

going badly in the whole financial matter, at present being 170 to the
bad). Thursday, one open to 9.45pm. swimming bath 9.45
pm to 10.30pm club room are open after parade.

Both bands are running smoothly - that is as far as a Brass
Band ever can run smoothly - the pipes are all right, but the
you have only to give them a glass of whisky or two and the
difficult is to stop them. The sergeant mess is well organized
and we are getting the officer mess into shape. we had a very
nice dinner of the Paltu - active Battalion members and attached
members - 35 in all - and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves
at least so they said although I must say it was very quiet
indeed in comparison with some Highland dinners. I was at
The Chief Inchee and General Ross were the only ^{main} guests - the
General unfortunately couldn't come he had a bad cold so Greer
took his place. Oh! Wm Barry Humble was there too.

I am sure you know Arthur Lane who was 20 of the 52nd -
he got married recently to a Mrs ^{Godwin} Booth and as he ~~was~~ is
an attached member of the mess we carried him round on the
shoulders of two of the statwark preceded by the pipes playing
the Highland wedding. It was amusing to see the old chief
Inchee gaily tripping round in the procession with his hands
on the shoulders of the men in front. Ay Pelt gave one of his "I
know and the Brigade Command know - and so on up to the Greater"
speeches, which was very reminiscend and told ~~me~~
not exactly drawing room stone. Paul of the Victoria College
said Lane's lab was a true "Iliad", but I hardly think
sir, you would permit it - at any rate uncorrected - in your classed
course.

The list of active officers now is
Morton (off the me. com) adjutant: Heb: Gillespie, Paj: Will Pemberton, 2nd
lieut. Smith, Bate, Scotland ~~company~~ company commander
sergeant (18 of the old 5th man) and several acting 2nd company
and you plan ad good I think.