

Capt. Tidswell, Capt. Hendrie, Lieuts. Laidlaw, Labatt, Fearman, Powis and Duncan did the graceful lance exercise fairly well. This was followed by single-stick drill by a dozen collegiate lads under the direction of Sergt. Athawes. They went through the exercises with prompt precision, and amused the spectators with the earnestness with which they slashed each other in the melee that concluded the exhibition.

Forty men from companies A and C, under Corp. Allan, gave the bayonet exercise. The squad was picked from the right-half battalion, which has been practicing the exercise for several weeks past, and they acquitted themselves most creditably.

Fourteen sergeants under Sergt.-Major Huggins gave an exhibition of infantry sword exercise, which they performed remarkably well, and this was followed by an exciting single-stick bout between Sergt. Garson and Sergt. Atkinson. One of the events of the evening was the drill and dismounting ordnance shift by detachments of the Hamilton Field Battery under Lieut. Duncan, Sergt. Kelly and Sergt. Hilliard being in charge of the detachments. The active gunners brought two guns out on the floor, and Lieut. Duncan put them through the standing gun drill, which they performed with such alacrity as to win loud plaudits from the spectators. Then the order was given to fire a round, dismount gun and carriage, remount them and fire another round. All this was admirably done by both detachments in unison. Next they were given the order to do it in go-as-you-please time, and there was a race between the detachments. Sergt. Hilliard's detachment lost several seconds precious time on the start-off by the handspike slipping, but they were soon hot on the heels of Sergt. Kelly's veterans. The man who had charge of the lanyard at the latter gun got rattled and forgot to put the cap on, so the detachments ended about even. The men were warmly applauded as they marched off. Later on a detachment of them under Sergt.-Major Wholton gave an exhibition of cavalry sword exercise.

Capt. Tidswell and Capt. Hendrie had a lively contest, sword vs. bayonet; the bayonet always had the best of it.

Two squads, aggregating forty men, from E and F companies, under the sergeant-major, went through the physical drill to music. The men executed the graceful movements with a rapidity and precision that were highly praised.

The entertainment concluded with a very hearty scrap with the gloves between Ptes. Wood and Galvin. Wood scored first blood, and had also rather the best of it on the wind-up. Sergeant-Major Huggins was timekeeper and referee.

The music and dancing exhibitions with which the programme was interspersed, were of equal merit with the rest of it. The band played the overture *De's Franc Juges* (Berlioz); the bugle band, under Bugle-Major Filkin, played one of the regimental marches, and Pte. Davis' harmonica band received an enthusiastic encore. The Thirteenth band also played an air and variations by Hartman, which were beautifully played. One of the best numbers on the programme was the dancing of G. A. Mathieson and Capt. Hendrie, in Highland costume, to the music of Pipe-Major Smith; Capt. Hendrie, in the handsome uniform of the Forty-Eighth Highlanders, dancing the sword dance.

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The second night of the tournament was even more successful than the first. The attendance was larger and things worked like clockwork.

The Thirteenth band opened with an overture, and then the sword swinging, lance exercise and cadet drill were gone through as on the previous evening. A decided improvement was shown in the lance exercise, which was exceedingly well performed. The melee of the cadets created much amusement on account of the energetic manner in which they went into it.

Before the bugle band gave its selections, Buglers Barrett, Wakely and Filkin gave several of the most difficult bugle calls. The band played the British Grenadiers, *The Lass o' Gowrie* and other selections and was warmly encored, as it deserved to be. The bayonet exercise by squads from companies B and D under Sergt. Atkinson was rather ragged, but the spectators enjoyed it and applauded vigorously.

One of the features of the evening was the Highland dancing by Capt. Hendrie, G. A. Mathieson, H. Henderson and Wm. Oswald. The latter took the place of Capt.

McDougall, Canadian Regiment of Infantry, who was unable to be present. The quartette danced a Scotch reel to the Pipe Major Smith's pibroch and were encored. Then Mr. Mathieson danced the Shean Trews and Mr. Henderson the Highland fling, after which Capt. Hendrie and Mr. Mathieson danced the sword dance. The dancing was exceedingly picturesque and graceful and pleased the spectators very much.

Two detachments of the Hamilton Field Battery under Lieut. Duncan gave an exhibition drill and disabled ordnance. From the time the word was given until Sergt. Hilliard's gun was loaded and fired was one minute and three seconds by two watches.

Unfortunately Sergt. Kelly's gun slipped off the trunnions during the excitement of the race, owing to the trail not being lifted high enough and that practically put them out of it. The detachments were enthusiastically cheered. The names of the winners were: Sergt. Hilliard, Sergt. Hoodless, Sergt. Male, Bombs. Warren and Barrett, Gunners Tuck, Wilkins, McKeown, Campbell.

The physical drill was performed by a squad of 40 men from companies G and H, under Sergt. Athawes. The cavalry sword exercise, sword v. bayonet, and boxing was repeated and excited much interest. The tug-of-war for the championship of the regiment was expected to be a great event, but proved very one-sided. For months past the battalion has held a series of tugs between companies, the bands, staff, etc., to decide the momentous question of which has the strongest tug-of-war team; the championships of the right and left half battalions were eventually won by teams from the two flank companies, A and H, and they pulled off the final on this occasion. The teams were:

"A" Company Ptes. McKenzie, A. Woods, Davis, McNab, Ellis, Brown, Barker, Sergt. Coddington.

"H" Company—Ptes. Hawkins, Draper, Howe, Dimmock, Hamilton, Mowat, Gallagher, Corp. Wright.

Major Moore acted as referee. "A" Company's team pulled their opponents two successive times without any trouble and won the championship.

The following were the committee, who deserve credit for the arrangements: Major McLaren, Capt. Tidswell, Lieuts. Labatt, Laidlaw, Fearman, Sergt.-Major Huggins, Color-Sergt. Atkinson and Sergt. Garson.

TORONTO.

The results obtained so far this Spring are not yet noticeable in any of the three city regiments. Owing to the state of the weather and the streets it has been impossible to arrange anything but a march out. At their last parades both the Queen's Own and Royal Grenadiers devoted about an hour to company drill, the 48th combining company drill with a march out.

It is to be hoped that the weather from this out will prove more settled, and that the progress and efficiency attained will be more marked. Although marches through the streets are always hailed with delight by the spectators, and possibly by a few who enlist solely to march behind a band, the results do not amount to a row of pins, and can only be carried on during a short drill season at the expense of company and battalion drill.

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Were any sort of a vigorous policy pursued in the building of the new Drill Hall, the regiments who now take to the public thoroughfares to gain elbow room, would have their minds set at rest by the thought that this would be the last season that they would practically be homeless. But instead of this, the indefiniteness as to completion seems to be as great as ever, and at the present rate of progress one would think that almost any time in the next two or three years would answer for the duffers up in Toronto, who don't know any better than to turn out in such numbers as to make a considerable drain on the company funds in order that the men may turn out properly dressed.

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It was thought, until recently, that the Government would allow an increase in the establishment of the city regiments, by granting pay for 55 instead of 42 men per company. The Fates decreed otherwise, and the struggle for a proper equipment will continue for another year at least. One thing