who attended the same.

I am very much beholden to Major Saunders, who was in command, not only for the manner in which he conducted the camp, but for the valuable assistance he renders me in connection with his battalion generally, and it is satisfactory to find how he and the headmasters in his district work so harmoniously together in fostering the cadet movement.

Captain and Adjutant Kinsey, of the 2nd Wellington M.R. Regiment, was good enough to come into camp and give Major Saunders every assistance. Captain Kinsey informed me that he felt proud of the manner in which the cadets carried out their duties at all times.

I hope this year will see, with the approval of your Board, the other two battalions undergo a week's training.

A word of praise is due to Captain Mossman, of the Marton Cadets, for his untiring efforts for the comfort of the cadets in camp.

I have, &c.,

L. W. LOVEDAY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Public-school Cadets.

The Secretary of the Wanganui Education Board.

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