

Major Cox, who presided, and was ably assisted by Drum-Sergt. Bewley and Paymaster-Sergt. Johnston, in a few appropriate words welcomed the officers and visitors, and then called upon Sergt. Scully to commence the concert by singing the song entitled "The 10th R. G." The singing of Lieut. Cameron, Staff-Sergt. Hutchinson and Mr. Harris, the clog dancing by Mr. Pratt, and the cornet solo by Mr. McKendrick, were all very much admired. Before the performance closed with the singing of the national anthem, Major Mason congratulated the sergeants upon their success at their first smoking concert, also upon the progress they had made with their mess, which was only started in April last.

PRINCESS OF WALES OWN RIFLES.

The annual dinner of the Sergeants' Mess of the 14th Princess of Wales Own Rifles of Canada was held at the British-American Hotel, Kingston, on January 22nd, 1891. Sergt.-Major R. D. Baker occupied the chair. On his right were Lieut.-Col. H. R. Smith, Major and Adjutant J. Galloway; on his left were Mayor W. M. Drennan (also Major Kingston Field Battery), Sergt. W. P. Hewgill representing the Sergeants' Mess of "A" Battery, R.C.A., Col.-Sergt. H. M. George representing the Sergeants' Mess of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Staff-Sergt. F. A. Birch occupied the vice chair, and on his right was Col.-Sergt. Brumell, of the G. G. F. Guards.

After the good things of life had been disposed of, etc., Sergt.-Major Baker proposed the health of Her Majesty, which was drunk with enthusiasm, the company afterwards singing "God Save the Queen." Staff-Sergt. Birch proposed "Our Regiment," which was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Smith and Major Galloway, who complimented the sergeants on the efficient state of the mess in its short existence, and hoped it might have a bright future, etc. Staff-Sergt. J. McIlroy proposed "Sister Regiments," which was responded to by Col.-Sergt. Brumell on behalf of the G.G.F.G.; Sergt. W. P. Hewgill on behalf of "A" Battery, R.C.A., and Col.-Sergt. H. M. George on behalf of the Queen's Own Rifles. "Our Guests" was proposed by Col.-Sergt. H. M. Jack, and responded to by Mayor Drennan and Mr. H. Redmond. "The Ladies" was proposed by Sergt. T. B. Ross, and found nearly every one eager and anxious to respond, among the foremost being Staff-Sergt. W. O'Shea, Col.-Sergt. J. H. Sutherland, Lance-Sergt. R. S. Minnes, Sergt. J. T. Sutherland, Sergt. A. D. Shibley, and Col.-Sergt. H. M. Jack. One of the speakers, in replying to this toast, said that whenever the 14th visited any city they always found the ladies of those cities good soldiers, because they invariably "flew to arms"! "The Press" was proposed in an eloquent speech by Staff-Sergt. F. J. Hoag, and was replied to by "Tommy Green" for the *News*, and Sergt. A. D. Shibley for the *Whig*. During the evening Staff-Sergt. J. McIlroy sang "Mother I Have Come Home to Loaf." Major Galloway sang "Glory and Victory" from the opera "Leo, the Royal Cadet." Staff-Sergt. Birch sang the "Old Brigade." Sergt. Sutherland favoured the company with several selections from "Leo, the Royal Cadet." Lance Sgt. A. W. McMahon favoured the company with a song. Mr. H. Redmond favoured the company with an acceptable song. Col.-Sergt. J. Watts favoured the company with his experience in Fort Henry on Christmas Day, 1885. They were very humorous for the company but very disappointing to him. At an early hour the assemblage sang "Auld Lang Syne."

THE PRINCE OF WALES REGIMENT.

At last, after a hard struggle, the Prince of Wales Regiment have had restored to them the space taken from their armoury in the Mount Cal drill shed for brigade offices. The keys were handed over to Lieut.-Col. Butler on Monday morning of last week, and at 1.30 the same day a meeting of officers

was held on the premises to determine what alterations should be made to adapt them to the requirements of the corps. The first thing ordered was the taking away of the partition wall so as to place in position at once the Morris tube range, which was ordered some two years ago but which could not be used until the remainder of the space belonging to the regiment had been restored.

The order restoring this space to the Prince of Wales, it seems, requires them to make the alterations at their own expense, which they think unfair inasmuch as the Government fitted up each armoury according to the suggestions made by the different corps before handing them over; and it is therefore rather hard that the Prince of Wales should not only have been deprived for some four years of one-quarter of their whole space, and, amongst other annoyances, because the space remaining was insufficient to place a Morris tube range, were obliged to see their best shots leave for other corps (there being no less than three in the Vics' team of ten which won the Carslake trophy), but are now obliged, at their own expense, to take down a partition which should never have been put up, and put up others to meet their wants.

It will be learned with regret that Capt. Cooke, who was to have been gazetted Major of the Prince of Wales, but who was a year ago prostrated with la grippe and has not yet recovered, is not likely to be able to proceed to the school for the necessary first class certificate, and that Col. Butler will therefore be obliged to fill the vacancy by the appointment of another officer.

THE OXFORD RIFLES.

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The event of the season in the social life of the county was the banquet given by the Lieut.-Colonel and officers of the 22nd Battalion Oxford Rifles at the O'Neill House last night. The gathering was one of the most representative of the various interests of the county that could well be gathered together, composed as it was of the members of the county and town councils, county and town officials, prominent citizens of the towns and villages, and representatives of the county press. In addition there were present Lieut.-Col. Smith, D.A.G. of District No. 1, and his able Brigade-Major, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. M. Aylmer, and members of neighbouring corps. The scene presented in the dining-hall was most pleasant and calculated to inspire the utmost conviviality. The tables were arranged and decorated in fine artistic taste, the Union Jack of Old England being conspicuously displayed, while the handsome Ellis trophy occupied a position in front of the chairman. The *menu*, which bore the crest of the corps, was a neat souvenir of the occasion.

The chair was occupied by Lieut.-Col. Munro, who had on his right Lieut.-Col. Smith, D.A.G., Mr. John Barwich and Mayor Douglas, and on his left Mr. Warden Durkee and Col. Cowan, of the 29th. The first vice chair by Major Hegler, with on his right and left Col. the Hon. M. Aylmer and Major Wilkes of the Dufferin Rifles, Brantford. The second vice chair was presided over by Lieut. Revell, chairman of the Mess. The toast list was announced by the vice chair proposing "The Queen," which, as might be expected in such a gathering, was right loyally received, the company singing the National Anthem. "The Governor-General and Lieut.-Governor" from the chair also brought forth loyal manifestations.

"The Army, Navy and Canadian Militia" brought forth appropriate responses from the Deputy Adjutant General and the Brigade Major. Col. Smith commended the Oxford Rifles for their good sense in holding such a dinner, as it had the effect of educating the public as to the capabilities and needs of the militia. He reminded those present that the militia were not organized for their own benefit but for that of the public, and as such they should be en-