

THEIR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

ON Friday, November 20, the 48th Highlanders paraded for their weekly drill. The occasion was memorable, for it was the fifth anniversary to a day of the formation of the corps. A short drill was held, the prizes won at the regimental rifle match were distributed, two long service medals were given to veterans of the volunteers of Great Britain, and then Lieut.-Col. Davidson made a brief address to his regiment. He drew attention to the fact that to a day it was the fifth anniversary of his having been appointed to the provisional command of the regiment, the order having been dated November 20, 1891. As in business, so here, he thought that this was an opportune time for stock-taking, and for looking back on the result of the past year's work. It was with a very great deal of pride and satisfaction that he took that backward look, for it revealed a record of which he considered any commanding officer should feel very proud.

First of all, the entertainment which had been given, when the shell jackets had been presented to the regiment by the ladies of Toronto, had been an unqualified success, numerically and financially. Then there had been the band tournament at Hamilton, at which the band of the regiment had taken first place for marching and second place for general music. Next came the militia tournament, where they had succeeded in almost everything which they had undertaken, even to the bayonet contest, in which they were only defeated by the odd points obtained by Sergeant-Major Morgans, who claims to be the champion swordsman, etc., of the militia force. As to their trip to Hamilton, in which they were under canvas for two nights and two days, he had not had a solitary case brought before him of breach of discipline. "This," the colonel said, "I consider a very marked feature in connection with you, as this is the second time

in which I have had the honor of taking you away under canvas, and on both occasions the conduct of the corps has been unexcelled."

Coming down to rifle shooting: At the O.R.A. matches they had won the blue ribbon of the meet, viz., the City of Toronto prize, or prizes, as they won both the individual and the team prizes. Then, at the D.R.A. matches at Ottawa, they had won the Gzowski Challenge Cup for skirmishing and volley firing; and last, but not least, in the marching and firing competition, they had won the Gascoigne Cup.

He thought (Lt.-Col. Davidson said, in conclusion,) that in view of this record, any man should feel himself highly honored in being in command of such a corps. To officers, non-commissioned officers and men he owed the deepest debt of gratitude for the interest they had shown and the enthusiasm they had displayed in furthering the interests of the corps. Although they were still far from perfection, the milestones they had passed only stimulated them to further exertions.

MILITARY NEWS

The Brantford Expositor is publishing an interesting column on local military gossip every week. It is a new thing and is quite popular with officers and men of that regiment. We would like officers everywhere to encourage their local papers to take up military questions, and especially local military news.

It is quite true that this may detract from

THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE. It is, however, a competition we would like to see and do all we can to promote. The aim of THE GAZETTE is not a selfish one. Its chief object is to do all it can in the interests of the militia and of the country. If it pays running expenses, and keeps out of the sheriff's hands those interested will be happy.

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