

bour. The fine band of the 78th Highlanders accompanied the party and entertained them with their enlivening strains. On arriving at the Island, the company proceeded to Mr. McNab's grounds, the use of which had been very kindly granted for the occasion, where several marquees had been pitched and a platform for dancing erected, which latter amusement was kept up with great spirit during the day. The company sat down to luncheon about 3 o'clock in regular pic-nic style, and the various uniforms of the military mingled with the gay dresses of the ladies, and the more sober attire of the civilian friends present, presented a very bright and agreeable picture. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent, and although the afternoon turned out rather wet, the sport was not permitted to flag for one moment. The party returned home about half-past eight o'clock in the evening, highly pleased with the day's amusement, and the excellent arrangements which had been made for their entertainment, and they separated, wishing heartily that they might meet again on another similar occasion.

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The members of this Lodge met round the festive board on the 1st inst., for the purpose of entertaining a number of the Brethren of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers about to leave here for England in H. M. ship *Tamar*, very shortly, and a very pleasant evening was spent, some capital songs and recitations being given. The following toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honored :

The Queen and the Craft.

The Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

The M. W. G. Master the Earl de Grey and Ripon, coupled with the M. W. P. G. Master the Earl of Zetland.

The W. Master in a short but feeling speech, alluding to the approaching departure of the Brethren of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, then gave the toast of the evening :

The health of the Brethren of the R. A. and R. E. leaving the lodge, which was most warmly and heartily responded to.

The next toast was—

The three M. W. Grand Masters of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and the Brethren generally throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Then—The ladies.

The Brethren separated as the "we sma' hours" were drawing on, highly pleased and amused with the evening's entertainment. This Lodge, which is principally composed of military brethren, numbers about 60 members and is in a highly prosperous condition, and we are happy to add that some naval brethren have very lately been added to the roll, so that both branches of Her Majesty's service are now represented in it.

When it was moved that this report be adopted, there were many of the brethren spoke both for and against. Several amendments were put and lost by very small majorities, and the original motion was