

school days, when 13 years of age, he joined the High School Cadets, and, after serving in the ranks, he rose through every position to captain commandant of one of the companies, and was in command of No. 1 company when it went to Quebec to take part in the big review before Prince Leopold and Princess Louise. At that time the Deputy Adjutant General of the Quebec district, Lt. Col. Duchesnay, said it was the best company in the district so far as drill was concerned. After leaving the High School he joined No. 3 company, Victoria Rifles, in which corps he remained until 1885, when he received a commission as second lieutenant in the Sixth Fusiliers, being attached to No. 1 company, of which he was gazetted captain in 1890. This is still Captain Chambers' company, and at the last inspection Lt. Col. Houghton, the D.A.G., gave it full marks for drill. It can, therefore, be seen that in Captain Chambers there is a good successor to Major Atkinson. Capt. Chambers has also seen some service, for in the Northwest campaign he was always to the front in his newspaper capacity, and more than once was pressed into service by General Middleton as aide-de-camp—Cartridge Box in Gazette.

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During the holiday season Lt. Col. Burland sent greetings to the Marquis of Lorne and H. R. H. Princess Louise, on behalf of the officers of the Sixth. In reply he has received the following autograph letter:

Osborne, Jan. 5, 1894.

Dear Colonel Burland,—The Princess and I beg you to accept our warmest thanks for the greetings so kindly sent on behalf of yourself and officers of the Sixth Fusiliers. Pray express our gratitude to the officers of the regiment, and believe me, with best wishes, Yours truly,

LORNE.

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There were usual jollifications about the armories of the various city regiments New Year's day. The officers and non-commissioned officers gave receptions to the men of their several corps. Retired militia men seized the opportunity to renew their acquaintance with the men who had succeeded them, and the members of the regiments exchanged friendly visits. In three of the regiments—the Garrison Artillery, the Royal Scots and the Sixth Fusiliers—the refreshments were on strictly temperance principles. At the Montreal Field Battery Major Hall being on leave, though he attended the reception, Capt. Geo. Hooper did the honors of the officers' mess, assisted by Lieut. Costigan. The callers, of course, included Lieut.-Col. Stevenson, the ex-Commanding Officer of the battery, besides the officers of the district staff, and the sister corps. The whole staff of sergeants were on hand to dispense hospitality in the sergeants' mess. At the Garrison Artillery quarters Lieut.-Col. Cole did the honors, assisted by Major Bisset, Captains McEwan and Reid, Lieuts. Anderson Baldon, Wynne and Wilson. At the Prince of Wales' armory there were present, besides Lieut.-Col. Bond, the former Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Butler,

Major Cooke, Captains Howell, Bartlett, Bond, Finlayson, Dobbin; Lieuts. Wilson, Bourae, Howell, Armstrong.

The officers of the Scots receiving were Lieut.-Col. Strathy, Majors Ibbotson and Gault, Captains Lyon, Cameron, Rankin, Cantile and Ibbotson, Lieuts. Aird, Carson, Brown, Meighan, Forbes and Mackie. The officers, on proceeding to make their tour of fraternal calls, were played out of their regimental quarters by the pipers. In the 6th Fusiliers quarters there was something out of the ordinary in the shape of a splendid musical programme. The men contributed their part to keep up the regiment's reputation as a musical one by a number of choruses, and interspersed among them were songs by such well-known singers as Messrs. Sobeski and W. H. Jackson, Captain Chambers and Staff-Sergt. A. G. Cunningham. It was the opening of the regiment's quarters since the extensive improvements which have made them the most convenient in the Drill Hall. Among the officers of the regiment present were Lieut.-Cols. Burland, Gardner, Lyman, Massey and Sinton; Major Seath, Captains Chambers, Newman and Findlay; Lieuts. Brayley, Danson, Heriot, Wilson, Henderson, and Capt. Robertson.

There was a particularly jolly crowd in the Sixty-Fifth armory, which is always one of the most popular armories in the Drill Hall. On New Year's day, a number of the members of the English regiments always attending. Among the officers of the regiment receiving were Lt.-Col. Prevost, Major Labelle, Captains Desnoyers, Mackay, Manseau, Labelle, Gravel, Thibaudau; Lieuts. Tarte, Duvarger, Charbonneau, Parant, Pelletier. Lieut.-Col. Dugas called on his old regiment during the day.

At the Victoria Rifle's armory up-town it goes without saying, there was a particularly large number of visitors. The sergeants' mess, usually the scene of such lavish hospitality, was closed out of respect for the late Staff-Sergeant Baillie. In the officers' mess Lieut.-Col. Starke received, assisted by the following officers: Majors Sims and Busted, Captains Meakings, Guy, Ogilvie, Rodden, and Pope, Lieuts. Wilson, McKeand, MacAdam, Brown and Hubbard, while among the retired officers were Lieut.-Cols. Henshaw and Whitehead, Major Radiger and many others. Amongst the visitors who made the rounds of the different armories were Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, R.I., Lieut.-Col. Mattee, Major Roy, B.M.; Lieut.-Col. Henshaw, Lieut.-Col. Dixon, 86th Rifles, Three Rivers; Judge Dugas, N. Moffat, Frank Brush, C. N. Armstrong and many others.

#### OTTAWA.

On the evening of the 20th December the Grand Opera House was filled with a large audience composed of the elite of society, to witness "An Assault at arms" presented by the Sergeants of the Governor-General's Foot Guards. The programme opened with selections very well played by the band of the regiment, who at stated periods during the entertainment enlivened the proceedings by a contribution of sweet music.

Next followed feats of swordmanship by Sergt.-Major Morgans of R. M. C., Kingston, such as cutting sheets of writing-paper, splitting a potato covered by a linen handkerchief, without injuring the linen, cutting the carcas of a sheep through with one cut of the sword, besides many other wonderfully clever and neatly executed tours de force, of swordmanship, which were done with a neatness and dexterity wonderful in the extreme.

Next a squad of men from the regiment performed the bayonet exercise, very creditably indeed, although a good deal of nervousness was apparent. This could have been avoided by utilizing the services of a fugleman (sic.) However, all the men's part of the performance reflected most highly upon their steadiness and alertness under arms.

Those exercises which caused the most enthusiasm in the audience and merited the highest encomium were the physical drill, the marching, foil fencing, the club swinging of Mr. Morse, and the tableau of the United States.

The Sergeants of the Guards are to be very much congratulated upon having presented a really excellent evening's amusement, which, while it evidenced the superior drill their corps has attained also showed that the regiment was composed of a smart, soldierly lot of young fellows animated by a splendid esprit du corps, and presenting an appearance under arms that any regiment might be proud of.

Amongst those present were noticed General and Mrs. Herbert, Col. and Mrs. Lake, Col. Irwin, Lt.-Col. Toller and officers of the Guards, besides a good sprinkling of those gallant comrades of the 43rd.—Citizen.

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The officers and men of No. 1 Co. 43rd Rifles executed a neat tactic on the evening of the 4th inst., and came off completely victorious. They all met in their quarters in the drill hall, where after a vigorous and continued use of ammunition for several hours they raised a cloud of smoke (it was a smoking concert) of such dimensions that they were enabled to advance under its shadow to the bandsmen's quarters upstairs, and completely slaughter the big oyster supper there prepared.

The men put in a splendid time. Besides an amplitude of ammunition in the shape of tobacco, there were games, songs and stories. The presentation of prizes was an interesting event. The following were the winners:

1st class—Pte. C. S. Scott, Col. Sgt. J. R. Taylor, Pte. R. Moodie, Pte. J. G. Lyon, Capt. Sutherland, Pte. McJannet, and Pte. C. Routh.

Second Class.—Pte. H. A. Quinney, Pte. Geo. Lamb, Pte. C. J. Mills, Pte. W. A. Baugs, Sgt. E. A. Grant, Corp. A. E. Shore.

Third Class—Pte. William Smith, Pte. D. J. Fraser, Pte. W. H. Kent, Pte. M. Esdale, Pte. H. Oliver, and Pte. E. Cottee.

A vote of thanks to Sergt. J. M. Hurcomb, secretary treasurer of the Rifle association, was moved by Capt. Sutherland and carried. Sergt. Hurcomb was also presented with a silver mounted cane by Lt. Bovilla.—Journal.