

their instruments injured, but sustained no bodily injury. At the time of the disturbance there must have been 2,000 people present. When order was restored the regiment was put through company drill in the new shed, and afterwards marched back to the old drill shed on West Market street. The commanding officer was pleased to make the following promotions:

A company—To be sergeant, Corp. F. J. Tovell, vice Meadows promoted; to be corporals, Pte. G. E. Embrey, vice Smith, promoted; Pte. Arthur P. McCollum, vice Tovell, promoted.

C company—To be sergeant, Corp. T. C. Orr, vice Burns, promoted; to be corporals, Pte. W. Smyth, vice Smith, promoted; Pte. W. B. Coombs, vice Orr, promoted.

The recruits class last night numbered 84. The class will close for the admission of recruits on the 11th inst.—*Empire*, 5th April.

The officers of the 48th Highlanders at a recent meeting decided that they would accept Woodstock's offer to visit that city on the Queen's birthday. The decision was unanimous.

Says the *Telegram*: At the recent meeting of the Ontario Artillery Association held in this city, at which the chief officers of that association of that arm the service were present, it transpired that while the non-commissioned officers and men were all that could be desired in smartness of appearance, in handling their guns, and in field manoeuvres generally, they could not hit an object at fair artillery range. It was pointed out that this was due to the want of good ranges throughout the country. When the field batteries came together for annual drill at Niagara they are enabled to perfect themselves in the field, but they must practice their firing at a mark placed in the lake. They, in fact, become somewhat of a naval branch of the force. This, it is stated, is of small use when firing is required on the ground, as the idea of distance is entirely different on land and sea. The range at the Woodbine, where the firing took place from the height of land north of the road at a mark on the strip of land in the lake was considered a good one, but the peaceful rangers of East York could not be persuaded that there was no danger in the whizzing shell that passed over their heads as they came and went along the Woodbine road. The Port Hope range was considered unsatisfactory, while Aurora was mentioned as a like site. The marksmen of the east, who had the advantage of the splendid range at the Isle of Orleans, were easily able to beat those of the west, who were sadly in want of one. It may be all very well for our artillerymen to look smart, to be able to move a gun from one place to another in the most approved fashion, and, when so placed, to load it in the shortest possible space of time, but if they are unable to send a common shell through a barn door or burst a shrapnel over an ordinary size goose pasture, they are of little use, and the public money is being wasted.

At the Grenadiers' parade on Tuesday the regiment mustered 492 strong, "C" Company, with 22 file, the largest on parade. An immense crowd gathered at the drill-shed, where the regiment practised the new drill. After the return to the old drill-shed, Lieut.-Col. Mason addressed the men briefly on the necessity for punctual and regular attendance at drills, and steadiness and soldierlike behaviour while on parade. The non-commissioned officers who were successful in the recent examinations were presented with their certificates.

The following is the most important clause in the orders read: "On completion of each battalion drill the orderly bugler will sound orders, when the orderly sergeants of companies will move out and fall in on the reverse flank of the parade, receive the orders, return, and deliver them to the officers of their respective companies. The band, drums, and ambulance corps will each send a non-commissioned officer at the same time to receive their orders."

During the whole of the parade not a single bar of the National anthem was played by the band. The men have come to believe that this item is essential at a parade, and its omission last night caused much comment. The brass band played several new selections, including the best of Sousa's marches.

The recruit classes are filling up rapidly. The men enlisted are all up to the required standard. The signal corps has vacancies for three good men.

The men selected to take part in company competitions at the tournament to be held on the formal opening of the new sheds will commence practice next week.—*Mail*, 7th April.

A letter has been received by one of the local papers complaining of the instruction in drill given to the students at the provincial school of pedagogy. This is a serious matter, as these students will shortly be the instructors of the High schools throughout the province.

A recent communication to a morning journal on the slowness of promotion in the Queen's Own has been the subject of some comment. All will admit that if slow promotion in this efficient regiment is sure. It is very different when viewed from opposite ends of the ladder of fame. The Colonel who has been basking on the highest step for five years, thinks he could easily stand a few years more, while the "junior sub" at the lowest step thinks he is in a long time reaching the second. All this is done in our volunteer regiments for honor and fame, for the C. O. draws no more pay than the "sub"—it all goes to the regimental fund. There must be some meaning in the anxiety for promotion in the army where actual pay depends on the rank. There is as much truth as poetry in the saying:—

"The senior captain laughs
When the junior major's shot!"

As there is a strongly expressed wish from many intending competitors in this year's rifle league matches, that the Martini rifle should be used, the executive proposes to hold both a Snider and Martini series in the competition. The two series will be shot on the same day, and no man will be allowed to shoot in both a Snider and Martini team in the same match. A competitor may, however, change from one rifle to the other during the competition. The dates of the four matches composing the competition will be 26th May, 9th June, 7th July, 21st July. Two of the Snider series will be shot at 200, 400 and 500 yards; the other two, and all the Martini at Queen's ranges. Snider ammunition will be issued by the Militia Department free. Whether the same favor will be accorded with respect to the Martini has not yet been decided.—*SEPH.*, in the *Empire*.

The military tournament to be held in this city on May 17, 18 and 19 cannot but be of the greatest possible benefit to the regiments taking part. Already the different corps have their squads at work practicing the physical drill, bayonet, manual and firing exercises, the ambulance stret-

cher work and the march past, and by the time the tournament comes off these men will be thoroughly posted in those portions of the drill and will also have been disciplined in drill as well as it is possible for volunteers to be. The executive committee for the tournament is composed of the best officers from each corps, under the chairmanship of Lieut.-Col. Otter, and Mr. H. J. Hill, of the Industrial Exhibition, will have the management of it, so there is every guarantee that it will be a success.

The 48th Highlanders paraded April 6th, and there was a good muster. Lieut.-Col. Davidson has made these promotions and appointments: B company, to be corporals, Private A. Wright, vice Templeman, promoted, and W. E. Witt, vice Beattie; G. company, to be lance corporal, Private E. McHugh.

Says a well known local paper, Gen. Herbert has announced that 10,000 of the new rifles are on the way to Canada, and that in a few months the greater part of the force will be armed with them. This is very gratifying, and the volunteers may now be assured that if they should be called on for active service they will be armed with one of the best shooting weapons in the world to-day. To be sure it will not be a magazine rifle, but it is not likely that any more rapid fire will be wanted than what can be delivered by the Martini breech action. With a view to save the shooting men expense, the Minister of Militia has promised to have all private rifles converted at the Government expense. Before sending their private rifles away to be converted, however, it will be well for the shooting men to be quite sure that the Martini will not be used any more at the D.R.A. matches, which would be a serious handicap to members of the team to Balesy, where the shooting will be done with the Martini so long as the volunteers of Great Britain are armed with that weapon.

The regular weekly parade and drill of the Queen's Own Rifles was held last night, Lieut.-Col. Hamilton in command. The parade state was 674, including 59 recruits. In past years the first parades of the regiment at the opening of the season have not been so fully attended as in this year, and the large muster on last Wednesday and last night speaks well for the spirit in the corps. In the march to the new armoury two companies were left for drill exercises on Wellington street, as the building is not sufficiently large to admit of company drill with the full strength of the regiment present. The return to the old drill-shed was made about half-past ten o'clock, when the regimental orders were read. They included a command to the ambulance corps to meet for drill and instruction at the drill-shed on Monday, April 16th, at 8 p.m., and on each succeeding Monday, at the same hour and place, until further orders. The Queen's Own Rifles have decided unanimously to accept the invitation of Lieut.-Col. Lindsay, officers, and men of the 26th Battalion, and to go to St. Thomas on the Queen's Birthday. The headquarters of the 25th Battalion is at St. Thomas.—*Mail*, April 12 h.

H. R. H. Duke of Connaught was lately the guest of the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge of Freemasons, and in reply to the toast of his health at a banquet which followed, said that now he had returned to Aldershot he should continue to shew the same interest in the craft that he had hitherto done in the past.