

ports were read and adopted with a great deal of satisfaction, especially the adjutant's (Captain Lydon's), which showed that during the past year eighty-five new members had joined the "kilted laddies," of which only five were under the standard height (5 ft. 8 in.), and these were admitted because they had relatives in the corps and were none of them more than one-half inch short; in fact the average of the new men were 5 feet 9½ inches. The report also showed that the regiment had had 28 parades during the past year, a good showing. The election of committees was then proceeded with. The make up will be about the same as last year. A new committee consisting of Major Blaiklock and Lieut. Andrews was added; to be known as the Rifle Committee, which will attend rifle meetings on behalf of the officers and report to the same. The programme of drills for the coming year were laid out. Every Monday evening, commencing on the coming one, there will be battalion parade without arms, and so that the men will be thoroughly up it will commence with number one section of squad drill.—*The Gazette.*

TORONTO.

The third revolver match of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Revolver Association was held in the drill hall on Tuesday evening, 2nd February, and was highly successful, a large number of competitors being present and the interest very keen. Captain Pellatt, the genial president of the association, held first place throughout the greater part of the evening with a score of 36, and it not till almost the close of the match that Capt. Mercer succeeded in defeating him by 2 points.

In the Company team match G Co. won handily, and in the Telegraphic match, owing to the scores not being sent in or some other unexplained reason, only the scores of the Queen's Own and Grenadier teams could be obtained.

Following is the programme with list of prizes and winners:—

General Match.—Open to all members of the association. Range 25 yds. Standing, off hand. Revolver, any pattern not exceeding .45 calibre and 7½. Rounds 7. Entries limited to three scores, highest score to count.

1st prize, Field Glasses.....	Capt. Mercer....	38
2nd " Opera Glasses.....	Capt. Pellatt....	36
3rd " Valise.....	Cr.-Sgt. Crooks....	35
4th " Card Receiver.....	Sgt. Duncan....	31
5th " Set Shoe Brushes.....	Lieut. Rennie....	31

Company Team Match.—Open to three officers, n. c. officers and men from any company. Aggregate of three scores in General Match to count.

1st prize, G Co. team—	Capt. Mercer, 94; Cr.-Sgt. Sanson, 58; Corp. Rouch, 71—223.
2nd prize, K Co. team—	Cr.-Sgt. Crooks, 87; Sergt. McLaren, 74; Pie. Clarke, 51—212.

Telegraphic Match.—Open to six officers, n. c. officers or men of any battal-

ion or revolver association. Conditions same as in general match, except that entries are limited to one score for each competitor of seven rounds.

1st prize, Q. O. R. team.....	171
2nd prize, Grenadiers.....	98

The committee responsible for the management of the association are Capt. Pellatt, President; Capt. Mercer, Vice-President; Col.-Sergt. N. B. Sanson, Sec.-Treas.; Lieut. Pringle, R.G., Lieut. Rennie, Staff Sergt. Ashall, Q.O.R., Staff-Sergt. Harp. 48th Highlanders, Executive.

The committee have almost completed arrangements for a suitable building wherein weekly practices can be held and at next match, which is to be held about the latter end of March, it is the intention to grade the competitors according to the scores made by them both at practice and the former matches, so that the matches will be divided into nursery, intermediate, and general. It was unfortunate that word did not arrive from Ottawa or Montreal as teams from the Victoria Rifles, Gov. General Foot Guards and 43rd Rifles had been expected in the Telegraphic Match.

If the conditions can be at all equalized as to weapons and targets, it is altogether likely that competitions will be carried on not only through Canada but also with teams from the several military centers of the United States.

In your issue before last I spoke of a rumour of one of the officers of one of the regiments transferring his allegiance to the Highlanders. Monday's *Empire* makes the statement that Capt. Macdonald, adjutant of the Queen's Own, has tendered his resignation and would be appointed junior major of the Kilties. If such be true the Queen's Own have received the heaviest blow that they have felt for some time, and while they feel the honour that has been conferred on one of their officers, has in a measure been conferred on them, nevertheless all will concur in feeling that honour dearly won. Capt. Macdonald has ever been an ideal officer, a good drill, a strict disciplinarian, a keen rifle shot, and the splendid interior economy displayed by the Queen's Own is in no little degree attributable to his effort. The Kilties are again to be congratulated on their choice and let us hope that Major Macdonald will find in his new comrades the same support that on many occasions was given him by the Queen's.

Doric Lodge No. 316, A.F. & A.M., G.R.C., are making a departure that to judge from all accounts will prove highly successful. This lodge has quite a few military brethren, and decided that on their regular monthly meeting, 18th inst., they would term it military night. Invitations have been issued to the military men of the different lodges and the chairs for the evening will be filled by members of the militia. The chairman of the committee is Capt. J. H. Knifton, Q.O.R.,

while Capt. Henderson, 48th Highlanders, acts as secretary.

The members of D Co., Q. O. R., are having a company picture taken and judging from reports it will prove one of the best of its kind ever turned out in Canada.

The annual dinner of the Sergeants' Mess, Q. O. R., takes place on the 26th inst., and a highly successful one is anticipated.

The third and last assembly for the season of the Grenadiers will be held at Webb's on the 29th inst., and the prospects are that it will excel either of the previous ones. These events have all been highly successful and reflect great credit on all concerned, no little feature being the music supplied by the regimental band under Bandmaster Waldron.

BRECH-BLOCK.

GLEANINGS.

Experiments during the past year with snow parapets show, according to an article on the subject in the *United Service Gazette*—1st, that plugged shell would pierce 18 feet of snow; 2nd, that 2 feet of rammed snow and 25 feet of loose snow would give cover against field artillery projectiles; 3rd, that splinters of shell did not penetrate more than 20 feet; 4th that it is extremely hard to lay accurately at snow works. These results indicate the best form of snow parapets as one of loose snow 25 feet thick.

The Dominion Government must take prompt action to improve up in the present unfortunate condition of affairs or the day is not far distant when the noble salmon will cease from troubling. The law at present demands that all nets should be raised from 6 p.m. on Saturday until 6 a.m. on the Monday following. This, however, is not always complied with, and the decrease of the fish proves that the period is not sufficiently long to properly protect them. A wiser law would compel the raising of all nets during three full days and nights of each week, and I understand that lessees of rivers and other fishermen will petition the Government for the passing of such a law. That they may meet with success is the earnest wish of all who understand the matter. The salmon is too valuable to Canada to be neglected.—Ed. W. Sandys in *Outing* for February.

A Twelve Thousand Dollar Farm.

A subscriber to the *Montreal Weekly Witness* writes to that paper, that through the hints received in its agricultural column he is now the possessor of a twelve thousand dollar farm which he otherwise would not have owned, and that he, through following its advice, is making a success of his orchard and bee culture. It is a notable fact that the readers of the *Montreal Witness* are as a rule well-to-do, prosperous and influential. People of this class admire such a paper as the *Witness*, and the *Witness* aids in increasing their prosperity and extending their influence for good. It is a highly interesting paper. Messrs. John Dougall & Son, Montreal, are the publishers.