

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

TORONTO.

The election of officers for the year 1893 for the Q. O. R. Sergeants' Mess was held in the mess rooms on Monday evening the 9th inst.

The contest was very close throughout, resulting in the following ticket :

President, Color-Sergt. Lennox.
 Vice-President, Staff-Sergt. Ashall.
 Sect'y, Sergt. W. Burns, (accl.)
 Treas., Sergt. Jos. Thompson, (accl.)
 Supt. of refreshments, Staff-Sergt. R. M. Williams, (accl.)
 Board of management : Sergts. Meadows, Cunningham, Westman, Color-Sergts. Vicars and Cooper and Staff-Sergt. Donnelly. The reports of the retiring officers all showed the Mess to be in an exceedingly healthy condition and a satisfactory balance appeared in the financial statement.

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The election of the Sergeants' Mess of the 48th Highlanders was held in their Mess Rooms on the 9th inst., resulting as follows :

President, Staff-Sergt. Harp.
 Vice-President, Color-Sergt. McBean.
 Secretary, Sergt. McEvoy.
 Treasurer, Color-Sergt. H. Rose.
 Board of Management : Color-Sergt. Stewart, Sergt. Daveson and Sergt. Fraser.
 Gymnasium Committee : Color-Sergt. Smith, Sergt. Ferguson and Sergt. J. Graham.

This Mess is in a surprisingly efficient state, considering the time it has been formed ; Sergt.-Major Robertson and his able assistants have left little undone. They are now the proud possessors of the Principal's residence and it would be hard indeed to find a place better suited for the purpose than this building. With ample space at their disposal they are using the rooms as reading, reception, pool and billiards, refreshment and card rooms, and are also fitting up a complete gymnasium. They have started a card tournament which promises to be very successful, and it is altogether likely that their first annual dinner will be held within the next two months.

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The first annual dinner of "B" Co. 48th Highlanders was held at the St. Charles on the 10th January, Capt. McGillivray in the chair. There was a good turnout of the members of the company and all present spent a most enjoyable evening. Contributions to the programme for the evening were by Mr. Brodie, Ptes. Fiddes and Horne, Pipe Major Ireland, Piper Murray and Sergt Hollinger. Among those present were : Capt. Pellatt, Q. O. R., Capt. Robertson, 48th, Dr. Stewart, Rev. D. J. Macdonell, Lieut. H. C. McLean and Sergt.-Major Fry, "B" Battery.

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The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of "K" Co., Q. O. R., intend holding their company dinner about the first week in February. In all probability this will be the last parade as the 'Varsity Company, as it is generally understood that for the future the company will be recruited down town and on the same basis as the other companies of the Battalion.

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The first annual dinner of "H" Co., 48th Highlanders, was held at the "Avondale" on Thursday evening the 12th inst. Major Henderson and about fifty were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Among others present were Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Q. O. R., Major Delamere, Q. O. R., Capt. Mercer, Q. O. R., Capt. Spence, 33rd, Capt. Trotter, R. G., Lieuts. Chadwick, Pringle and Irving, R. G., Color-Sergt. World, Q. O. R., Messrs. S. W. Matthews, Crow, J. McLean, Drysdale and Wm. Simpson.

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The following is the list of the short course officers now at the New Fort Barracks :

Capt. McKay, 43rd, Lieut. Hacker, 19th, 2nd Lieut. Verral, 12th, Lieut. Graham, 36th, Lieut. McCulla, 36th, Capt. Holmes, 12th, Lieut. Wayling, 12th, Lieuts. Fitzgerald, Waugh and Forester, 77th, Lieut. Robertson, 34th, Lieut. McCormack, 16th.

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Among the different Messes the game of Pedro still monopolises the attention of most of the members.

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The caps which the *Toronto World* spoke of as being in the possession of Major Delamere and which would be served out to members of the regiment on the principle "first come, first served," turned out to be some of the old percussion Snider caps, which the Major possessed and keeps as relics of bygone days. It having reached the ears of the reporter, his unlimited knowledge of things military could only conjure up articles of head-gear and as such they went in.

BREECH BLOCK.

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The Cadet Corps in connection with Upper Canada College, Toronto, is now a reality, as Mr. J. E. Austin has completed the clothing contract, and the boys present a smart and soldier-like appearance. The uniform is similar to that of the Governor-General's Body Guards, and is a credit to the workmanship of Mr. Austin.

KINGSTON.

The junior non-commissioned officers of the Battery held a very delightful dance on New Year's day (Monday). It was carried out in a similar manner to their Christmas-day reception, with the exception of a slight change in the programme by the introduction of a small minstrel troupe, conducted by Gunner McDonald, the versatile artist of the corps. The jokes got off were very witty and reflected credit on the propounder of them ; one of them was : "Why would this barracks be the most easily destroyed of any?" The answer was : "Because we have here gun 'Cotton,' which if exploded would 'Burstall' into the 'Rivers.'" It is proposed to form a general entertainment company amongst the senior non-coms. and give performances throughout the winter.

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The Sergeants' Mess of the Battery held their 21st annual ball on Wednesday, January 4th. To say that it was an immense success would not commence to give half the credit the affair deserved. The hall leading into the mess rooms was gaily decked with evergreens, swords, bayonets, rifles, flags, and every kind of bunting imaginable. The ante-rooms, ball-room and dining-room were also well decorated. The orchestra occupied a raised platform at one end of the room, where they discoursed sweet music during the evening. The programme was a very tasty affair, and contained some twenty numbers. Supper was partaken of at midnight, all doing justice to the spread. Among the prominent military guests were noticed :—Maj.-Gen. Cameron, C.M.G.; Col. Cotton, R.C.A.; Major Drury, R.C.A.; Capt. Dupuis, 14th Rifles, and several other officers whose names could not be ascertained. The ball broke up at 4 a.m.

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What was probably the grandest military event of the season was the much talked of assault-at-arms and concert given by the non-coms. class of the 14th P.W.O. Rifles for the benefit of the Sergeants' Mess, under the patronage of Lt.-Col. Von Straubenzine, D.A.G.; Maj.-Gen. Cameron, C.M.G., and officers of R.M.C.A.; Lt.-Col. Cotton and officers of "A" Battery, R.C.A.; Lt.-Col. Smith and officers of the P.W.O. Rifles; and under the tuition and direction of S.-Maj. Morgans, and management of Col.-Sergts. Dunlop, Graham, Fultz and Asselstine. The entertainment took place on Wednesday, January 11th, in the Opera House. There were a great number of tickets taken at the doors, in fact a desirable seat was unobtainable in the pit, while the gallery and balconies were filled to their utmost capacity. The size of the audience must have been a source of much gratification to the promoters of the concert. An auditorium such as was presented is not often witnessed in the Limestone City ; people of fashion were out in full force. All the officers of the local corps located in the various parts of the house lent an inspiring air to the event. Recruits and veterans, those of distinction and military aspiration, were there to enjoy the efforts of the young soldiers. The programme was a long one, but no one regretted the fact, although the entertainment did not come to a close until after 11.30. The twenty numbers on the programme were carried out to the letter. I cannot add much to what is said of