

through which the route is laid of all vehicles ; it seems to be the acme of selfishness where any one who can hire a carriage, should drive in and retard the progress and spoil the marching of the troops, besides obstructing the view of scores of those who are unable to go to this expense or rather whose better sense prevails and who are content with positions on the Boulevards.

Considerable disappointment was manifested when the combination of the Queen's Own and Grenadier bands did not render the musical part of the service, as was laid down on the programme. The trouble lies between Bandmaster Bailey of the Queen's Own and Bandmaster Waldron of the Grenadiers. Bandmaster Waldron, who is some few years junior to Bandmaster Bailey, demanded a share in the conducting of the bands ; this, Bandmaster Bailey, who was in charge and who did not feel justified in following out the rule, which he would have carried out had it been an ordinary concert, justly refused to do, and as a consequence very few of the Grenadier band attended the practice called for the Friday night before the parade, and the Queen's Own band were alone on the platform at the Pavilion. The episode has caused quite a bit of newspaper talk, and no doubt ere this the question has been settled by the proper authorities ; however, the feeling between the regiments is of such a nature that the affair will have no effect and the same harmony still exists that has existed for no brief period.

Invitations were sent to their brother officers by the 48th Highlanders for last Tuesday night, and as the reputation of the Highlanders' hospitality is already proverbial, nearly every officer of the city corps was present. The guests were welcomed by Lt.-Col. Davidson and his officers, and the interval pending the arrival of the officers of the Grenadiers from muster parade was pleasantly whiled away. At half-past ten, headed by the piper of the regiment, a start was made for the supper room, and Webb's best viands furnished ample diversion in the programme. The entrance of haggis, that mystery of mysteries, preceded by the pipers of the regiment, was one of the events of the evening and as all present were not Scotchmen, one can easily understand the feelings of some present about the result of investigation. Brave men though they be, many no doubt would just as soon have been under fire as to take the terrible chances they felt they were taking in indulging of haggis for the first time. Once the first mouthful was masticated confidence was restored and a few braver than the rest hazarded opinions as to the recipe, and these were of such a nature that it would not have been wondered at had the ghost of the immortal Bobbie Burns inflicted summary punishment on some of the embryo compounders. Songs and speeches followed each other in rapid succession, and the introduction of a Highland fling or sword dance only served as a breaker and the speeches and songs commenced again.

It was not until a late hour that the reluctant guests compelled themselves to break away from what was the unanimous verdict of " By all odds, the best yet."

The muster rolls of the regiments have been called during the past week. The Queen's Own had 620 on parade ; Grenadiers 503, and the Highlanders 361 - their largest in the history of the regiment. Battalion drill in all ceases until further orders, although in some cases company drill will be carried on all winter.

On Wednesday night when the members of the Queen's Own left the Drill shed, the sight of the rapidly falling snow put a damper on their spirits, and all felt that for this year the prospects of holding a sham fight were extremely slim. Such proved to be the case, for a steady fall during the night placed nearly six inches on the ground and necessitated the postponement of the contemplated manoeuvres. Lieut.-Col. Otter promptly telegraphed the 13th Battalion of Hamilton and the Dufferin Rifles of Brantford, catching the 13th in time, but the 38th were at Harrisburg before the message reached them. After a short council the officers decided to finish the trip and spend the day in Toronto, which they did, fraternizing with the members of the different regiments. The Queen's Own paraded at 8 o'clock, some 507 strong, and the Grenadiers about 300, when the parades were formed up and the orders of the D.A.G. cancelling the parade com-

municated to them. The Highlanders paraded 265 strong at their barracks and were there dismissed.

Shortly after the members were dismissed the weather broke, and while overhead the weather was all that was desirable underfoot was such that meant cold and sickness and perhaps death to some had the programme been carried out. Many people were disappointed, and of course some remarked about " feather bed soldiers," but these were treated with the contempt they deserved, and the D.A.G. in stating that if, " after the heat of a march, the exposure to a man for an hour or so on outpost duty resulted in his death, the review would be a very dear one," fully answered any of these grumblers, who no doubt would have viewed the manoeuvres snugly buckled in their traps and with ample safeguards against any discomforts. In the next issue I hope to give the plan of campaign that was to have been carried out.

Capt. H. M. Pellatt entertained the officers of the Dufferin Rifles at lunch at the Toronto Club, and in the evening the officers of the Garrison had dinner at Webb's.

The Dufferin Rifles left for home about 11 o'clock, being accompanied to the station by scores of the different regiments.

The saddest event of any holiday which the soldiers celebrated, occurred on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, resulting in the death of one of the participators. Briefly the story is as follows. About 9 o'clock P. C. Campbell on going up Widmer street noticed four men, three of whom were in the uniform of No. 2 Co. C.R.I., standing by the gate of one of the houses. It appears that the men were required to move on and on one of them refusing, the policeman arrested him and started off for the patrol box; he hadn't proceeded far before one of the prisoner's companions went to his assistance and assaulted the policeman; a scuffle followed during which they obtained possession of the policeman's baton and used it on him. The policeman was thrown down and while in a recumbent position drew his revolver and fired at almost point blank range. His aim was fatal and with a cry of " My God I'm shot " one of the soldiers Pte. Tickner by name dropped to the ground. Doctors were summoned but beyond giving a little brandy and a hypodermic injection nothing further could be done and in a short time death ensued. P. C. Phillips who was off duty was brought to the spot by the sound of the shot and he took charge of the prisoner who turned out to be also a member of No. 2 Company being one of the officers' servants, Pte. Wheeler by name, and lodged him No. 3 Station on the charge of drunkenness. P. C. Campbell accompanied them and gave himself up, at the same time stating that his life was in danger and such being the case he was bound to defend himself. Word being sent in the meantime to Webb's, Capt. Macdougall and Surgeon Dames, 48th, were quickly on the spot but could do nothing and soon a melancholy procession wended its way to the New Fort. The dead soldier was of a generous nature and a general favorite with his comrades but a hasty disposition caused him to resent what no doubt he thought was a piece of officiousness on the constable's part with a result so tragic to himself. The funeral took place on Saturday after the coroners jury had viewed the body which was buried in the military cemetery with military honors, a handsome floral offering testifying as to the esteem with which he was held by his comrades. Pending the result of the jury Pte. Wheeler was remanded until Wednesday, the charge of drunkenness being changed to assaulting a policeman.

P. C. Campbell was also held without bail pending the decision of the jury.

Naturally a great deal of discussion is going on regarding the shooting but one thing is certain that with the civil and military authorities united in investigating the affair the result can only be satisfactory and the verdict, unimpeachable. As a general rule the relations between the police and military have always been of the friendliest nature ; and altho' there are always some on either side who cannot agree, they are very few and occurrences with such a tragic ending are very rare, not alone in Toronto but in all parts of the Dominion, and certainly it could ill behove the police to bear illwill to those, who if they were unable to cope with disorder, would have to fall back and depend upon the soldiers for assistance.