

Military Types of Greater Britain:

(See Engraving.)

The types represented in the engraving on preceding page give a fair idea of the varieties of uniform in use in the Colonial and Indian services. Three out of the five represented are regular troops, viz., the Cape Mounted Rifles, the Indian Cavalry, and the West Indian regiments; the others, those representing Canada and Australia, are Volunteer Militia. They present an interesting variety of uniforms, and may be of value here, not only in suggesting certain changes and improvements in the dress and accoutrements used in the Canadian forces, but also in counteracting the ultra-conservatism of many of our officers, who think that the uniforms of the Dominion Militia should be modelled solely on those used by the Army.

A short description of the corps represented in the engraving may be of interest.

The West Indian corps dates back—under its present designation and status—to 1795, although it in reality represents two Loyalist corps, one of which did good service for the Crown during the American rebellion. The regiment fought brilliantly through the French war which occupied the first few years of this century, and saw service at New Orleans in 1814, Barbadoes in 1816, Demerara in 1823, Barra in 1831, and in fact in every subsequent campaign in their quarter of the world. The rank and file are blacks,—the officers being appointed from Britain. The uniform is that of the Algerian Zouaves—scarlet, with white facings.

The Bengal Cavalry combine, to a remarkable degree, a most picturesque appearance with great fighting ability. The First Regiment was raised early in the century, and was originally known as the First Irregulars; they fought gallantly at Bhurtpore and Candahar, and also in the Afgan war of 1878-80. Their uniform is yellow, with black facings. They carry on their standards "Bhurtpore," "Candahar, 1842;" "Afganistan, 1879-80."

The Cape Mounted Rifles is a fine dashing corps, the best uniformed—so far as utility and neatness goes—of any of the five representatives in the group. There have been two separate and distinct corps of the name; the first behaved badly in the Kaffir war of 1852, and was disbanded, being succeeded by a somewhat similar corps called the Frontier Armed and Mounted Police, which was repeatedly engaged during the numerous native African wars in the quarter century following 1852. In 1879 the cumbersome "Police" name was dropped, and the regiment again became the "Cape Mounted Rifles"—a step that is a good example for the Canadian Government in the hoped-for change of name of our North-West Police. During 1879 and 1880 they were often in action, and fought with great gallantry, at least two troopers winning the V.C. The attack on Morosi's Mountain was an exceptionally brilliant affair. The uniform of the C. M. R. is dark green, with black facings.

For a sparsely settled country the Victoria Mounted Rifles is perhaps the most serviceable corps in the British Empire. Their system is an elastic one, and efficiency for active service is the standard to which everything else is sacrificed. The corps consists of nine companies, scattered all over Victoria, each company being made up of small local groups of ten men and over. Every trooper must be an efficient member of a rifle association or club in his district; the skill of the force at the butts is therefore of a very high order. The commanding officer and adjutant are regular officers, on the permanent staff of the Colony, thus enabling them to devote their whole time and energy to the discipline, drill, and general good of the force. The corps wears a serviceable uniform of khaki-coloured tunic and breeches, and a broad felt hat; it is armed with sword and the Martini carbine and wears a sportsman's cartridge belt.

Last, but not least, we come to the Canadian representative, one of the Queen's Own. The corps is so well-known and popular throughout Canada that it is unnecessary to say much about them, only that no better representative of the best type of the Canadian Volunteer could have been presented by the artist. We hope, before very long, to give our readers a complete history of this fine battalion.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

TORONTO.

The annual dinner of "I" Co., Q.O.R., was held at Webb's on 3rd inst., and may well be classed in the list of the "tip-toppers." Capt. Murray occupied the chair and around him, amongst others, were Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Major Buchan, Capts. Pellatt, Lee, Bennett, Mutton, Trotter, 10th Regiment; Irving, T.F.B.; Lieut. Wyatt, Sergt.-Major George, Sergt. Woods, Mr. E. Sullivan, Mr. D. A. Rose.

The *menu* having been thoroughly enjoyed, the toast list was entered upon, commencing with that of "The Queen;" "Our Commanding Officer," proposed by Capt. Murray, was replied to by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton; "Our Guests," briefly proposed by Lieut. Crean, brought responses from Major Buchan and Mr. E. Sullivan; "Absent Comrades" was coupled with the name of Sergt. F. H. Gray, and many were the fervent wishes of an early and complete recovery from the sickness which is threatening him; "The Ladies," proposed by Lieut. White, brought the list to a close. The songs which were rendered between the toasts and during the evening were contributed by Major Buchan, Lieuts. Wyatt, Crean, Color-Sergt. Higinbotham and Sergt. Woods. Glionna's orchestra amply attended to the wants of the guests when an adjournment was made to the ball-room, and the reputation for hospitality or in fact anything else that has ever been attained by "Murray's Dandies" was well upheld on this occasion.

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The annual dinner of "G" Co., Q.O.R., was held at Webb's on Tuesday the 7th inst., Capt. Bennett occupying the chair. After a very enjoyable *menu* had been discussed the toast list was commenced, that of "The Queen" being received in the usual manner; "Our Commanding Officer and Staff" brought responses from Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Capt. M. S. Mercer and Sergt.-Major George; "Our Sister Corps" was responded to by Lieut. Chadwick, 10th R. G.; and Color-Sergt. Galloway, No. 2 Co., C.R.I.; the toast of "Absent Comrades," to which the name of Staff-Sergt. Macdonald was coupled, was proposed by Staff-Sergt. Williams and an early and complete recovery, with a quick passage home were the earnest wishes of his comrades in "G;" "Our Guests" brought responses from Majors Delamere, Sankey, Capt. Irving, 10th R. G.; Mr. E. G. Ebbels, Mr. McCord and Mr. Montgomery; "The Ladies," ably responded to by Pte. D. J. Maclean, brought the list to a close.

The following programme added in a great measure to the enjoyment of the guests and to the success of the evening:—Recitation, Mr. Ebbels; banjo specialty, Capt. A. M. Irving; harmonic solo, Pte. W. G. Parker; recitation, Mr. C. Smith; and songs by Mr. N. McCord, Lieut. Chadwick, Staff-Sergt. Williams and ex-Sergt. N. Stewart. Glionna's orchestra was in attendance and stag dances, etc., etc., brought to a close a very jolly dinner.

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Pte. J. C. Mason of "I" Co., Q. O. R., was made the recipient the other day of a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, and setting forth the hearty appreciation of the shareholders of the Home Savings and Loan Co., Ltd., of his efforts on their behalf, at the attempted robbery of the offices a short time ago. Pte. Mason is a son of Major Mason, 10th R.G., and on this occasion proved himself to be a worthy son of a worthy sire, his plucky resistance to the armed robbers balking them of considerable booty.

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The Q.O.R. have already commenced recruiting, having two classes which are well under way.

The Grenadiers commence on the 14th inst., and the 48th Highlanders have been started for a couple of weeks.

The kilties are determined to make the struggle for recruits among the city regiments an interesting one, as witness their novel advertisement (novel only on account of their being few if any precedents), in which they state that they contemplate spending the 24th May in Hamilton, and may possibly go to Chicago for the World's Fair. It strikes one as being a rather queer inducement to hold out to men who are supposed to look at soldiering from a totally different