

them, behind a most satisfactory means of retreat, and they were covered fairly well from the fire of their assailants. Volley after volley was exchanged until the besiegers became so numerous that resistance was no longer possible, and the blue-coats retired to a wooded knoll some distance in the rear, where another stand was made. After this position had been captured the defenders were forced steadily back all along the line. Here and there, where a clump of trees afforded a halting place, some sharp firing took place, but, with the concentration of the red-coats, which had been rapidly taking place, opposition to superior numbers grew gradually weaker. At length the High Park roadway was reached, the Q. O. R. retiring along the eastern ridge. The hills on the other side of the roadway at the point the opposite embankment been defended it might have offered a serious difficulty to the party of attack. It had been secured, however, by a party of the Dragoons, and the passage across of the Highlanders with Col. Davidson, was attended with no greater danger than the possibility of broken limbs in climbing down the declivity, which had been rendered exceedingly slippery by the litter of oak leaves. The descent, however, was accomplished without accident, although several of the kilties furnished amusement by involuntary tumbles from the top to the bottom.

During the time that the 13th had been securing Grenadier Heights and forcing their way into High Park the Highlanders were struggling with natural difficulties in Grenadier ravine. The regiment, after reaching a point south of Morningside Church, divided into two sections. It was decided that Col. Davidson, with one party, should scale the heights into High Park and join the 13th in driving the Q. O. R. to the Lake Shore road, while Major Macdonald, with the other four companies, should pass around by the lower end of Grenadier Pond and attack the army of the defence on the flank.

The progress of Col. Davidson's detachment was stopped by Grenadier Creek, and a bridge had to be constructed for the purpose of overcoming this obstacle. This work occupied about half an hour, but the achievement was a credit, not only to the industry of the men, but to the mechanical skill of the commander. The delay proved disastrous, however, to the ardent enthusiasm of the warriors, and they arrived on the field of battle too late to be of assistance to their victorious comrades. The other detachment of the regiment obtained a yet more ambiguous renown. They, indeed, accomplished the journey about the pond with a celerity which testified to their desire to engage the enemy, but their emulous valor was not directed by the dictates of prudence, and they fell into an ambush, from which they retreated with the loss, it is estimated, of the great majority of their soldiery. The idea which Major Macdonald attempted to carry into execution was one which would have shed lustre on his name as a military tactician had the execution of the design been rewarded with success. Had he made

the victory would no longer have been doubtful. It would have meant the capture of the base of the defence's position, and also of the rifle pits of the Queen's Own, by the rear. The defenders' position here at the rifle pits was impregnable, except by a rear attack. Accordingly in the defeat of Major Macdonald's move, the defenders saved themselves from an overthrow which nothing could have retrieved.

'I have spent my life in trying to find out what was on the other side of the hill,' the Duke of Wellington said once; and, once posted, the green-coats realized some of the truth of this remark for the next two hours. The 'cyclists were scattered along the line, as were the mounted scouts. Several of the 'cyclists in front of H Company penetrated to within a short distance of Lambton, heard the buglers sounding the "fall in," and kept sight of the advance. They proved themselves remarkably efficient and useful. It was 11.20 a. m. when the first shots were heard. They came from Capt. Mason's sentries on the hill beyond the ravine, and they had brushed up against the 13th. The party hurriedly retired; in the ravine, however, the wily captain halted and coolly destroyed the bridge, doing excellent service thereby, and, as it proved, throwing a large portion of the kilties out of action. Then he fell back and took up his position on the brow of the heights.

Then fully an hour elapsed before the red-coats were ready to develop their assault. Finally on they came in masses. On the right F and I Companies offered a stout resistance, retiring very slowly and disputing every inch. On the left, when once the enemy were across the ravines, they charged down fiercely and made rapid progress. Down south of the pond a three-company detachment met and checked the flanking move of the Highlanders from an excellent position they took upon the bluffs overhanging the road. When the second attack was being made this detachment was opportunely reinforced by some of the outpost line driven in, and the second attack was repelled.

The attack, now developed in force, drove the whole outpost line in, and about a quarter to 1 o'clock the whole of the Queen's Own were safely in their third position, towards which they had been aiming all the time. It was very strong. The Indian road cut it, about one-third of it being to the west of that street. That portion of the position was bounded on the west by the western road into High Park, the bank affording capital cover to the extreme left. The line continued along a line of knolls to the road. Across it, it ran past two or three houses to a very sharp conical hill, which was held, and then led on to the strongest part of the position; a very steep, though not very high, height ran along for some distance and had been formidably strengthened by rifle-pits and shelter trenches by B and C Companies and the buglers, a cordwood redoubt held by B Company forming the extreme right. A shallow valley filled with shrubby undergrowth was in front; and the approaches were so difficult, the hill so steep, and the defensive properties

so strong, that it was really impregnable. Against this rock the enemy's left stumbled, after almost exhausting their ammunition, and the rencontre did them no good. The Queen's Own had taken their ground here, and shown their determination to stake all by its defence, when the "Cease fire" was sounded, and the men fired off rapidly all their remaining ammunition. In all the defence had used about 24 rounds apiece. Then the regiments, attack and defence, massed in Indian road, ready to proceed to the Exhibition grounds.

From their rendezvous in the Indian road the regiments moved off in any order to the Exhibition grounds. They marched, the cavalry first, then the Highlanders, then the 13th, next the Queen's Own and then the 10th. They marched along King street to Close street, down it to the back entrance to the grounds of the Home for Incurables, and turned in, marching by the whole side of the home. The stricken inmates turned out in fullest force to see the soldiers march by, and if faces can be any sign there were gladdened hearts in the home, caused by the treat given the old people by an act of kind thoughtfulness. Some of the regiments marched by at attention. The Grenadiers were marching at ease, and saluted the old people and the Union Jacks they waved by a lusty chorus of "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue." The little deviation was the idea of Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Lt. Col. Hamilton, and Lt. Col. Otter made it possible by kindly giving his consent.

When the troops arrived at the grounds the expectation was that the men would be given until 3.30 p. m. in which to eat their lunch, as they were famished, it being then after 3 p. m., and the great majority having had nothing to eat since the very early breakfast. However, it was decided to hurry on the review, and in a bitter wind the regiments lined up in order of precedence, the Dragoons being on the extreme right, the Body Guards next, and then No. 2 Company, in line. The other regiments were in quarter column, and in the order of their numbering, except that the Queen's Own, their dark ranks looking peculiarly sombre and threatening, were on the left.

The proceedings were brief. First the Gen. and his staff rode along the line, received by the regulation air on the bands. Then the march past came. The Dragoons and Guards walked their horses past, and the infantry marched past in quarter column distance, rifles at the shoulder. The movement was repeated, the cavalry going by at the trot, the Dragoons' line being capital, and the Body Guards doing astonishingly well for indifferently mounted men with few opportunities of drill. The regiments then marched by in close column, with rifles at the trail. The marching was steady and accurate. After that the corps took up their positions again, advanced to the front, gave the royal salute and retired. General Herbert called the officers to the front, and briefly but warmly thanked them for the excellent turn out, professing himself highly pleased with the numbers and the zeal and spirit manifested. His criticism, he said he would defer, and with