

Lilly, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Wm. Kennedy, Mr. Turton and Mr. Geo. Muirhead. The accompaniments were artistically played by Messrs. Charles Gavin, Turton and Geo. Porteous. Preliminary steps were taken towards the organization of a minstrel troop in connection with the regiment, and the first practice will be held soon.

Mr. John Charles Yates, who was prominent in connection with the Victoria Rifles (Montreal) during the early years of that corps, died recently at Tom's River, N.J. He was colour-sergeant of the service company which was stationed at Windsor in 1864, and subsequently entered the commissioned ranks. To the last he retained his interest in and affection for the old corps.

Lieut. Chartrand, a Canadian and formerly a member of the 65th Battalion of Montreal, but now in the French army, delivered an interesting lecture on 2nd inst. in the Cabinet de Lecture, Montreal, on "Life in the French Army."

His personal reminiscences were most interesting. A captain in the 65th Battalion, he decided to go in for a soldier's life, and with that object he went to France and was drafted in the Foreign Legion and despatched to Algeria. One of his first experiences was fifteen days' imprisonment for having gone out one night with a party of sergeants. He spent five days in learning how to sweep, five more running a wheelbarrow, and five using a spade. A captain in such a regiment as the 65th, Lieut. Chartrand thought he was then a soldier. He found out his mistake, however. It took him six months to learn the foot step, and five years before he was a genuine soldier. He gradually went up until he received a commission. Of the sixteen soldiers with him in Tonquin who were down for promotion, fifteen never returned to France, having died of fever or in action. Lieut. Chartrand made a passing allusion to the present status of Canada and assured his countrymen that they were the happiest people in the world. They enjoyed true liberty in Canada, while in Europe liberty was often but a name.

Closely following the retirement of Lieut.-Col. Hood from the Royal Scots comes that of Lieut.-Col. Massey from the Sixth Fusiliers. It is quite unnecessary to state here that Lieut.-Col. Massey has proved himself to be one of the best all-round commanding officers in Canada. In every department of regimental work—drill, interest in rifle-shooting, and general popularity with his men,—Lieut.-Col. Massey ranks high. His first military services was with the Victoria Rifles, in which corps he enlisted in September, 1865, in good time to do duty on the frontier in the Fenian troubles of the following year. During the more serious (to this Province) raid of 1870, Mr. Massey—who had by this time been promoted to rank of sergeant—was again on active service with the Vics, and aided in repelling the invaders in the fight at Eccles Hill on the 26th May. He shared in the hard work of the Laprairie camp in 1871. In July, 1877, he was gazetted to an ensigncy in the Sixth battalion, formerly Hochelaga Light Infantry, whose designation had been changed to Fusiliers three years previously. He rose through the successive ranks (including the adjutancy) until Feb., 1886, when he succeeded Lieut.-Col. Gardner in the command of the corps. Since then the battalion has not only fully maintained its traditional efficiency, but has made distinct advances in many particulars. Drills and discipline have been strictly maintained, while the matter of the social enjoyment of the members of the corps has not been overlooked; it may also be mentioned that the distinction of white facings was obtained for the Sixth through his exertions. Lieut.-Col. Massey commanded the Bisley team of 1892, and the care and attention to the men under his charge will long be remembered by them.

The force can ill afford to lose the services of this officer, and it is much to be regretted that he has seen fit to sever his connection with it.

TORONTO.

Lieut.-Col. Otter and the officers of No. 2 company, Canadian Regiment of Infantry, entertained at dinner at the New Fort barracks on 20th ult., the following guests: Mr. Justice Osler, Mr. Justice Falconbridge, Rev. Mr. Williams, Messrs. W. R. Meredith, M. P. P., W. F. Maclean, M. P., Lieut.-Col. Vance Graveley, William Mulock, M. P., J. D. Edgar, M. P., E. Wragge and David Creighton.

As we go to press we learn that Surgeon G. Sterling Ryerson, R. G., Secretary of the Militia Medical Association, has been selected as the candidate of the Toronto Conservatives for the coming local election. We heartily congratulate Dr. Ryerson, and wish him success.

Trumpet-Major Belcher inspected the trumpeters of the Governor-General's Body Guard on 6th inst. The new rooms allotted the trumpeters at the Old Fort have been fitted up, and were formally opened on the following evening by the officers and non-commissioned officers. A very good programme was rendered, including the full brass band of the regiment. About 50 members of the corps and their friends were present and an enjoyable evening was spent. The trumpeters intend giving a series of entertainments during the winter.

The annual supper of the ambulance corps of the Royal Grenadiers was held at McConkey's on 6th inst., with Assistant Surgeon King in the chair and Hospital Sergeant Taylor in the vice-chair. There was a full attendance of the ambulance and signal corps. Among those present were: Surgeon Harris, 38th Battalion, Brantford; Surgeon Stuart and Assistant Surgeon Dame, of the Davidson Highlanders; Hospital Sergeant Statten, 48th; Hospital Sergeant Watts, Q.O.R.; Major Mason, Capt. McLean, Capt. Bruce, Lieuts. Irving, Chadwick, Lehman and Sergt.-Major Cox. The prizes won at the recent rifle match of the corps were presented by Assistant Surgeon King. Signal Pte. Millward won the Taylor medal and Signal Corp. Cane took the King medal. Some good songs were given by Mr. King, Lieut. Chadwick, Pte. Milward, Sergt.-Major Huggins, of the 13th Battalion, and Pte. Bell. Sergt.-Major Huggins, who is now with the Hamilton battalion, was presented with a handsome watch and chain by the members of the corps as a mark of appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the signal and ambulance corps while he was with them. Surgeon Ryerson was unable to be present on account of the illness of his mother. The menu card, which was prepared by Private Walter Till, of the ambulance corps, is a work of art that has seldom been excelled by any military organization before. The usual toast list was carried through and the party broke up at 2 o'clock in the morning, all well pleased with the night's entertainment.—*Empire*.

The efficiency competition of the Royal Grenadiers has been won by I company. The Judges were Col. Otter and Major Buchan. The officers of I company are: Capt. Greville-Harston, and Lieut. Bain. This is one of the new companies raised last year, and they deserve great credit for their work. They had everything against them, as instead of drawing lots as usual for the order in which they were to compete, I company was handicapped by being ordered out first on the first night of the competition, and the company which was second had an extra week in which to prepare. To be ordered out first is always considered as taking about 20 per cent. off a company's points.

The *Empire* of 6th inst. published a very interesting interview with the Hon. John Beverly Robinson, one of the veterans of '37. He vividly described the scene in Toronto on that long-remembered day when the news of the murder of Col. Moody, and the reports of the advance of the rebels, reached the town. He was a lad of 16 at the time, but was eager for a man's share of the sort of work which followed. He gave an interesting picture of the arrival of Sir Allan McNab and his loyal men from the Gore, as they hurried down to the defence of the Governor; and the interview furnishes some valuable bits of history about the rebels and their losses.