

The toast list was as follows :

The Queen, Deputy Adjutant General, Lieut.-Colonel Hamilton and Staff, ex-Officers of "D" Company, Our Guests, Press, Ladies.

The Queen was honoured in a genuine anti-annexation style, as in fact were all references to the flag and to the land we love.

The D.A.G. was received with great enthusiasm and briefly reviewed the history of "D" Company since its inception.

The toast of Lieut.-Col. Hamilton and Staff was replied to by Col. Hamilton and Major Sankey. Previous to this toast the chairman cause no little amusement by his following action : Col. Otter remarked that brevity was the soul of wit, and by being as brief as possible he could lay claim to his speech being the wittiest of the evening. Immediately after the next toast had been honoured, and before it could be replied to, Capt. Mason arose and started in a few remarks to propose the next toast. He was no doubt astonished at the suppressed laughter that soon was going round the table, and finally as it burst into a wild peal of laughter he seemed to understand his error and sank back into his seat. As the Colonel remarked, "he evidently intended them all to be witty and brief with a vengeance."

Ex-Officers of "D" was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Miller, ex-Capt. Miller and Capt. Macdonald.

Our Guests by Mayor Clarke, Lieut.-Col. Jones, Capt. McLean, and Quartermaster-Sergt. Powell, R.E.

Mayor Clarke stated that, in his opinion, if the lawyers had had less to do in the matter the drill shed would have been well under way by this time, and announced that tenders had been called for the excavation, which would be pushed as fast as possible. He also dwelt on the new rifle ranges and assured all present that the corporation had no intention of trying to have the butts removed without giving as a substitute a range better in every respect than the present one.

Mr. Dickie responded for the Press, and Corpl. J. Thompson in an exceedingly happy manner chanted the praises of the Ladies.

Songs were rendered during the evening by Lieut. Wyatt, Sergts. Pearson and Woods, and Pte. Somerville.

The last toast was to the memory of the late Sergt.-Major McKell, and Capt. Mason spoke very feelingly at the loss the company and regiment had sustained, and briefly traced his connection with the company for the past twelve years. As a lad he joined "D" Company in 1877, continuing therein as private, corporal, sergeant and colour-sergeant up to a year ago. The position then becoming vacant he was appointed sergeant-major of the regiment. During all these years he never missed a company or regimental parade. His loyalty to his company and unremitting attention to its welfare, his deep and practical interest in everything pertaining to the regiment or the militia force, made him a power for good, and his funeral, attended as it was by the entire Toronto garrison, showed the general appreciation in which he was held.

Shortly after midnight, a pleasing innovation by the way, by long odds the most successful gathering the company ever held was brought to a close, and one and all of the speakers during the evening hoped that in all future events of this kind their names would be included in the list of invitations.

"BREECH BLOCK."

MONTREAL.

["Cartridge Box," in Gazette.]

I hear that a meeting of commanding officers is to be called this week to consider the orders of Major-General Herbert, about having holidays used as field days, and also to consider what shall be done in regard to the proposed turn out on Her Majesty's birthday.

At a meeting of the officers of the Victoria Rifles, Staff-

Sergeant C. L. MacAdam was elected lieutenant of No. 6 company, in place of E. W. Parker, resigned. This will make, with Captain Busted and Lieutenant Pope, a very strong shooting trio, and the other companies will have to look out for the shooting trophies.

Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, of the Garrison Artillery, has been granted six months' leave of absence, and left the city yesterday on his way to England. Major Laurie will take command in his absence.

Another resignation is on the tapis. This time the cavalry branch of the service is the sufferer, as Captain Bush, of the Duke of Connaught's Canadian Hussars, has sent in his resignation. I have never had the pleasure of meeting the captain, but from what I have heard his men will be sorry to lose him, as he was a good officer as well as a good fellow.

The stores and clothing of the 5th Royal Scots were transferred on Friday last from Lieut.-Col. Caverhill to Major Hood, who, no doubt, will soon be promoted to the command of our "Highland laddies."

BIG SCORES AT THE VICS ARMOURY.

Below will be found the fortnightly spoon competition of the Victoria Rifles, as well as the scores of the highest men in the monthly contest for Lieut.-Col. Henshaw's medal at the Morris tube range, which, by the way, I wish to call the attention of all the members of our city battalions to. A good many of the boys, when speaking of shooting and the number of prizes won by the Vics, said, and said truly, that the Vics had an advantage over them ; but this excuse will not do any more. The Garrison boys have thrown open their range for practice, when not used for matches, and the Prince of Wales have now a range of their own, and, perhaps, within a very short time the 5th and 6th will have ranges also. Now, shooting men, it is your own fault if Montreal does not carry off nearly all the prizes next summer. Give the green men all the show you can ; train them, and their records in the future will not only be a credit to the corps they represent, but a pride to their teachers.

The fortnightly open competition, Victoria Rifles, ending Saturday night, thus resulted :

Special class, 200, 500 yards—		<i>2nd class.</i>	
Pte. Keough.....	23 22—45	Corp. Becket.....	16 22—38
<i>1st class.</i>		Pte. Tabb.....	19 19—38
Pte. Becket.....	21 23—44	Pte. Oswald.....	22 14—36
Corp. Hardie.....	21 22—43	Pte. King.....	18 17—35
Pte. Manning.....	20 23—43	Pte. McKend.....	14 19—33
Sgt. Lanigan.....	19 23—42	<i>3rd class.</i>	
Sgt. Belcourt.....	21 21—42	Corp. Binmore.....	18 11—29

For the Colonel's medal, Pte. John Becket, although a shot often heard of before, has never up to this season been considered a crack ; but his score of Friday, 97 out of a possible 105, stamps him not only as a splendid shot but shows the result of constant practice.

Colonel's Medal.

Pte. Becket.....	34 31 32—97	Pte. Napier.....	26 19 26—71
Corpl. Hardie.....	32 30 21—83	Pte. Foot.....	25 23 8—56

THE P. W. R. NEW RANGE.

While I am on the shooting strain I might as well tell the boys about the new Morris tube range of the Prince of Wales. Those up in military circles know the trouble that Lt.-Col. Butler had to secure the addition to their armoury, and as soon as it was secured a range was placed in the building. On Saturday night it was opened with great eclat. Among those present I noticed Lt.-Col. Butler and Mrs. Butler, Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., and a number of the officers of the regiment, as well as the men. Sharp at 8 Mr. Curran declared the range open, and in a few remarks said that as the members of the regiment had now more facilities for shooting he hoped that they would enter in competition matches, and hold up their motto before every one that they