

royally treated by the Montreal corps, the Vics and Sixth especially. He hoped that they would soon meet again, if not in Montreal or Toronto, then on some neutral ground. The speaker gave a little laughable incident of what good officers there were in the Vics on their last trip to Toronto, when on one occasion when one of the companies was told to fall in, only one lonely private and an officer turned up. The manner in which this incident was related convulsed the audience. In concluding his remarks he made a very patriotic reference to the militia of Canada, and said there was no country in the world where the soldiers gave up so much as they did in Canada, but they had not been appreciated as they should by the powers that be. He felt that in time to come the powers that be would appreciate them as they deserve. He also spoke of the Reserves as the backbone of the regiment, and hoped the day was not far distant when the Queen's Own would have such an auxiliary force as the Vics had.

Lt. Col. White was next called, and after returning thanks for the invitation, got out of a speech by singing a military song.

Lt. Col. Ferguson referred to the esprit de corps existing among the New Brunswick regiments, and said he was glad to see and to know that the same feeling was to be found in Montreal.

Lt. Col. Butler made a humorous reference to the regiments, saying that the Vics not only kept up to their motto, but this motto had become a maxim, and they even displayed their "maxim" at their feasts.

Lt. Col. Henshaw proposed "The Health of Mr. James Walker," the donor of the Walker trophy, which was heartily honored, after which Mr. Walker briefly returned thanks.

"The Sgt. Major and Sergeants" was proposed by Capt. Stanley, Reserves, and replied to by Sgt. Major Gorman.

Lt. Col. Starke proposed "The Vets," coupled with the names of Lt. Cols. Henshaw and Whitehead, who made suitable replies; and then all were brought to their feet together to honor the health of Lt. Col. Starke, proposed by Lt. Col. Hamilton.

The Vics C. O., in reply, spoke of the successful evening they had had, and referred to the regiment, saying that he was going to do his best to make it second to none in the British forces. O'Col. Whitehead had told him that when he was in command he had had 412 men on parade. Lt. Col. Henshaw's ambition was to secure a Maxim gun before he resigned the command, but his (the speaker's) was to have a parade of even larger numbers than in Lt. Col. Whitehead's days; and he believed that it would come to pass.

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One of the most brilliant and successful of the many company dinners that have taken place this year was that of F Company Sixth Fusiliers on Friday evening, 15th, at the mess, Craig street. Not only were the tables graced with the presence of three commanding officers, past and present, of the regiment, but

the programme of songs between speeches was far above the ordinary. Mr. C. A. E. Harriss, organist of St. James the Apostle church, presided at the piano, whilst those who sang were Mr. John Burnside, Pte. Low, Pte. Davis, Sgt. Armstrong, Staff Sgt. A. G. Cunningham, Mr. Jackson and Capt. Pettigrew.

Capt. Chambers was in the chair, with Lt. Col. Eurland on his right and the following other invited guests were grouped around the tables: Lt. Col. Gardner, Lt. Col. Massey, Major Macaulay, Quartermaster W. D. McLaren, jr., Capt. R. G. Pettigrew, Capt. W. E. Findlay, Capt. E. Mitchell, Lts. Fred. Denison, Herbert Tatley, M.D.; Geo. Burland, Mr. C. A. E. Harriss, Mr. J. Burnside, Mr. W. F. Jackson, Sgt. Major Fellowes, M.G.A.; Col. Sgt. Riddle and Sgt. Todd, A Co.; Col. Sergt. Marks, E Co.; Staff Sgt. Norris, Corp. Grant, M.G.A.; Pte. J. Scott, Pte. T. Scott, A Co.; Pte. Ward, E Co.; Col. Sgt. Morrison, E Co.; Sgt. Major Currie, and the following members of the company: Col. Sgt. Pratt in the vice-chair; Sgts. Armstrong, Morrice, Harrison; Corps. Brindle, Farrar, Walton. Watt, F. Bennett, W. Morgan, T. Maple, A. Singer, J. Dunn, Williamson, S. Bennett, T. Cauthern, W. Holdbrook, Aston, Ford, Green, Parsons, Machrie; Ptes. Fryer, A. Lowe, J. Robinson, Pike, A. Roberts, W. Scott, C. J. Vickers, J. Isom, J. McNaught, J. Davis, Porteous, P. G. Long, G. A. Hughes, J. W. Meakins, W. Lummis, G. Prowse, A. Silas, W. Clark, J. March, F. Cahill, H. Detmers.

The menu was a very good one, and was done full justice to; and as the menu card called for a long toast list, it was a late (or early) hour before the pleasure of the night was over. The first toast, "The Queen," was enthusiastically drunk, as was the one that followed, "The Prince of Wales and Royal Family."

The toast of "Our Comrades of the Royal Army and Navy" was the next toast, and was heartily drunk. It was responded to by Sgt. Armstrong, late of the 72nd Highlanders, and Sgt. Brown, late of the 78th Highlanders.

"The regiment that wears the grenade and the lily white facings" was responded to by Lt. Cols. Gardner, Massey and Burland and Capt. R. Pettigrew, all of whom referred to the high standard that F Company had attained, and complimented the captain on being in command of a company that stood highest in the brigade.

"Our Guests" was proposed by Capt. Chambers, and responded to by most of the invited guests, after which came the toast of "Our Company," proposed by Col. Sgt. Pratt, and responded to by Capt. Chambers, who then proposed "The Press," responded to by "Cartridge Box," and the last toast, "The Ladies," followed, when the evening was brought to a finish with the National Anthem.

OTTAWA.

The many friends of Hugh D. Ross will learn with deep regret of his death, which occurred at an early hour on Tuesday morning at his mother's residence, O'Connor street. Mr. Ross was well and favourably known in volunteering

circles, having been a member of the Guards for some 14 years. He joined No. 2 Company in April, 1881, received his first stripe on the 30th May, 1884, and has since passed through all the different grades till his promotion to the position of colour-sergeant on the 17th of March, 1893.

In 1883 Mr. Ross entered the employ of Messrs. McRae & Co., coal dealers, and had been with them since that time, from which it will be seen that in business as in military matters he evinced those sterling and steadfast qualities which command esteem and confidence. A good soldier, a faithful friend and an honest citizen many will mourn his loss. The remains will be taken to Kingston by the 10.30 train this morning for interment. Amongst the floral tributes are a star from the sergeants' mess of the Guards and wreaths from the officers and members of No. 2 Company. Mr. Ross was an only son, and his bereaved mother has the sympathy of all in her hour of trial.—Citizen, Nov. 30.

The new Canadian infantry drill is shortly to be issued. Books for the instructors have already been issued. There are several innovations which show that the drill is to be less ornamental than at present. For instance, the men, in falling in, will be placed with a distinct interval between them, and the rear rank will be no less than 60 inches from the front. The men will all be assigned places in certain sections and will fall in in those sections, no matter whether others may be absent or not. Each sergeant will have charge of a section, and will be responsible for it. It is understood that the new drill book was prepared by Lt. Col. Otter, Lt. Col. Smith and Capt. Macdonnell.

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Deputy Surgeon General Oliver, of the medical staff at Halifax, has been here to introduce to the favourable notice of Maj. General Herbert a new field accoutrement adapted for the volunteer service. It is claimed for this device that it facilitates the easy carriage of rations, ammunition, and the soldier's usual kit. Dr. Oliver, by the way, is a brother-in-law of the Minister of Marine.

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Referring to the recent attempt by the three lads to blow up Nelson's monument in Montreal, the United Service Gazette speaks of them as "holding commissions in the 5th Battalion of the Canadian militia." I have looked through the militia list carefully and can find none of their names. They may have joined since the autumn of 1892, but if so it was probably not the 5th Royal Scots in which they took commissions.

HALIFAX.

Quite a sum has been subscribed by the militiamen who took part in the mobilization of the forces for the defence of Halifax for the sailor Mahoney, of H. M. S. Mohawk, who lost his arm on that occasion. A most pleasing feature was the amount of \$40 subscribed by the 2nd Scottish company of the 63rd Rifles in