

quite an important one, too, in the discipline and appointments of a corps—-assembled in Newport's dining-room and took into its most serious consideration a well-arranged menu. Sergt.-Major C. Athawes occupied the chair, and he was supported on the right and left respectively by Major Moore and Adj. Stuart. The vice-chairs were filled by Staff-Sergt. Goodwin and Staff-Sergt. Mills. Among the guests were Colour-Sergt. Cooper, of the Queen's Own, and ex-Sergt.-Major Shearer, who was connected with the battalion when Lieut.-Col. Irvine was in command. Charles Searles, representing the Army and Navy Veterans' Society, was also present. Regrets were read from Col. Gibson, Major Mason and Instructor Kerley (of the Battery) and others.

After the good things had been creditably considered for an hour or more, the chairman called the company to order and proposed the toast of The Queen, the company rising and singing God Save the Queen. Song, Sergt. Blake—The Death of Wolfe.

The Governor-General—For He's a Jolly Good Fellow. Song, Sergt. Harvey.

The Army and Navy—The Red, White and Blue, by the company. Song, Charles Searles—Hearts of Oak. Song, Drum Major Bennett—The Juice of the Forbidden Fruit.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson and Staff was the next toast. In proposing it the chairman said many complimentary things of the officers in command, and the sentiment was heartily applauded. Major Moore and Adj. Stuart responded.

Major Moore proposed the health of Sergt.-Major Athawes and the Staff Officers of the Regiment. Sergt.-Major Athawes, Paymaster Clarke, Staff-Sergt. Mills, Staff-Sergt. Goodwin and Staff-Sergt. Omand responded. Song, Drum-Major Bennett.

Canada, Our Home—Song, Sergt.-Major Athawes. My Own Canadian Home—Song, Colour-Sergt. Blake.

Our Sister Corps—Responded to by Colour-Sergt. Cooper, of the Queen's Own, and Q. M. Sergt. Madgley, of the Hamilton Field Battery. Song, Colour-Sergt. Bismarck—Canada, Fair Canada.

Our Guests—Responded to by Colour-Sergt. Shearer. Song, Charles Searles—The Minute Gun at Sea. An entertaining story by Colour-Sergt. Cooper. Song, Sergt. Harvey.

The Press—Responded to by representatives present. Recitation, Staff-Sergt. Mills.

The Company Sergeants—Song, Colour-Sergt. Bismarck of A Company—Du Wacht Am Rhein. Responses by Colour-Sergt. Bettles, of B; Colour-Sergt. Silk, of C; Colour-Sergt. Harvey, of D; Colour-Sergt. Skedden, of E; Colour-Sergt. Healey, of F; Colour-Sergt. Stewart, of G, and Colour-Sergeant Blake, of H.

Then all informality was abandoned, volunteer toasts were proposed, songs were sung, stories told, speeches made, and the fun waxed fast and furious until a late hour. Altogether a great time was had, the best of good feeling prevailed, and the first annual dinner of the Sergeants' Mess will certainly not be its last.

The officers of the Sergeants' Mess are as follows: Sergt.-Major Athawes, President; Staff-Sergt. Wm. Goodwin, Vice-President; Colour-Sergt. A. Bismarck, Treasurer; Staff-Sergt. E. J. Mills, Secretary.

#### LONDON.

The members of the Seventh Fusiliers Band were tendered a complimentary supper by Mr. W. J. Reid Friday evening at the Hub Restaurant. Over 30 members of the band sat down to the tasty spread provided by host Frazer and succeeded in whiling away several pleasant hours. Bandmaster Hiscott occupied the chair at the head of the table and speedily made all feel themselves at home. In introducing the social part of the programme Mr. Hiscott spoke in the highest terms of the members of the band and complimented

them as an organization upon the satisfactory success which had attended them during the past year. Appropriate songs, of the comic variety, were given by bandsmen Mullens, Luttrell and McLeod, interspersed with which were pleasant speeches by bandsmen Pitt and Charlton. The company dispersed at about 11.30 o'clock.

Weather and roads being favourable Friday evening the officers of the Seventh decided that a route march should form the programme for the second weekly drill of the season. It had been generally known that the march would take place, and as a result there was a large representation of recruits on hand. This quality swelled the battalion into four full companies which marched out of the shed shortly after 8 o'clock, under command of Lieut.-Col. Tracy. The bugle band with its lusty tooters gave all ample warning of the militiamen's approach, and consequently the sidewalks were lined with people throughout the entire march. The route was down Central Avenue to Richmond, to Dundas, to Ridout, to York, to Richmond, to Wellington and along Wellington street to the drill shed. If the weather is favourable a second march out will take place in two weeks, when it is expected that the regimental band as well as the buglers will be in attendance.

The non-coms. of the London Field Battery were entertained at an oyster supper by Lieut.-Col. Peters, and when the guests had succeeded in tucking away the rations provided, their host made a short speech, in which he complimented the non-coms. on their efficiency, especially with respect to their performance of duty at the Stratford camp. The gunners who distinguished themselves in the recent matches were also complimented and the prize money turned over to the winners. Among those present were: Capt. Williams, Sergt.-Major Colerick, Quartermaster Sergt. H. C. Smyth, Orderly-Sergt. Thomas Wilson, Sergeants Case, Mitchell and Taylor, Corporals Warwick, Irwin and others. The toast list called forth appropriate replies from Sergt.-Major Colerick, Quartermaster-Sergt. Smyth, Orderly-Sergt. Wilson and Sergt. Taylor. The musical portion of the evening's programme was supplied by Capt. Williams, Sergt. Wilson and Corpl. Irwin.

#### THE FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT.

The Windsor *Record* continues to urge that early preparation be made for the military camp expected to be held there next summer. The last issue says:

"The brigade camp for the Western district has been promised to Windsor for the present year. If we wish the Government to keep its promise there is a certain amount of work to be done to ensure the Government of the good treatment of the soldiers and the genuineness of the town's wish. London is the actual ground of the district. There the brigade has a field controlled directly by the Government and fixed by it. To move the camp to any other town entails a certain expenditure upon the town either as a corporation or as individual subscribers to the expense fund. Water pipes have to be laid for the use of the several battalions, stables for the horses and several other buildings and expenses. The cost will be between \$800 and \$1,200, and if the town wishes to properly look for the payment of such expense or a part of it, provision should be made in the estimate of the town's expenditure. Inquiry among some of the leading men of the town by *The Record* gives forth several different first formed views upon the subject.

"John Curry is in favour of the town giving say \$500 and raising the rest by private subscriptions among the ferry company, the hotels and the leading business men of the town. He can see no advantage in calling a public meeting, but thinks that the town should make the grant and place it to the credit of the Board of Trade for proper expenditure. The military should be conferred with as to the expense the camp will be.