

# REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## HALIFAX.

The non-commissioned officers of the Halifax Garrison Artillery were favored with Queen's weather for their annual sleigh drive to Bedford on the afternoon of Feb. 2nd. The atmosphere was almost as balmy as spring as they and their guests drove through the streets in two four-horse teams and a unicorn, and headed by the band of the brigade in another big sleigh. The light fall of snow in the morning had made the sleighing unsurpassed, and the heavily-laden teams were taken over the road at good speed. A portion of the band went to Bedford (the remainder returning to the city from Park street) in the sleighs, and with music and songs the time passed merrily until Wilson's was reached. The staff-officers arrived in the 7 o'clock train, and at 7:30 dinner was served, and about 50 members and guests were seated around the tables. The following unique bill of fare appeared on the menu cards :

### SOUP.

Gascheck, Wedge Wad, Tin Cup,  
Fields Grease, Pulford's Magnetic Oxide.

### JOINTS.

Roast Common, Rolled Pallisser, Fricassed Shrapnel,  
Percussion Sauce, Time Sauce, Direct Action Sauce, Case  
Shot, Star Shell.

### VEGETABLES.

Chain Shot, Cannister, Grape Shot, Friction Tubes, Lubricators, Primes.

### (ARTILLERY) SWEETS.

Trench Carts, Transporting Barrows, Muzzle Derricks, Hydraulic Buffers, Lifting Jacks, Triangle Gyns,  
Temporary Sleighs, Gibraltar Gyns,  
Sling Waggon, Parbuckle Ropes,  
Iron Crabs.

### DESSERT.

Skids, Scotchies, Rollers, Fulcrums, Prisms, Levers, 1st, 2nd  
and 3rd Order,  
Mauls, Planks, Pickets,  
Seiragees, Splices, Knots, Hitches, Bends, Inside Clinches,  
Sheepshanks.  
Gunpowder Tea, Guncotton Coffee.

### RELIEF.

Armour's Essence of Pepsin.

The menu, however, was not so "heavy" as the above would indicate, but was one of those dinners for which Wilson has secured such an excellent reputation. Sergt.-Major Gibbs presided, and B.S.M. Kiddy occupied the vice-chair.

After the dinner the usual toasts followed. Chairman Gibbs proposed "The Queen," which was duly honored, and Vice-Chairman Kiddy proposed "Our Colonel and Officers," which was responded to by Major Garrison, Major Maxwell, Capt. Oxley, and Lieut. Marshall. In the course of Capt. Oxley's remarks he announced that, commencing next Monday, during February and March, there would be a course of lectures given to the N. C. O.'s once a week, by the staff officers, on subjects pertaining to the Artillery. He suggested that the N.C.O.'s might form an association, and a fine be imposed on all who do not attend, the fines to form a nucleus for next year's sleigh drive. The first three Mondays of April there would be a drill for the N.C.O.'s alone, and the following Tuesday the annual drill would commence.

Chairman Gibbs proposed the "Army, Navy and Militia Corps," which was replied to by Qr-Master Saville, R.A., Sergt.-Major Bailey, R. A., Sergt.-Major Muldoon, R. A., Sergt. Horneman, 66th. "Our Guests," and "The Press," were duly honored. "Our next merry meeting" concluded the toasts, which had been interspersed with songs. "All's well," by Sergt. Jackson; "Denny Grady's Hack," Corporal Dimock; "The Fisher Boy," Sergt. Frawley.

After two hours spent at games, music, &c., the sleighs were ordered, and a few minutes after midnight were on the road, having a most enjoyable drive in the moonlight and keen frosty air.

The committee were Brigade Sergt.-Major Gibbs, chairman; B.S.M.'s Melvin, Kiddy and Doane, Sergts. Snow and H. Carroll, and they proved themselves the right men in the right place.

Lieut. Kent, R.E., who married Miss Tiffany of New York, is to take the place of an officer of the Royal Engineers on this station. Mrs. Kent has not enjoyed the best of health since taking up her residence in England, and wishes to reside in the garrison nearest her home, which is Halifax. The officer who goes to England does so by consent and with the sanction of the home office.

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"Private Greasley, of the Leicestershire regiment, was charged with singing on the street, 'Take me home Kathleen.' Instead of allowing his Kathleen to take him home, the officer took him to the police station. Ten soldiers testified that the accused did not act disorderly. The accused stated that he and some twenty soldiers had committed no other offence than singing. This occurred on Christmas Eve. The men sung outside the residences of Lieut.-Governor Daly, Major Reader, Sir John Ross and others. Sergt. Nickelson said that the men would not stop singing when requested. Greasley was the leader. The accused was sent to the city prison for 10 days without a fine."

The above is from the *Halifax Evening Mail* of 17th inst., and many think this is one of the most outrageous instances of injustice on record in the city. Drunks and rowdies have an option of a fine, but here is a soldier, for the simple offence of singing on the street on Christmas Eve, sentenced to prison for 10 days, without the option of a fine.

## TORONTO.

With reference to the recent examinations of those desirous of qualifying as non-commissioned officers in the Queen's Own Rifles, it may be noted that these classes for Sergeants and Corporals Certificates have been parading bi-weekly since the close of last season's drill, and the results of the work are more satisfactory than any of the previous classes since their commencement. The following is an outline of the work taken up, and on which the awards were made.

Definitions, Squad, Company and Battalion Drill, and the duties of guides and markers connected therewith; Interior Economy, and Guard Mounting.

The examinations were both written and oral. The written examinations included descriptions and specimens of the various forms of Company books, forms and reports. The oral or practical work embraced the clear enunciation of words of command, mutual instruction, giving detail in squad and company drill, the manual and firing exercises, and the duties of guides and markers in company and battalion drill; mounting and dismounting guard, marching reliefs, and relieving sentries. The examination and preparation of the classes was conducted by Captains Thompson and Gunther, Capt. and Adjutant M. S. Mercer, and Lieut.-Col. Hamilton.

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The lecture, under the auspices of the Military Institute, by Mr. J. G. Duff Grant, F.I.S., and agent of the Smokeless Powder Co., of London, Eng., on Smokeless Powder and Magazine Rifles, was, despite the blizzard, which accounted for many absentees, a splendid success, and in every way worthy the splendid attention which was paid to the lecturer during the whole of his lecture. The chair was taken by Major Mason, R. G., and among others present were noticed Lt.-Col. Graveley, Majors Buchan, R.C.I., Manley, 10th R. G., Hughes, 45th, and Mead, T.F.B.; Captains Macdougall, R.C.I., Mutton, Q. O. R., McKay, 10th R. G., Hodgins, R. A.; Lieuts. Crean, Q. O. R., and Chadwick 10th R. G., Dr. Powell, Dr. A. Anderson, Mr. J. Ridout, and Mr. Homfray Irving.

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The first "At Home" of the season of the Buglers of the Q. O. R., was held in their Mess-Room on Tuesday evening, the 24th Jan. A very pleasant evening was spent by the many guests, and the success which has followed any entertainment this crack corps undertakes, was still noticeable by its presence.

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The Annual Meeting of "E" Company Q.O.R., was held in the Buglers' Mess Room, on Tuesday, 31st January, Capt. Mutton in the chair. There was a large number of members present. Reports from different committees were

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