

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

TORONTO.

Staff-Sergt. James Macdonald, who for some years past has been orderly room-clerk of the Queen's Own, has, owing to ill-health, been ordered to spend the balance of the winter at Nassau, West Indies. He left Toronto on Wednesday, the 18th Jan., going via Newport, and was bidden God-speed, and many fervent wishes for complete recovery, by about 25 of his fellow-sergeants.

Staff-Sergeant Macdonald is one of the best known members of the regiment, and was among those actively engaged in 1866.

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The Ottawa correspondence of the "Toronto News" will be attended to during the coming session by Sergt. A. M. Burns of the Queen's Own. Sergt. Burns will prove a valuable adjunct to the merry soul of the Press Gallery, and his absence will be seriously felt by "C" company, should the session be prolonged through the spring drill.

The following are the names of the successful certificate winners at the recent examinations of those desiring to qualify as non-commissioned officers in the Queen's Own Rifles.

Sergeants Certificates.	Maximum 160 Marks.
Pte. D. R. McKenzie	116
Sergt. W. Burns	115
Pte. McIntyre	113
Corp. Small	110
Corp. Beatty	105
Corp. Cowan	104
Corp. Neblock	101
Pte. Legge	101
Pte. Harris	99
Pte. Simpson	99
Corp. Norrie and Corp. Atkins	97
Corporals Certificates.	Maximum 120.
Pte. McNeil	85
Pte. Addison	82
Pte. Lyon	82
Pte. Sellery	81
Pte. McMurray	81
Pte. Stovell	77
Pte. Dickson	77
Pte. Hoskins	75
Pte. Jones	74
Pte. Freer	74
Pte. McBeth	74
Pte. Orr	74
Pte. Friend	72
Pte. Meredith	72
Pte. Hills	72
Pte. Hunter	70
Pte. Peters	70
Pte. Langlois	69
Pte. McLean	68
Pte. Crowley	68
Pte. Cliffe	67
Pte. Hedges	67
Pte. Palin	65
Pte. Smyth	64
Pte. Black	64
Pte. White	64
Pte. Wharin	64
Pte. Hanna	64
Pte. Busteed	63
Pte. Kent	63
Pte. Conniff	61

The examination was conducted by Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Capt. Thompson and Gunther, and the Adjutant, Captain Mercer.

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It has been finally decided, in fact no other course was left open—by the authorities of the Queen's Own to transfer the headquarters of "K" company from the 'Varsity to the Armory, and to recruit it as a down-town company. A little indignation at this action has arisen in the minds of a few who are not aware of the apathy and extreme indifference as to the welfare of the company shown by the University Coun-

cil. That august body refused to grant any assistance, no matter how slight, and fearing a repetition of the past year's work, no other course was left open than to cut away from the 'Varsity and put "K" Co. on the same basis as that on which the other companies are conducted.

Capt. R. Rennie retains the command. Lieut. Coleman goes to "E" Co., and Lieut. Barker and 2nd Lieut. Gilmour will make up the subalterns of the new company. Sergt. J. G. Langton of "B" Co., has been promoted to be Color-Sergeant, vice Color-Sergt. Harcourt resigned. All the N.C. O.'s, and the greater part of the men retire, so that the *persennel* of the company will be almost totally changed.

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Verily, we learn something new every day, but perhaps it is not through ignorance, but with some hidden object in view, that the Editor of the *Toronto Mail* gives to its readers the astonishing news that "the team representing the Hamilton Regiment wins the Gzowski competition." No more and no less. Is it any wonder that the ire of the *Hamilton Spectator* is aroused, and nasty remarks anent the impossibility of Toronto soldiers having to live on microbes and win anything, appear in its next issue?

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The non-commissioned officers and men of G company, Royal Grenadiers, entertained their officers and friends at their eleventh annual dinner on night of 25th inst., at Webb's. Capt. McKay occupied the chair, Color-Sergt. Gurney and Sergt. S. Bennett the vice-chairs. Capt. Bruce, Sergt.-Major Cox, Staff-Sergt. Bewley, Lieut. Stimson and others occupied places on the right and left of the chairman at the head of the table. Major Mason sent a note of regret at his unavoidable absence. Some excellent songs were sung by Messrs. McLean, Doughty, Palmer, Brymner, Bartlam, Lyne and Moore and others. Drummer Palmer was particularly entertaining with his whistling in imitation of the different birds. Capt. Bruce, Capt. McKay, Lieut. Stimson, Staff-Sergt. Bewley and Sergt.-Major Cox made stirring speeches in response to the different toasts. The party broke up when the hours began to grow larger, all well pleased with the success of the eleventh annual dinner.

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Sergt. Cumming presided at an oyster supper given in the sergeants' mess in the New Fort barracks on 25th Jan. Invitations had been sent to the city corps, and Color-Sergt. Cooper and Staff-Sergt. Williams represented the Queen's Own Rifles, Staff-Instructor Hollinger represented the 48th Highlanders, and Sergt.-Major Cox, of the Grenadiers, regretted that he could not be present owing to a previous engagement. An excellent time was enjoyed by the goodly number present, and all were delighted.

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The Drum and Bugle Corps 48th Highlanders, 24 in number, drove out to Mimico on the evening of 20th inst., and gave an interesting entertainment in the assembly hall, Victoria Industrial School. Mr. Grenville P. Kleiser added materially to the enjoyment of the evening by giving several readings. The varied programme consisted of music by the corps, bagpipe music by Pipe-Major Ireland, Highland dancing by Piper Tranem, bar and trapeze acting by J. Russell, J. Wade and R. Morgan, songs by buglers C. Asher, J. Parkinson, W. Watts and H. Evans, and was much appreciated by the large audience, the singing of Mr. F. Linky being enthusiastically applauded.

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A meeting of the Toronto members of the Royal Military College Club was held at the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, to consider certain proposed changes in the Club's Constitution. Amongst those present were, A. E. Hodgins, C.E., Mexico, Capt. C. R. Hodgins, R. A., (from India), W. A. H. Kerr, A. K. Evans, Warner Brock, F. J. Dixon, Capt. J. C. MacDougall, C.R.I., Capt. Kirkpatrick, A.D.C., J. H. Laurie, R. Lanc Regt., Capt. Drummond McKay, and Mr. L. H. Irving.

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The "Last Roll Call" of K. Company, Q. O. R., was celebrated on the evening of the 26th Jan., by a dinner. Under its title it might be inferred that the repast was of a sad and solemn character, abounding in touches of sentiment expres-