

prize worth \$200. A vote of thanks to Col. F. Henshaw, of Montreal, president of the council, for subscription of \$100, was accompanied by a happy reference to his approaching marriage, which provoked from Col. Henshaw an equally happy response. With a partner in life, his interest in the work of the association would be doubled, and he should always be glad to do anything he could. (Applause.) He hoped the deficit of last year would be wiped out, and that the wealthy men of the Dominion would double the income of the association. He made an earnest appeal for increased subscriptions.

The proceedings closed with the election of officers, which resulted in the selection of Lieutenant-Colonel Gibson as president, and the same vice-presidents as last year, with the exception of Lieutenant-Colonel Beard being substituted for the late Lieutenant-Colonel Botsford in New Brunswick, Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Macdonald for Mr. Kaulbach, M.P., in Nova Scotia, and Lieutenant-Colonel Prior in place of Senator Macdonald in British Columbia. After the meeting the council met and re-elected Lieutenant-Colonel Henshaw as chairman.

After the D. R. A. meeting to day Lieutenant-Colonel Gibson, president of the association, entertained His Excellency the Governor-General and about one hundred other guests at luncheon in the Senate restaurant. Amongst those present were: Hon. J. C. Patterson, minister of militia; Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. L. H. Davies.

Reminiscences of Wimbledon

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In reading over the last issue of the GAZETTE I notice some comments on the life of the late Major Pearse, the Queen's prizeman of 1875, at Wimbledon, and events of years ago came back to memory. I was a member of the Canadian team of that year, which you will perhaps remember was a red letter year for the Canadian team, for we won the Kolapore Cup, roll-up the largest majority in the history of the match. Canadians, 635; mother country, 601; besides getting several men into the Queen's 60, as it was then. Major Pearse as the winner of Queen's of that year was the hero of the hour. It was common talk on the range that Pearse had a presentiment he was to win the Queen's and I believe expressed himself so before the match, but, be that as it may, he carried off his honors well and his tall handsome bearing and kindly manner won the admiration of all, certainly a strong contrast to a canny Scot who was the winner some years before. The story goes, in fact I was almost an eye witness myself, that when the presentation was made by Princess May of Teck, he, after receiving the bag of sovereigns from royal hands, made bold to count them in the presence of the whole assemblage. Another reminiscence in the life of Major Pearse occurred in the year 1878, at Wimbledon. We had been

unluckily firing the Kolapore match at the conclusion of which, by the way, one of our team Sgt. Weyman made a magnificent score of 91 points at Queen's ranges, Snider rifle. It was a very hot day with dancing light, and as a result such a score as above was nothing less than a marvel, especially as the weapon used was an ordinary rack rifle, with the browning all worn off, and the stock presenting that appearance usually to be seen in country armouries after a twelve days camp. Addressing Pearse I said, "Major, have you anything like this?" for it was the finest score with Snider rifle made at Wimbledon that year. He replied excitedly, "show the man that made that score in such a light and I will show you the best man on Wimbledon common." It is useless to say how proud I was to do honors, and although we lost the cup, Weyman's score was a solace in an hour of disappointment.

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48th Highlanders.

"Company, 48th Highlanders, Toronto, had a very enjoyable smoking concert on March 20th, right in the ambulance room at old Upper Canada College Barracks. There was a large attendance of the members of the regiment. Capt. Currie and Lieut. Campbell, the company officers, presided. An excellent programme of songs, recitations, and instrumental music was furnished by the members of the company and their friends. Piper Trenam gave some fine bagpipe music. The affair was very successful.

The first annual banquet of the Bugle Corps of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, was held in Webb's parlours in that city on March 21st, and was a great success.

The chair was occupied by Bugle-Major Robertson, who performed his duties in a soldier-like manner. Among the guests were Major Macdonald, Capt. McGillivray, Lieut. Ramsay, Mr. Alex. Muir, author of "The Maple Leaf Forever," Piper-Major Ireland, Trumpet-Major Belcher, G.G.B.G., Bugle-Major C. Swift, Q.O.R., Bugle-Major Farmer, R.G., Professor Carkeek, Messrs. R. Bennett, Bert Kennedy, and others. The members of the band present were, besides the chairman, Sergt. McKim, Corporals F. Kennedy and D. Collie, Buglers C. Lamb, C. Asher, J. Thomson, J. Parkinson, T. Dobie, J. Banks, J. Russell, R. Kerr, A. McKenzie, D. Stewart, B. L. Selby, H. Urquhart, A. Kemp, J. Miller, F. Taylor, F. Ford, and A. Shedden. Lieut.-Col. Davidson was unable to be present, and sent a letter of regret. The toasts were "The Queen and Royal Family," "Our Commanding Officers," drunk with Highland honors, and responded to by Major Macdonald and Capt. McGillivray. "Canada" was responded to by Mr. Alex. Muir in a rousing patriotic speech. "Canadian Militia" brought speeches from Major Macdonald and Lieut. Ramsay. "Our Brother Buglers" was suitably acknowledged by Trumpet-Major Belcher, G.G.B.G., Bugle-Major Swift, Q.O.R., and Drum-Major Farmer, R.G. "Our Guests" was responded to by Pipe-Major Ireland and Mr. Bert Kennedy. Bugler Thomson responded for "The Ladies," and the toast of "The Press" concluded a most enjoyable and enthusiastic gathering. During the evening Professor Carkeek rendered some excellent piano solos, Mr. Bennett sang some fine comic songs, Messrs. Anderson and Parkinson gave guitar and mandolin solos, Piper Tramholm a violin solo, and piano and guitar solos by Messrs. Williams and Kennedy.

The Grenadiers.

After the long Lenten abstinence the Grenadiers' assembly, almost the sole joy from society's point of view, of Easter week, came off March 27th with all the greater zest on account of the relief. For the first time the event took place in the new Confederation Life Building, Toronto, where Mrs. Blackstock gave her charming dance last winter. The hall was artistically adorned. Some 300 guests were present, but among them were missed the faces of the Government house party, owing to Lady Macpherson's death. On this account the formality of the opening lancers was dispensed with. There were several new numbers on the programme, including a two-step by Sousa, the master of two-step composition, entitled "Liberty Bell." The committee was composed of Major Bruce, Capt. Tassie (chairman), Capt. Cameron, Capt. Irving (honorary secretary), Lieut. Lehman, Assist. Surgeon King, Lieut. Willis. Amongst the guests were: Col. and Mrs. Otter, Col. Turnbull, Col. and Mrs. Mason, Col. and Mrs. Hamilton, Capt. and Mrs. Barlow Cumberland, Mrs. Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Blackstock, Major and Mrs. Bruce, the Misses Boulton, Mrs. A. B. Cameron, Mr. Victor Cawthra, Lieut. and Miss Cadwick, Col. and Mrs. Grassett, Capt. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gooderham, Mrs. and Miss Gzowski, Major and Mrs. Hay, Mr. and the Misses Kingsmill, Surgeon and Mrs. King, Mrs. C. T. Long, Miss Long, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Osborne, Major and Mrs. Pellatt, Dr. Ryerson, M.P.P., Surgeon-Major Strange, Dr. C. Temple, Mrs. and Miss Turner. From a distance were present: Mrs. Archer Martin, Winnipeg; Capt. Lester, Mr. H. E. Gates, Mrs. McKay, Miss Donville, Hamilton; Miss Sullivan, Sault. Ste. Marie; Mrs. Ruttan, Winnipeg; Mr. and Miss Gilmore, Mr. G. S. Morrice, Montreal; Miss Alice Misner, Buffalo; and Mr. R. F. Morkhill, 5th Dragoons.

The 48th Highlanders.

The 48th Highlanders, 406 strong, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Davidson, paraded for the first time this season at the old Upper Canada College ground. Curiosity exists among the men as to where the regiment will go for the 24th of May (Queen's birthday), but it has not been decided yet. Quite a number of invitations have been received from different towns. The following regimental orders have been issued by Lieut.-Col. Davidson: Orderly officer for week, Second Lieut. Cosby; next for duty, Second Lieut. Thompson; orderly sergeant, Sergt. Fraser, F. Company. The resignation of Lieut. D. H. McLean has been accepted. The regiment will parade at headquarters on Friday, April 9, at 8 p. m., and will continue to parade weekly at the same time and place until further orders.

Dufferin Rifles

An important meeting of the Dufferin Rifles, Ottawa, took place on March 16th, Lieut.-Col. Jones presiding. The main business of the meeting was to discuss the appointment of a permanent drill instructor. After some discussion it was unanimously decided to engage Sergt.-Instructor Belau, of the Toronto School of Infantry. He is probably one of the best drill instructors in Canada, and will reside in the city permanently. Under his instructions the regiment should have no difficulty at all in taking first place. Members of the battalion will be delighted to hear of this move, and the 38th will doubtless take a large-sized boom.

The question of a band also came forward, and it was decided to organize one for the regiment apart altogether from any other bands in the city.