

Regimental News.

54th Richmond Battalion.

A meeting of the officers of the 54th Batt. was held on the 28th March, to consider as to the most suitable day to appoint to receive the new colours, which are being presented by the ladies of the district. Friday, the 24th of May, Her Majesty's Birthday, was unanimously agreed upon, and a rough programme drawn out. A march through the town, a dinner to the men of the Batt., athletic sports, and a military play, (probably "Our Regiment,") in the evening in the town hall, are some of the items.

The colours are very handsome, and have lately arrived from England through Messrs. John Martin & Sons, of St. Paul St. The Regimental Colour bears the arms of Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. Lord Aylmer—four Cornish choughs surrounded by a ducal coronet with the motto: "Steady." His Lordship has been in command of the battalion since its organization in 1867.

The battalion is in a very healthy state, and it is hoped that the presentation of colours will bring grist in the shape of recruits to the ranks. A number of n.c.o.'s and men of the regiment have attended the school lately, and a good many of the officers have been and intend going to St. Johns.

No. 3 (Richmond) Co., have established a reading room, and in connection with it have a shooting gallery. They have Morris tubes for both M.H. and Snider rifles, and are having splendid practice. They are the holders of the Regimental Cup, and evidently mean to try and keep it. The rooms, gallery, etc., have been got up by their zealous and energetic captain (Capt. Harkom).

Some of our militia M.P.'s should try and get permission for n.c.o.'s to attend the schools of instruction for short periods, say 3 weeks or a month, for the purpose of learning the new drill. Many n.c.o.'s holding school certificates are most anxious to attend for a short time, but cannot afford to devote three months. Why not allow n.c.o.'s or privates holding certificates to attend for special courses. Good n.c.o.'s are quite, if not more necessary, than officers, and especially under the new system.

Another matter that wants looking to, is allowing men who join for a short course, to leave before three months. They should be considered to be actually enlisted for the three months, and no deviation made from this except in case of sickness. The principle of giving pay at the end of each month is bad. No money whatever ought to be given till men have completed their course. It is very annoying to send men to school and have them come back homesick at the end of the first month. If no pay was given very few would leave.

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Ottawa.

The shooting strength of the 43rd Battalion has been increased not a little by the award just made of the vacant commission in No. 1 Company. Lieut. J. W. de C. O'Grady, who takes the first, was well known several years ago as one of the crack shots of the Guards, and while with that corps won his way to Wimbledon. When the 43rd Battalion was organized he changed his colours to become Paymaster, but a short time afterwards was transferred from the Ottawa branch of the Bank of Montreal, in which then, as now, he was employed. Second Lieut. Sutherland has been a Guardsman for about seventeen years, or since the formation of that regiment, and he went to Wimbledon as a member of it in 1874 and several times since. He has been for many years one of the foremost shots of the Dominion.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS.

The following regimental orders by Lieut.-Col. Tilton, commanding the G. G. F. G., and just promulgated by the adjutant, Capt. Hodgins, will give their outside friends an idea of what the Guards are about this spring:

1. Officers commanding companies will send in to the Orderly room on or before the 1st of April, nominal rolls showing the name of every N. C. officer and man on the strength of their respective companies.

2. Officers commanding companies will cause to be made out and hung up in their respective armouries (1), a roll of the company divided into half-companies and squads, and containing the name, occupation, residence, place of business, date of enrolment, of each N.C.O. and man. (2) An attendance roll, on which shall be entered each evening the attendance of every N.C.O. and man during the present drill season, these rolls to be completed and hung up on or before the 1st April. The majors of each half-battalion will see that this is done, and that the rolls are properly kept.

3. Until further orders, the company rolls will not be called till the conclusion of each evening's drill, after which the parade states must be made out and collected before the parade is dismissed. In the case of No. 5 Co., they are to be mailed to the adjutant on the day following the parade for which they are made out.

4. Drill for recruits every Monday and Friday evenings at 7.45 p.m.
5. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the drill season to the company obtaining the highest marks for (1) Attendance, (2) Appearance (3) Best kept set of Co'y books, which will be determined as follows: 1. *Attendance.* The prize for attendance will be awarded to the company having the largest aggregate attendance of non. com. officers and men during the drill season, one point to be awarded for each N. C. officer and man present on parade. Men attending any of the schools of instruction will be allowed to count as present. The attendance will be computed from the parade states sent in during each evening, which will be compared with the company roll book, both of which must be found to agree before the prize is awarded. 2. *Appearance.* The prize for appearance will be determined by the individual appearance of each N. C. officer and man whose dress and appearance are clean and smart. Points will be deducted for men who are improperly or not cleanly dressed, or for unsteadiness on parade. Recruits will not be allowed to be included for inspection. The inspection of the Cos. will be made by the adjutant or other officer detailed for the duty on any five (5) occasions during the drill season as may be selected by the officer commanding. No previous notice or intimation will be given to anyone whatsoever of the nights so selected. 3. *Co. Books and Rolls.* A prize will also be given for the best kept set of Co. Books and Rolls, including order books, nominal rolls, as per regimental form, attendance books, attendance roll, book of issues and receipts of clothing, arms and stores. The books and rolls to be produced for the inspection of the adjutant or other officer detailed for the duty on five (5) occasions during the present season, as may be selected by the officer commanding. No previous notice to anyone will be given of the nights selected for the inspection.

Toronto.

Mr. H. K. Cockin is about to take out a lieutenant's commission in the Royal Grenadiers.

Private A. M. Burns, the Q. O. R. drill instructor, has received a transfer from "E" Co. to "C" Co., in which he takes the rank of sergeant, becoming the youngest sergeant in the regiment.

On the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the calling out of the troops to take part in the suppression of the North-West rebellion, the Sergeants' mess of the Queen's Own Rifles made last night an occasion of joy and mirth. The spacious mess room was thronged with members and their guests, among whom were Major Delamere, Captains McGee and Brock and Lieutenants Nelson and Wyatt of the Q. O. R., and Lieut. Norris and Col.-Sergt. Hunt of the Victoria Rifles, Montreal. Staff-Sergt. Harp, President of the Mess, was in the chair and ably presided while an excellent programme was presented. Songs were sung by H. F. Wyatt, R. Somerville, Walter Stewart, A. L. E. Davies, Albert E. Dent, Charles Baguley, E. Thornhill and the Halton quartette. Mr. Stewart Dickey gave a banjo solo and with Mr. Stewart sang a comic vocal duett. Mr. Walter Stewart also gave a North-West jig, which was the feature of the evening. Major Delamere and Staff-Sergt. Strachan moved a vote of thanks to the mess for the entertainment, after which a couple of hours were spent in social intercourse.—*Toronto World, 29th March.*

The 62nd Fusiliers.

The annual meeting of the officers of the Fusiliers was held on the 28th inst., at the Regimental Club rooms, Colonel Blaine in the chair. The different committees reported and all departments were shown in a satisfactory state. The regimental committee gave details of the expenditure for the year and were re-elected. The report of the band committee was most satisfactory, showing a balance on hand and the band in a most efficient state. The band-room, as already noted, has been painted and decorated. On the recommendation of the committee a new bandmaster was engaged—Mr. F. Howe Jones—who has served for a number of years in H. M. 52nd regiment and in militia corps in England and Canada. He is a composer, solo cornetist and teacher, and also choirmaster of a church in Ontario. He will enter on his duties in a few weeks. The officers contributed their pay as usual to the regimental funds, and the coming year is expected to be an eventful one in the history of the corps. The following committees were elected: Regimental—Surgeon Walker, Major McLean and Major Hartt (adjutant). Band—Capt. Edwards, Lieuts. Cleveland and Stirling.

Two score or more of the friends of the Fusiliers band accepted their invitation to be present on the 27th inst., at the band room, corner Church and Prince William streets, the occasion being an at home, or house warming. The room is now as cosy as could be desired for the purpose. It has been put in thorough order, the walls and ceiling being handsomely coloured, the windows curtained in a striped material, and the general appearance denoting neatness at every turn. Lt.-Col. Blaine, Major Sturdee, Lieuts. Godard, Churchill, Cleveland and Stirling, of the 62nd Fusiliers, as well as Ald. Peters, were among those present. A substantial array of refreshments, solid and liquid, was dealt out with no unsparing hand, and the pleasure was heightened with an