

ter, "A" Co., 44; Pte. Brown, "E" Co., 44; Pte. Bailey, "C" Co., 44; Pte. Walker, "F" Co., 42; Bug. Reid, "E" Co., 39; Corp. Russell, "E" Co., 37; Pte. Thomas, "D" Co., 36; Pte. Jones, "B" Co., 36; Pte. Lord, "D" Co., 34; Pte. McDonald, "F" Co., 30.

"D" Co. are advertising a smoking concert for Friday evening. Their prowess with the weed is notorious, and with such names as Buchan, Arnold and Tulloch on the concert programme, a rich treat in this respect is promised. All who can stand an atmosphere like a prairie fire, will enjoy it. An ambulance will be held in readiness for the unseasoned. If I recover, you may hear again from

BUCKSHOT.

Toronto.

The Sergeants' Mess of the 10th R.G. held their usual monthly meeting on the 11th instant. A large number of members were present. The President, Q. M. Sergt. Dale, called the meeting to attention at eight sharp.

Amongst other business, it was carried unanimously, that the present quarters were not large enough to meet the requirements of the mess, and that they move to larger and more comfortable quarters till the new drill shed was ready.

Col.-Sergt. Eward, on behalf of B Co., presented the mess with a fine photograph of the officers and sergeants of B Co., together with the Sergt.-Major.

The President in returning thanks to B Co. through Col.-Sergt. Eward, said he was quite sure the good feeling which now existed between the officers, sergeants and men of the regiment, and which had helped so much to bring about its present high state of efficiency, would be kept in the future as it had been in the past.

A card party was held after the meeting, which proved a great success. Each sergeant invited a friend, not a member of the regiment, and the mess supplied refreshments and instrumental music, which, together with songs rendered by Mr. Wade, Drum-Sergt. Bewley and Sergt. Scully, helped to pass the evening very pleasantly. The party was brought to a close about one o'clock, when God Save the Queen was sung.

The Sergt.-Major's class for the purpose of qualifying any member of the regiment for the rank of sergeant, meets every Thursday and has a large attendance.

There is a rumour going around to the effect that the companies will be requested to put their annual pay into company funds.

Drum-Sergt. Bewley says "the drums" are making great headway with their new pieces and will be in good trim for the opening drill.

Bandmaster Waldron states that the brass band will come out with some excellent new marches and will hold their end up bravely.

Belleville.

Writing as I did two weeks ago about the death of Mr. Huyck reminded me that though there are very few of the veterans of 1812 still living, Belleville still claims one in the person of Lieut.-Col. Elijah Ketcheson, who is now in his 95th year, having been born in June, 1795. He is the oldest living resident of Sydney Township, and the only survivor of the war of 1812 in this county, if not in this province. He is still in very fair health, considering his old age, and apparently smart. When the trouble arose in 1812 he enlisted as a private in the 1st Regiment Hastings Militia, under the command of Capt. John Ferguson, and in the latter part of that year was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He acted in that capacity until October 16th, 1815, when he received a document under the seal of Sir Francis Gore, Lieut.-Governor of Upper Canada, appointing him an ensign in the 1st Regiment Hastings Militia, during pleasure, John Ferguson then being Colonel of said regiment. He received the commission of lieutenant in the same regiment and from the same Lieut.-Governor on April 14th, 1817. He was promoted to a captaincy on Sept. 25th, 1831, by Sir John Colborne, Lieut.-Governor of Upper Canada. In June, 1838, when the 4th Hastings Militia was organized, he was appointed to a captaincy in that command. In 1848 he was appointed Lieut.-Col. of the 2nd Battalion Hastings Militia by the Right Honourable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine. Col. Ketcheson, like Mr. Huyck, also served in the rebellion of 1837-38, at that time acting in the capacity of captain. Such were the men who cleared our forests and broke the virgin sod with their primitive ploughshares, founded our towns and cities, and laid the foundation of this great and growing Canada of ours; and who, when war's loud alarms rang through our land were ready, aye and willing, to exchange the tamer occupations of a peaceful life for the arduous duties and brave and brief career of a soldier. All honour, I say, to such grand old sires, and may their children and children's children exemplify their virtues in their lives, inherit their patriotism, and by so doing prove themselves worthy of their ancestors. Such is the sincere wish of

ARGYLE.

The 21st Essex Fusiliers.

On the 29th January a delegation of the officers of the 21st Fusiliers and a number of citizens waited upon the County Council at Sandwich,

and asked for a grant to purchase necessaries in the way of outfit for the several companies and band. The Council was addressed by Col. Wilkinson, Judge Horn, Mayor White and A. Whittaker. The delegation were pleasantly received, and their effort was rewarded by a grant of \$250.

In the afternoon of the same day the annual meeting of the officers was held at the "Crawford House" parlours, and was a pleasant and successful affair. Present: Col. Wilkinson, Major Guillot, Capt. Meloche, Paymaster; Capt. Reeves, Quartermaster; Captains Cheyne, Ley, Jones, Botsford and Dewsen, Lieuts. Alderton, Jackson, Bartlett and Laing. Particular business engagements prevented Captain Fox, the Adjutant, from attending, also Lieuts. Russell, Sicklesteel and Healy. Lieut. Ponting was ill with la grippe, and Surgeon Casgrain's professional duties kept him away.

Col. Wilkinson presiding, addressed the meeting, warmly complimenting the officers, and pointing out their duties for the coming season. The Regimental and Band Committees' reports were then read and adopted. The regiment was shown to be clear of debt, and a surplus on hand to the credit of the band of \$78.35.

The several committees were then appointed: Regimental—Capts. Dewsen, Ley and Botsford; Band—Capts. Reeves, Dewsen, Fox and Surgeon Casgrain; Mess—Capts. Meloche, Dewsen, Botsford and Lieut. Jackson.

It was then unanimously carried that the regiment enter one team in the "Canadian Military Rifle League," and Col. Wilkinson, Capt. Fox, Sergt.-Major Leighton and Private A. J. Green were appointed a committee to select the team.

The annual election of officers of the Regimental Rifle Association took place: President, Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson; Vice-President, Pte. A. J. Green; Secretary, Lieut. Bartlett; Treasurer, Pte. Dixon. Range officers, Capts. Fox and Jones. Executive Committee, President and Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and captains of companies. The meeting then adjourned. All the officers attended in full dress uniform.

The annual dinner was held in the evening, many influential citizens attending. The menu of the Crawford as usual was excellent, and all heartily enjoyed themselves. After the cloth had been removed, the usual toasts were given and heartily responded to, Major Guillot presiding in his usual happy manner. The Major is thorough in any sphere. The regimental band, under the bandmaster, Professor A. Ruthven, was present, and delighted all with several beautiful selections.

A military concert in aid of the band will be given on the 18th February, in the Music Hall, Windsor.

Hamilton.

The 13th Battalion commenced its annual drill on Friday evening, 14th instant, and taking into consideration that this has been a busy week for amusements, the parade was strong for the first one of the season. Talking of amusements, some of the gallant corps took part in the Minstrels; but it is safe to say they make better soldiers than coloured comedians. The prospects are looking bright for a good year, and the officers, non-coms. and men are evidently determined to make the battalion "a cracker." Colonel Gibson is now busy in Toronto, and Major Moore is in command. The battalion is still under orders for winter uniform, and the men paraded accordingly, looking very smart in their wedge caps.

Captain Stoneman, of "A" Co., with Lieut. Tidswell as Adjutant, took command of the parade and put the battalion through a number of movements. Captain Zealand gave them the firing exercise and Lieut. Tidswell the manual. Col. Otter, D.A.G., happened to be in town and dropped in for a few minutes to see Major Moore.

Company drills will commence at once, and the men will practise rifle shooting with the Morris tubes, a first-class range having been fitted up under the supervision of Captain Adam.

The following orders were read:

No. 5. The regiment will parade for battalion drill on Friday, March 7, at 7.45 p.m.

No. 6. Until further orders, the non-commissioned officers' class will parade on Monday evening, at 7.45, and all recruits will parade on Tuesday evenings at the same hour.

No. 7. Company drills will be as follows: Tuesday evenings, "B," "C" and "D" Cos.; Wednesday evenings, "G" Co.; Friday evenings, "A" and "F" Cos.

At the company parades next week, aiming and position drill will be practised preparatory to target practice with the Morris tubes.

The meeting of officers has been postponed till the 22nd inst.

The bugle band paraded in good strength, as usual. This useful, active and noisy part of the battalion should be encouraged.

Assist.-Surgeon Osborne is making strenuous efforts to appear on parade. He says he will get there by the spring, no matter at what cost.

Capt. Knowles and Lieut. Pirie, of "A" Co., 77th Battalion, Dundas, paid the officers' quarters a visit. Glad to see you; come again.

I noticed in the MILITIA GAZETTE of January 30th that a movement