

Goode street, which lies immediately south of the Armory. This is meeting with slight opposition, but, as it is of such a trivial nature, no fear is entertained as to the outcome. One great argument adduced was the closing up of what could be made into a breathing spot for so many citizens, but, as the deputation pointed out that owing to the ground being gravelled not much use could be made of it for a park, this objection dropped. It seems absurd to think that, with a street specially opened on the north of the Armory and the broad Queen-street avenue running from College to Queen, any talk of breathing spots should enter into the discussion. Attempts are now being made to get the Benchers of the Law Society to open the grounds of Osgoode Hall during the day-time, and, if successful, ample recompense will be done to those debarred from breathing the air around the southern part of the Armory.

A military tournament to be held in the Armory early in June is the event second in importance only to the Horse Show. Entry blanks and advance programmes will be issued very shortly.

If proficiency on bowling alleys makes a good soldier, one could understand the apathy of the Government in not completing the Morris tube galleries. Nothing has yet been done, and, despite the facilities afforded by their new quarters, the volunteers are just as deficient in what is admitted to be a great help and guide to rifle shooting as they were when they were domiciled in the old barn on West Market street.

#### QUEEN'S OWN TROUBLE.

Judging from the number of startling reports one hears, or has heard, these last few months, a spirit of unrest seems to pervade the atmosphere of several of our military centres.

Halifax, Montreal, St. John's, London and Toronto have all contributed towards the very interesting articles in the different newspapers, although it seems that even in this the Queen's Own receive the lion's share of the interest manifested or of the press notices. It has been rumored for some time past that the apparently existing spirit of harmony in the Q.O.R. was built on a shaky foundation, and the surprise is that the developments of the past few days did not become public property any time during the past eighteen months.

That they have been withheld so long is entirely owing to the loyalty of the majority of the officers of the regiment, who have willingly increased their obligations in their attempt to better the administration and keep the internal history of the regiment from becoming public property.

Despite all their efforts, and owing to circumstances wholly beyond their power to control, matters relating to the affairs of the

regiment leaked out and became, through the daily papers, public property.

The increasing friction between Lieut.-Col. Hamilton and his officers culminated in the latter writing to Headquarters, and, as it has been said, asking for an investigation into regimental affairs and stating that several of his chief officers were conspiring to have him removed. Be this as it may, on the 20th ult. a letter was received by Col. Hamilton, from the Militia Department, containing a request for his resignation.

The latest information obtainable at time of writing is that Col. Hamilton has refused to accede to the request for his resignation and states that he will throw the onus of his dismissal on the Department. He states as his reason for this action that he has asked for an investigation, and thinks, in justice to himself, that such an investigation should be granted.

Several articles have appeared in the daily papers, all of which strive to make the point that the whole matter is caused by those who desire promotion and who are dissatisfied at the commanding officer holding his position so long. The great similarity between several of these accounts furnishes strong suspicion that they have been loaded by one and the same party in an abortive attempt to either mould public opinion or at least try to assure the powers that be that such is the real and true reason for the existence of the present state of affairs. Some think that the matter may be reopened and a formal investigation held, and it is freely stated that, should such prove to be the case, the range of such investigation should embrace all matters within the regiment.

It is to be regretted that the affairs of this gallant corps could not be straightened out with considerably less gratuitous advertising, as the consensus of opinion is directly favorable to the regiment. Of course, so much publicity is deplorable, but those who know best the spirit of those comprising the Q.O.R. are firm in their belief that the old corps will in no wise suffer from the operation it is now undergoing.

#### THE SENTRY.

#### WIND UP OF SOCIAL EVENINGS.

MONTREAL, April 4— That the hard work of the drill season has commenced may be seen from the fact that the many enjoyable socials of the different corps have come to an end. Events of this kind, whether once a fortnight or once a month, tend in a great measure towards the keeping of a corps together

with a solidity that cannot be surpassed. When the drill season closes, unless there is something of this kind, the men return in to the spring drill with a tardiness that is in a great measure done away with by these events. They have a great cementing force, and not only do they pass a joyous evening, but they also bring the men together where they meet and make better acquaintance. They are also the means of keeping the corps compact, for unless something of this kind is entered into, the men soon lose all heart in the work. There is nothing like a social evening to brace them up for the drill seasons. It would be well if several of the other corps, who at the end of the drill season go to sleep like the bear, and when spring comes, waken up with a dim knowledge of the events that have taken place in the military circle during their "sleep," would remember this and act on it. Let the officers take a hand in such matters and keep their men always alive to the changes and military news of the day by having a social now and again through the winter.

The Field Battery had their last social for the season the other night. They have been holding them fortnightly during the winter, and they have been marked with success all through. One had only to look at the free and easy manner of the men to show that they were all acquainted and at home with one another. A word of thanks is due to Sergt. Porteous, Sergt. Pettigrew, Gunrs. Wilkinson and Paton, who discharged the duties of caterers to the utmost satisfaction of the corps. About 30 couples tripped the light fantastic on the closing night; Capts. Costigan and Hooper and several other officers enjoyed themselves with the "boys."

Considerable improvements have taken place within the last few months in the armory of the Field Battery. Everything is nicely arranged, and the laying out of the accoutrement smacks of regularism. Armory-Sergt. Higgins, who has served in the army at home, has that knack of keeping



TRUE WESTERN COURTESY.

Broncho Pete (to fair passenger from the east)— I say, Ma'am, do you think it would quiet it if I was to shoot an Injun or two for it?