

Staff-Sergeant W. Harp has been re-elected by acclamation to the presidency of the Sergeants' Mess of the 48th Highlanders. The choice is a fitting one, and the honor well won, as the members of the 48th Sergeants' Mess can thank Staff-Sergt. Harp in a great measure for the success of their mess to-day. They have made rapid strides from the night Captain Macdougall concluded that the mess had been formed, on account of finding a bottle and a couple of glasses (all three empty) in a room which had been placed at the disposal of the provisional sergeants of the 48th, and to-day they can boast of possessing one of the most complete sets of rooms of any regiment in the service.

No results as yet re Gzowski cup which, Phoenix-like (and thereby hangs a tale), awaits to be handed into the safe custody of some regiment for the year 1895. Rumor at first credited it to the Q.O.R., but later on veered around in favor of the 13th, won, so some say, by their shooting merit. To those who are not inclined to labor in fitting themselves to be of the greatest service to their country, and who are content to either think that they are invincible or that they can travel on past reputation, this rumor and cause for victory (if rumor proves true) will not be very palatable, but no matter what the result may be, the regiment that takes such pains with its men as the 13th did, during the time they were completing their course of musketry instruction, in my humble opinion, that regiment should win, providing that their work on parade is fairly satisfactory. A couple of years ago I criticised, and rather freely, the action of this regiment in employing the use of buffing machines and employees of a large concern in their city to get their accoutrements in the splendid shape they were reported to be in, but to their credit it redounds that from their commanding officer down all strove, and at no little hardship to many, to gain for their regiment the highest possible place. The mere fact of a recruit being taken hold of and coached in a manner that enables him to keep fairly well on the target for his number of rounds must have a more beneficial effect on the man, than the effect on one who is given ten rounds and allowed to blaze away with no one to coach or direct him what to do. The one thinks that shooting is good sport and that his election to the Bisley team in the near future is a dead certainty, whilst the other ruminates that shooting is a blooming farce, and that better fun can be had at one of the numerous Saturday afternoon matches in the city or a trip across the lake.

The annual meeting of D Company, Q.O.R., was held at the Armory on Tuesday evening, the 22nd January, when arrangements were made to hold the company dinner at an early date.

An effort is being made to change the headdress of the Q.O.R. from a helmet into a long-haired busby. The attempt so far has not been very successful, and as the men will have to pay for them, no decision will be arrived at until all the companies have held their meetings. At the present time most seem to be in favor of getting a cap that could be worn in the winter season, preferring to wait a little longer for a luxury like a busby. They say that they had to buy the last busby, then the helmet, and now think the wedge cap would be the best purchase. Not only this, but the men buy their own forage caps, the money which the regiment receives in lieu of the old Glengarry not being devoted to the reduction of the price of the forage caps but transferred into the regimental fund. The promoters of the busby suggest getting both busbies and wedge-caps, but get the busby first, whereas the wedge-cap supporters say that a bird in the hand, etc., etc., and blandly suggest getting wedge-caps first. The issue is a decidedly live one for both parties.

Quebec.

QUEBEC, 22nd January 1895.

It is stated that Friday the 1st of March has been selected as the date upon which the 8th Royal Rifles will muster to commence their annual training. Recruit drill will commence on the 8th of February. A few changes have taken place since the last turn out of this Battalion. Capt. W. C. H. Wood has been gazetted Adjutant and will be replaced by Capt. G. VanFelson who will command Letter A. Company. Two officers will make their first appearance as such in the persons of R. J. Davidson and Dr. Scott Ives who have been gazetted to the Corps as Second Lieuts.

The Local Legislature was prorogued on the evening of the 12th inst., at 8:30. The usual guard of honour was dispensed with. His Honor Lieut.-Governor Champleau was attended by his Private Secretaries Major H. C. Sheppard and Mr. Henri A. Panet, R.C.A. Among others composing the staff were Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Forrest, D.P.M., Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, R.G.A., Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White, 8th R.R., Major Laurin, 87th Batt., Major Farley, Capt. Fages and Mr. H. Cyril Thacker of the R.C.A., Capt. Ouellett of the 9th Batt., Mr. R. E. W. Turner, Q.O.C.H., etc.

About thirty N.C.O's and men are taking a course of instruction with the Royal Canadian Artillery and are placed as an attached company under the command of Mr. H. Cyril Thacker.

The Quebec Military Hockey team proceeded to Montreal for a match with the Royal Scots of that city, which took place on the 12th inst., resulting in a

marked victory for the former. The team was made up as follows: Captains J. B. Peters and Chas. J. Dunn, and Messrs. R. J. Davidson and W. Champion of the 8th Royal Rifles, Messrs. Henri A. Panet and J. Ogilvy of the R.C.A. and Mr. Harry Lamb of the Unattached List. Eight games to one in favor of Quebec.

The ball of the season was that given by Lieut. Col. Montizambert and officers of the Royal Canadian Artillery. The Governor General's ball room was made use of which was beautifully decorated. The weather was most favorable and it is hardly necessary to state that all present spent a most enjoyable time. The music was furnished by the Regimental Band.

The first annual ball of the N.C.O's and men of "B" Battery R.C.A., was held on the evening of the 18th inst., and when it is stated that it was kept up from 9 to 5 a.m, it will be seen that it was in every way a great success. The following were the committee who looked after the arrangements: President, Sgt-Major J. O'Grady; Vice-President, Sgt Angus Costin; Floor Manager, Corp S. Small, Sergeants Slade and Morgan; Drivers, G. Lamothe, R. M. Reade, J. Shannahan, J. Burns and Gunner G. Turner.

The matches in connection with the Royal Canadian Artillery Rifle Association took place on the 18th October last at the Royal Engineer Camp, St. Joseph de Levis and proved very successful. The following scores were made and I send them so as to make your shooting record for '94 complete.

1ST MATCH NURSERY.

Open to members who have never won a prize in any R.C.A. or late "B" Battery Association match. Position kneeling. Range 200 yards. Rounds 5.

	Winners	Cash.	Scores.
1	Corp. Nolan.....	\$5.00	19
2	Br Foster.....	4 00	18
3	Br Clement.....	3.00	17
4	Br Kennedy.....	2.50	17
5	Gr Robinson.....	2.50	17
6	Dr Larocque.....	2.00	16
7	Gr Clark.....	2.00	16
8	Br Webber.....	1.75	15
9	Gr Girton Jos.....	1.75	15
10	Gr Murphy J J.....	1 50	15

19 cash prizes of a total value of \$36 00 were given. Lowest prize-winning score 13.

2ND MATCH ASSOCIATION.

Open to all members of the Association. Position, 200 yards standing or kneeling 500 and 600 yards, any position with head to targets. 7 rounds at each range.

	Winners	Cash.	Score.
1	Gr W Pugh.....	\$6.00	82
2	Sgt Slade.....	5.00	77
3	Q M Sgt Wood.....	4 00	76
4	Corp Bessette.....	4.00	74
5	Bomb E Thompson..	3.50	74
6	S M Bridgetord.....	3.50	73
7	Corp Miller.....	3 00	73
8	Sergt Morgan.....	3 00	71
9	Sergt Pugh.....	3.00	70
10	Lieut Panet.....	2.50	68

56 prizes value \$90 were given. Lowest prize-winning score 40.