

signed person the clerk of the weather concerning his prognostication for the 24th May, instead of a cold and rainy day the citizen soldiery of Toronto and Ottawa had regular Queen's weather in which to carry on their celebrating Her Majesty's birthday. After an unbroken record of 15 years of spending the 24th of May out of town the Q. O. R. came to the conclusion that this would stand as a record for many long years to come, and conceived the idea of staying at home, inviting some other regiment to Toronto and together holding a review. The idea turned out to be a capital one and the crowds of citizens who flocked from all parts of the city to witness the review bore only additional proof as to the popularity both of the scheme and at the same time of their citizen soldiers. The remarks were frequently heard about the parsimony of the City Council in permitting a regiment like the Guards to come from Ottawa and not at least offering to contribute towards the cost of entertaining. However, no one takes the City Council seriously nowadays anyway. The Governor General's Foot Guards left Ottawa at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening, 280 strong, Major Hodgins, owing to the absence of Lt. Col. Toller through sickness, being in command. After an uneventful journey they detrained at the Union Station at 7.30 a. m., Wednesday morning, an hour and a half late, a way that special trains have, and which seems, to be peculiarly their own.

The Q. O. R. assembled at the drill shed at 8.45 a. m., 593 strong, under Lt. Col. Hamilton, and moved out to Wellington street a few minutes before 9.15, this being the hour at which the Guards were to meet them. Owing to the delay in the journey it was striking ten when the regiments commenced the march to the reviewing grounds. Owing to the weakening of the second bridge in Rosedale by the recent rains the brigade was compelled to do some rather stiff climbing from the road running through the ravine, and despite their long and tiresome journey the Guards took to it well.

The weakness of one of the planks in a small bridge spanning a creek was very nearly the cause of an accident to Major Hodgins, and nothing but skilful handling when the horse's foot went through brought horse and rider out unscathed.

The applause bestowed on the Guards when they entered the grounds was very generous and indicative of warm adherents far from their own home. Line was immediately formed, the Guards taking the right, and shortly after the brigade had taken open order the reviewing officer, Lt. Col. Otter, D. A. G., accompanied by Major Buchan and Capt. Macdougall cantered up and was received with the customary salute. During the salute some of the lacrosse and bicycle boys were indulging in deep thought at what seemed to them to be a sacrilegious act of the inspecting officer, in using the well rolled track.

The firing of the feu-de-joie was immediately proceeded with and it is safe to say that a worse one has never been fired in Toronto or anywhere else, by the Q. O. R. at least. The first round was to-

lerably fair, but ye gods, the second and third were anything you chose to call it. The Guards seemed to be under the impression that there was a time limit to this because in both the second and third round while the Q. O. R. were at the ready the Guards started the firing, leaving them nothing to do but to present and endeavor to carry along the firing to the best of their ability.

The three ringing cheers that were given seemed in a measure to be a rent where-with the feelings of a great number of the Queen's Own were relieved after giving what each one felt to be a very poor exhibition.

Quarter column on No. 1 Companies was immediately formed, the Q. O. R., in this as in all other movements, doing it at the double. Ground was at once taken for the march past, which was performed in column and quarter column. Considering the difference in the strength of the companies of the different regiments the Q. O. R. had slightly the best of it, but the Guards evened matters up in the quarter column, their distances being much better than the Q. O. R. Both regiments reformed line and advanced in review order, and advanced capitally, the applause on its completion being exceedingly pronounced, the band of the Guards for this playing the British Grenadiers. Forming square on the two centre companies and preparing for cavalry concluded the programme for the day.

This was by far the prettiest movement of the day, both regiments doing it splendidly. The square of the Guards when the men were prepared for cavalry made a perfect picture and one that will not be early or soon forgotten.

After a brief rest, during which the buglers of the Q. O. R. rendered a well received selection, column of route was formed and the march down was begun. Until Bloor street was reached the dust was something terrible and the walking by no means easily, provoking at one and the same time a thirst that even Kipling with his three heroes could not begin to touch.

Both regiments were dismissed a few minutes after one. The majority of both regiments visited the Woodbine races in the afternoon, and in the evening the officers of the Q. O. R. entertained the officers of the Guards at Webb's, while the sergeants of the Q. O. R. performed a similar duty to the sergeants of the Guards at their own mess rooms.

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The race meeting assembly of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, held on the evening of the 24th in the Pavilion, Horticultural Gardens, was in every way a pronounced success. The many visitors who have graced Toronto with their presence during race week were all there; the gallant officer of the Queen's Own, the Highlander, decked out in all the glittering paraphernalia of his clan, the visiting Foot Guardsman from Ottawa, and the Royal Canadian Yachtsman, he, too, in uniform, blended with the glittering costumes of the ladies, made a picture which it was indeed a pleasure to look upon. The roof was hung with long streamers of scarlet and gold, and heavy draperies hid the

bareness of the many windows. The gallery was tastily partitioned off into sections by checked sateet and gold partitions. The baldness of the pillars was relieved by clinging white curtains, and lower down on the ground floor the trusty Martinis were stacked around their base. The galleries, draped in unison with the rest of the decorations with heavy hangings of old gold and deep red, were further set off by mottoes and pictures representative of Canada's gallant defenders. One motto with the inscription "Some of the boys that faced the music" was accompanied by pictures of a Grenadier, a Queen's Own private, and a Bodyguardsman; and another bearing the words "How the boys faced the music," by pictures of the representatives of the three regiments in action in characteristic positions. The pictures were the same as those exhibited at the first assembly after the return of the troops from the Northwest in 1885.

Shortly after nine o'clock the dancing began. The opening set was as follows:—

Lieut Governor Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Dawson, Lieut. Col. Dawson and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Lieut. Col. Otter, D. A. G., and Mrs. Sandham, General Sandham and Mrs. Cosby, Mr. William Hendrie and Mrs. Allan, Lieut. Col. Davidson and Mrs. Allan, Lieut. Col. Davidson and Mrs. G. T. Denison, Major Cosby and Mrs. Hay, Major Hay and Mrs. Hendrie.

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The grounds to the west of the old Parliament buildings were a scene of activity on the evening of the 25th. The occasion was the departure of the Governor General's Foot Guards. Shortly after 7.30 the regiment assembled in marching order and proceeded to the Union station, accompanied by many of the Queen's Own Rifles in uniform, who gave the Ottawa boys a hearty send off. The visitors will carry away with them the most pleasant memories, and they won the respect of Toronto's citizens during their too brief stay.

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The Guards spent Thursday in sightseeing around the city, leaving for home about 9 o'clock, being accompanied to the station by a vast concourse of citizens and members of the Q. O. R.

The unanimous verdict is exceedingly favorable to the Guards and the impressions they conveyed by their soldiery bearing and gentlemanly actions are such that will not soon be forgotten by citizens of Toronto and especially the boys of the Q. O. R.

Major Hodgins has evidently profited by his early training as an old Q. O. R. man and handled the men of his command in the best possible manner.

The Guards brass band is a rattling good one, and while all that glitters is not gold. The uniforms of the band while most gorgeous to behold are simply in keeping with their splendid playing.

Of their bugle band the same cannot be said. It is only tolerably fair and needs lots of practice at marching music and regimental calls.

The vocal innovation or accompaniment is very detrimental to the cadence