

of forty-eight hours. When I told this to the Emperor he stared at me, for both of us felt instinctively that such a proceeding was the foreboder of great events. I immediately informed Bismarck, who is of our opinion; we visit him to deliberate on the answer, which is that the outposts can agree in the usual way on the burial of the dead; other questions to be treated in writing.

#### SURRENDER.

January 24.—Greatest excitement. Bismarck reports in a conference with His Majesty, at which Moltke, Roon and myself are present, that Favre will conclude an armistice, deliver the forts and surrender their arms. He admits that in Paris they are famished and *qu'une sédition a éclaté*. Trochu has retired and is only *Président de la Défense*. Favre is afraid to return and eats at Bismarck's supper like a hungry wolf. We were ordered not to reveal anything but Bismarck, in returning, whistled "Halali," which was hint enough for Lehndorff.

Jan. 25.—Favre is here again. He eats, according to Bismarck, a dinner for three, and is said yesterday to have carried fattened geese away with him.

January 27.—To-day William's thirteenth birthday. May he become a brave, righteous, true and good man; a real genuine German, who without prejudices carries onward the work now begun. God be praised that between us there is a simple, good and cordial feeling that I strive to preserve, so that he always may think of us as his best friends! Favre is here again, accompanied by Beaufort d'Haurpoul, who is tipsy and overdoes things, so that consultations are difficult and Favre ashamed. When the enemy's outposts on the Sevre bridge got notice of the purport of Favre's journey, officers and soldiers right away danced a "cancan" with each other on the bridge.

#### FAVRE CLUMSY.

February 8.—Bismarck finds Favre moderate and oppressed, but so unskilled in business and clumsy that the most important answers are delayed for days because he forgets half of them.

February 25.—Arriving at the usual council I am immediately asked by the King what I think of the incredible result of yesterday's negotiations that lasted into the night. As I looked at him in astonishment and said that nobody had taken it upon himself to give me information, he would hardly believe me. Thiers would not consent to Bismarck's demand for Luxemburg, wherefore the alternative was put to have Metz or Belford, Bismarck decided Metz; Thiers spoke a good deal till at last Bismarck lost his temper, and even went so far as to address him in German; Thiers complained of cruelty, Bismarck, that they sent to him an old man, thus compelling him to restrain himself. Bray, Mittenacht and Jolly could not sufficiently praise Bismarck's superiority. Thiers want of business knowledge put him constantly at a disadvantage. Our successes are enormous, as even Russell concedes.

March 12.—Start for home after nearly nine months' separation.

### Regimental News.

The annual inspection of the Montreal Corps of Engineers was made on Saturday by Capt. Stewart Davidson, R. E., of the Kingston Military College, Lieut.-Col. Kennedy and Lieut. Head commanding, and a number of other officers being present. The inspection was a success and elicited remarks of warm encomium from the inspecting officer. A main feature of the exercises was the working of the heliograph by which signals are conveyed from one point to another by means of the sun. Parties were sent to the top of the mountain and City Hall, and over to the island, signals being flashed to and fro and read with surprising accuracy. Later in the day the men were mustered on the Champ de Mars where they passed through infantry drill very creditably.

#### Toronto.

The Queen's Own paraded 463 strong on Wednesday, 3rd inst., Major Delamere in command, and marched to Moss Park Rink, where the evening's drill consisted mainly in marching past and deploying. On returning to the shed the prize lists for the regimental rifle matches, to be held on 13th inst., were displayed. There is a fine list of prizes, aggregating in value over \$1,350. The regimental rifle committee cannot be too highly praised for their hard work.

"K" company (University Rifles) was on parade for the first time this season.

Chaplain Lloyd was noticed in the shed, looking pleased at the physical appearance of those under his spiritual guidance, and the boys were all glad to see the chaplain, too.

Two large squads of recruits are drilling three nights a week under the command of Sergt.-Instructor W. Howard and Pte. A. M. Burns.

The Signal Corps seems to have fallen into a state of "innocuous desuetude," Staff-Sergt. Strachan not having been seen in his war paint lately.

Capt. Green ("K" company), has been transferred to "C" company. This change will result in a great improvement in the company.

A funny incident occurred during the skirmish on Saturday. A road across the common represented an imaginary river, crossing which was an imaginary bridge, defended by an imaginary enemy. During the progress of the fight the officer in command of one of the companies gallantly charged his men into the river, where they lay down and continued firing. This Napoleonic movement naturally disconcerted the enemy, who after a few more imaginary shots, broke and fled in all imaginary directions. The battle was won.

KUNE SOHN.

In spite of the threatening weather the Royal Grenadiers made a good muster in the Queen's park on Sunday to attend divine service. About 325 men were on parade when Lieut.-Col. Dawson gave the word to start for All Saints' Church. The crowd at the church door was a large one, and on being admitted filled every vacant seat. A shortened form of evensong was said by Rev. A. H. Baldwin and Rev. E. C. Acheson. In an eloquent sermon Rev. A. H. Baldwin pictured the bravery of Israel's soldiers, and urged his hearers to be equally valiant in contending with their spiritual foes as they were with the enemies of their country. He welcomed them to the church, and passed high encomiums on the regiment for the service done Canada in the Northwest rebellion.

Sergt.-Major James Slater, of the Governor-General's Body Guards, was charged at the police court on Saturday by Col. F. C. Denison with a breach of the Militia Act. The officer explained to Ald. Baxter that Slater's time was up, that he had been dismissed and refused to return his uniform. Slater explained that he had not been dismissed, that the action was brought against him for spite because he had expressed his intention of suing to recover some \$540 which he had been wrongfully and fraudulently kept out of. Slater promises to make the case interesting for the public should the action be continued against him.—*Mail*.

#### Brantford.

The Dufferin Rifles' Skirmishing Match for the Queen's Own cup took place on the 3rd inst., on the Mohawk ranges, when as generally expected "B" Company (Capt. McLean) proved the winners, capturing the trophy for the ensuing year, with a score of 97 points, as against 98 made by Capt. McGlashan's Company last year. "A" Company was second with 86, "D" third with 76, "F" fourth with 58, "C" 6th with 45. The ranges were 100 to 500 yards. The winning team was made up of Sergt. Donahue, Sergt. Dunlop, Pte. Henderson, Pte. Macdonald, Pte. Schmidlin. Up to this year "D" Company had held the trophy for three successive years.

The Dufferin Rifles paraded in their regular weekly drill at the armory on the 4th. The parade states showed upwards of 200 present, including both the brass and bugle bands. After a few battalion movements under the command of Lt.-Col. Jones, the regiment was formed in a hollow square and the prizes won at the recent rifle matches were presented by His Honour Judge Jones. After the presentation of prizes His Honour congratulated the regiment on their good appearance on parade and expressed his hope that the regiment would prosper in every way and that each year would mark an improvement on the preceding year. A large number of citizens were present and, judging by the enthusiastic manner with which they received His Honour's remarks, they fully endorsed the sentiments expressed. Before the presentation of prizes the regimental orders were read by the Adjutant, Capt. Wilkes. The regiment was ordered to parade at 10.30 on Sunday next to attend divine service at the Congregational Church.

#### MAJOR GRENNY'S RETIREMENT.

There has been no more generally well-liked or hard-worked servant in Her Majesty's service than Major Grenny, for several years past Paymaster of the 38th Battalion, and his brother officers therefore thought it only fitting in connection with his retirement, after over thirty years' service, to make him the recipient of some mark of respect at their hands. The event came off last evening in the shape of a complimentary supper in the Officers' Rooms. Lieut.-Col. Jones presided, having on his right at the head table, Major Grenny and Asst.-Surgeon Winkler, and on his left Surgeon Harris and Rev. Father Murphy. Major T. H. Jones radiated at the head of one of the other tables, and Capt. Christie at the other. The remaining participants consisted of Major Rothwell, Captains Hamilton, McGlashan, Wilkes, Leonard, Kidney, Lieutenants Nelles, Park, Killmaster, Curtis, Bishop, Ruddy, Howarth, Rowley, Wallace, and Messrs. C. L. Daniel, J. Miller and F. D. Reville.

After the toast of "The Queen," Col. Jones in a few happy words called upon those present to respond to that of the "Guest of the evening." The Colonel referred in very commendatory terms to the lengthy service of the retiring Paymaster, to his active duties at the time of the Fenian raid, and to the fact that he had formed one of the guard to