

could and should be done, however, and that is issuing a proper and a sufficient number of unifotms to these city regiments to enable them to properly equip their men, without having to go and buy them from stores. There are too many bran new uniforms rotting, and furnishing food for moths, away in some country armouries, that only see the light of day about once a year, sometimes not that, and too few in the lockers of the city regiments. If the Militia Department can not grant the increase in the establishment, this matter could be very easily and very readily adjusted.

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The City Council is about \$4,500 short in the amount required to complete the Lake Shore Ranges. This will complete the ranges in detail, including the long ranges, and give the Toronto volunteers a range without any equal in the Dominion. The rate allowed to those entitled has been fixed at 15c. return fare, and it is said that the G.T.R. are willing to make all possible arrangements for the convenience of the rifle shots.

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A little bit of unintentional sarcasm appeared in the *Toronto Telegram* of the 13th inst., when it gave the startling information that "the band of the 13th Battalion was going to be transferred to Guelph."

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The *World* of Saturday, 15th inst., under the heading of "Economy with a Vengeance," has the following :—"The Governor-General's Body Guards held a meeting last night at the Avondale, to discuss the question of accepting the stipend offered them by the Ontario Government for turning out on April 4, at the opening of Parliament.

"The Government offered the members of the Guard \$1.50, but the men claim \$2.50 ; that the horses hired by them for the occasion cost \$2.00. No definite action was taken, but the men expressed their determination to refuse anything less than \$2.50."

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Mr. Alex. Muir, composer of "The Maple Leaf," has been elected an honorary member of the Sergeant's Mess of the 48th Highlanders. Mr. Muir was Color-Sergt. of the old Highland company of the Queen's Own.

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A very interesting Morris tube rifle match came off on the night of the 6th inst., when teams from the Q.O.R. and 48th Highlanders' Sergeants' Messes' tried conclusions with the Martini. The contest took place in the armoury of "H" Co., 48th, and was won by the 48th sergeants by two points. Major Henderson officiated as the range officer. The ranges were 400 and 500 yards, seven shots and a sighter at each range.

Following are the teams and individual scores :—

48TH SERGEANTS.

	Score.
Sergt. Martin.....400 yds.....	6777777--48
".....500 yds.....	7777777--49--97
Staff-Sergt Rose.....400 yds.....	7777757--47
".....500 yds.....	7777777--49--96
Col.-Sergt. Rose.....400 yds.....	7777667--47
".....500 yds.....	7776778--48--95
Staff-Sergt. Harp.....400 yds.....	7776776--47
".....500 yds.....	7757777--47--94
Sergt. Ferguson.....400 yds.....	7777575--45
".....500 yds.....	6766576--43--88
Total .....	470

Q.O.R. SERGEANTS.

	Score.
Col.-Sergt. J. G. Langton.400 yds.....	7777777--49
".....500 yds.....	7777777--49--98
Sergt. J. G. McMaster...400 yds.....	7777777--49
".....500 yds.....	7777777--49--98
Q.M. Srgt. Thorn.....400 yds.....	6777566--44
".....500 yds.....	6777777--48--92
Staff-Sergt. Donnelly.....400 yds.....	7667766--45
".....500 yds.....	7777667--47--92
Bugle-Sgt. Woods.....400 yds.....	7757676--45
".....500 yds.....	6666676--43--88
Total .....	468

Possibles were made at both ranges by Col.-Sergt. Langton and Sergt. McMaster, of the Q.O.R., Col.-Sergt. Langton making sixteen consecutive bull's-eyes, (including the sighting shots) and by Sergeant Martin and Staff-Sergt. Rose, of the 48th, at 500 yards range. The return match will be fired shortly over the range of the Q.O.R., Revolver Association.

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Mr. Wm. Simpson, President of the Caledonian Society, and an ex-Sergt. of No. 5 Co., Q.O.R., has the honor of being elected the first honorary member of the Sergeants-Mess of the 48th Highlanders. This honor was conferred on Mr. Simpson in recognition of his valuable services to the regiment, and as a token of esteem.

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The question of the 24th May trips this year is causing considerable discussion among the members of the Queen's Own and Royal Grenadiers.

The 48th Highlanders are going to Hamilton to return the visit of the 13th Battalion paid them last year, but no decision has been reached by either of the others.

The Grenadiers have arranged for a cheap trip to Montreal, and good train accommodation ; but, despite this, the journey is too long to undertake for a one-day trip, and it is pretty safe betting that this gallant regiment will reserve, for a latter day, this much-desired trip, and with their companions of the Rifles, will no doubt stay at home, putting in their holiday as the fancy strikes them. The holiday coming in the middle of the week gives no time for going under canvas, and this business of going to some small country town and parading around for the edification of the inhabitants, who were perhaps taxed 10c. ahead for the privilege of seeing a *feu-de-joie* fired and a march past, is played out, and not in keeping with the efforts that the regiments put forth during the balance of the season to make themselves efficient.

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The quarterly supper of "A" Company of the gallant Grenadiers, on Friday, April 14th, was the social military event of the month. Oysters, music and enthusiasm were the features of the evening, and, like the Company's record, they were away above the average.

Capt. Irving occupied the chair, and discharged his duties admirably. The guests were :—Asst.-Surgeon King, Lieuts. Stimson, Smith and Thompson ; Sergt. Andrew and Corp. Baxter, 48th Highlanders ; Messrs. T. A. Baker, Frank Wright, Buckton Kendrick, (*Grip*) ; Staff-Sergeant Dent, (*Empire*) ; Smith, (*Globe*) ; McDonald, (*Emp re*).

After a satisfactory investigation of the good cheer provided by the host of the Tremont House, the jolly party proceeded to fully enjoy the performances, vocal and otherwise, of the following gentlemen :—Songs, Messrs. Baker, Wright, Buckton Kendrick, Dr. King, Lieuts. Smith and Thompson ; song and dance, Drummers Platt and Doughty ; banjo and saxophone solos, Mr. Bert Kennedy ; songs, Privates Gray, Secty and Corp. Davies, and a selection of Capt. Irving's famous dialect specialties.

Dr. King proposed the toast of the officers, which was ably responded to

The officers and men of A Company do not yet appear to allow social festivities to interfere with the sterner work of military discipline, for they recently paraded 21 files 4 sergeants and 2 officers.

HALIFAX.

The annual meeting of the 63rd Rifles Association was held on Thursday evening, 6th inst., Major Bishop in the chair. After reception of reports, the subject of entering for Military Rifle League matches was considered, and it was unanimously decided, if the Snider rifle is used, not to enter the competitions. The only shooting, therefore, which will be done by the 63rd with the obsolete Snider will be the company and battalion matches. After unanimously deciding upon July 12th for the battalion matches, the following were elected Council for the year :—Major Bishop, Assistant Surgeon Cogswell, Major Crane, Lieut. Dixon, Lieut. Downie, Sergt.-Major Lockhart, Sergt Mumford, Sergt. Daniels, Sergt. Maybec. Lieut. Taylor was re-elected