

sive of the sorrow of those who were present may have felt by reason of the recent action of the authorities in severing the actual connection of the company with the University. It was, however, very much otherwise. The dinner was held at Webb's, and was in every respect a memorable one. In response to the call about 70 members and ex-members of the company assembled. Capt. Rennie occupied the chair, and Lieut. Barker the vice-chair. The other officers present were Lieut. Coleman, Lieut. A. T. Kirkpatrick, and Lieut. W. A. Gilmour. The toast list was a short one, consisting of toasts to "The Queen and Canada," "The Canadian Militia," "Our Regiment," "Our Alma Mater," and "Ourselves." The speeches and songs were of an exceedingly happy and appropriate character, and the arrangements eminently satisfactory. The committee in charge consisted of Capt. Rennie, Lieut. Coleman, Lieut. Barker, Lieut. Gilmour, Color-Sergt. G. A. Harcourt, Sergt. W. A. Scott, Sergt. H. McLaren, Privates J. A. Cooper and A. C. Dobell.

## MONTREAL.

The Montreal Garrison Artillery Armoury was crowded last Wednesday evening, at the "At Home" given by the officers on the occasion of the annual presentation of prizes, and our Artillerymen are to be congratulated on the way in which their lady friends turned out to see them receive their honours.

The members of the brigade were drawn up in three sides of a square facing the tables which were decorated with the prizes, shields and challenge cups won at the rifle competitions at Cote St. Luc, at the artillery competition at Halifax, and the militia championship games held last October in the Drill Hall.

Shortly after 8 o'clock, Lieut.-Col. Cole opened the proceedings by congratulating the brigade on the evident interest taken in their work as shown by the large attendance of their friends, and he took the occasion to explain to the visitors the nature of the several competitions for which the prizes were given, and claiming that while aiming to be efficient artillerymen they had been able in the past to hold an honourable position as rifle shots in competition with the infantry corps in the city.

The officers of the brigade were present in full force, and amongst the visitors were Lieut.-Cols. Houghton and Turnbull, Major Labelle and Capt. Desnoyers, of the 65th; Lieut.-Col. Hood and Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock, of the Royal Scots; Capt. Lane and Brush, retired officers of the M. G. A.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Ogilvy and Mrs. Benton, and the Oswald Challenge Cup, which has been finally won by No 6 Battery, was presented by Lieut.-Col. Houghton.

Lieut.-Col. Turnbull was called upon to present his Challenge Shields, and in doing so referred in flattering terms to his successor, the present commanding officer, who was anxious to see every member of the brigade an efficient artilleryman.

Lieut.-Col. Hood presented the Cup won by Sergt. Drysdale, the winner of the Governor General's Prize at Ottawa, and hoped that he would as successfully represent his Brigade at Bisley, next summer.

During the evening the Band played selections in the lower hall and refreshments were served in the sergeants' mess.

The Royal Scots have obtained permission to use hereafter the same tartan as that worn by the "Black Watch," Royal Highlanders. Hitherto the Lorne pattern was worn, but the difficulty of replacing it from time to time was so great that it was decided to adopt one in more general use. Apart from this we cannot but think that the Scots have done wisely in adopting a pattern identical with that used by the most famous Highland Regiment in the Army.

We learn that a new outfit of uniforms is on the way for the Royal Scots and may be expected within a month. This will be extremely satisfactory to the corps and will no doubt considerably help recruiting and attendance at spring drills.

The members of D Company, Royal Scots, had their annual dinner on Friday, 13th inst. A party of about sixty drove out to Pelouquin's, where the affair came off. The invited guests present were Lieut.-Colonel Caverhill, Major Ibbotson, Capt. Lydon, Sergt.-Niven, Col.-Sergt.-Goldsack, Col.-Sergt. Atcheson and some civilian friends. Col.-Sergt. Drabble presided at the dinner, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The various toasts were dealt with by Sergt. Crawford, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, Major Ibbotson, Capt. Lydon, Sergt. Kelly, Sergt.-Major Niven, Col.-Sergt. Goldsack, Col.-Sergt. Atcheson, Pipe-Sergt. Clarke, and Mr. Jas. Norris. The hilarity was further promoted by the vocal and instrumental efforts of Mr. G. W. Baker, Bugler Yale, Sergt. Yardley, Pipe-Sergt. Clarke, and others. Singing and dancing was indulged in up to a late hour.

The Sixth Fusiliers begin drill on Friday, 10th February, the right half-battalion parading on that evening; the left wing will muster on the following Friday, and that evening each week, until further orders, will be utilized for drill, by alternate half-battalions.

On Saturday evening, 21st January, the officers of the city corps held a meeting in the Victoria Armory to consider the question of furthering social intercourse among their officers and men. Lieutenant-Colonel Butler, Prince of Wales Rifles, presided, and among those present were: Lieutenant-Colonel Hood, commanding Royal Scots of Canada; Lieut.-Col. Prevost, commanding the Mount Royal Rifles (65th Battalion); Lieut.-Col. Starke, commanding Victoria Rifles of Canada; Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Burland, commanding Sixth Fusiliers, and Captain Alton Clerk, commanding Troop "A" Duke of Connaught Canadian Hussars. The proposition discussed was that a military club or association be formed for officers present and past similar to the Military Institute of Toronto. The question was talked over, but no action was taken further than to arrange for a meeting to be held in the Victoria Armory on Saturday evening, February 4. Some attention was also given to a recreation association for non-commissioned officers and men, and a gymnasium which might be fitted up over the gallery. All these matters will come up at the meeting to be held in February.

The importance of this step to the Montreal force cannot be over-estimated. It has often been discussed by officers and occasionally in the press, an article on the subject having appeared in the issue of this paper on 21st July last. It is hoped that the present action will result in a permanent organization being formed.

The unique features which the coming Smoking Concert of the Victoria Rifles Reserve offer, are attracting much attention and bets are being freely laid on the winners in the "tramp" competition. It is said that costumes are being evolved which will bring blushes of reproach to the faces of the hardened sun-fish who adorn Montreal Harbour in summer and every care will have to be taken to prevent the garments from "fading into nothingness" when brought under the glare of the footlights.

Every facility will be accorded spectators to judge of the demerits of the various candidates, prior to voting. The musical features of the concert promise to be very strong, being in the hands of the best amateurs in the city.

A very jolly evening was spent by the members of the Victoria Rifle Reserve Association in their Club Room, on Tuesday evening, 31st Jan. About fifty or sixty were present, and the various amusements that the Armoury affords, bowling, billiards and shooting, are all well patronized, to say nothing of cards and tobacco. By the courtesy of Lieut.-Col. Starke and the officers of the regiment, the officers' mess-room was given up to the veterans for the evening and its facilities were eagerly taken advantage of; many songs were sung, Messrs. Millar, Johnson, Ramsay, Adams and others being the principal stars. A match at the Morris Tubes was to have been fired between ten members of the reserve and ten officers of the active corps; but with the exception of Lieut.-Col. Starke, not a single one of the latter team turned up, so that a match had to be extemporized between two teams of Veterans. The Vets are in fine shooting trim now and no doubt the officers avoided an over-