

Amongst those present were : Lieut.-Col. Rogers, Major Duncan, Major McCaughey, Capt. Bonnycastle, Capt. Floyd, Capt. Bird-sall, Capt. Hamilton, Capt. Fowlds, Major Snelgrove, quartermaster ; Lieuts. Givens, Wolfrain, Boggs, Hare and Laird, of the 40th Batt. ; Capt. N. F. MacNachtan, Lieut. E. A. MacNachtan, of the Cobourg Company Garrison Artillery ; and Major Hagerman, of the Prince of Wales' Dragoons. The officers arrived at Homewood House about 2.30 o'clock and immediately engaged in a rifle match on the cricket grounds east of the residence. An iron target had been erected, and 5 rounds per officer were fired at 300 and 600 yards. In the shooting competition, Major Snelgrove and Lieut. MacNachtan tied each other for first place, but on firing off the representative of the infantry won by a point. After a pleasant stroll about the spacious premises, the officers sat down to dinner at Homewood. Lieut. Rogers presided, the posts of honor being held by Major Duncan, Major McCaughey and Capt. Bonnycastle. The bill of fare was very elaborate, and would have done credit to the cuisine of the largest hotel in the county. After the bill of fare had been discussed, the colonel offered the usual loyal toast to "The Queen," after which the evening was spent in impromptu toasts and song. Many thrilling events in Canadian history were narrated, in which the Rogers family took a prominent part. Col. Rogers' great grandfather, Col. James Rogers, commanded a regiment during the war between the French and English, which terminated in the fall of Quebec, and raised what was called Rogers' Borderers. After the defeat of the French, he despatched his brother, Major Robert Rogers, with a detachment of 200 men, to take over the French posts in the west. During the Revolutionary war, Col. Rogers' grandfather took an active part on the Loyalist side and left the United States in consequence. His father raised a troop of cavalry in 1837, which afterwards merged into Boulton's troop. So that the colonel comes of good fighting stock.—Cobourg Sentinel-Star.

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Capt. Denison, of No. 1, has been transferred from Wolseley Barracks to Toronto. The captain will be succeeded by Major Wadmore, a former officer at the barracks, who has been lately stationed at Ottawa. The rumor has been going around that Capt. Denison's transfer entails the promotion to the post of assistant adjutant.

THE BICYCLE IN WARFARE.

THE utility of the cyclist in actual warfare is questioned by a good many who seem to think that while the cyclist is capable of doing some work as long as good roads can be obtained it is the height of absurdity to say that under conditions approaching those of actual warfare any dependence whatever could be placed on the work of cyclist corps.

While little or nothing has been done in military cycling in Canada, outside of one or two regiments, some very interesting experiments have been conducted, and successfully too, by one of the regiments, namely the Queen's Own Rifles. If I remember rightly, it was this corps who were held up as an example to other corps on account of their being first to parade thoroughly equipped ambulance and signal corps and their reputation was again maintained by being the first in Canada to utilize a cyclist corps in an engagement or field day.

Further experiments have since been conducted by the same regiment, and on Saturday, the 24th October, an interesting competition took place in which nine teams representing nearly all the companies of the regiment took part.

The idea which was to be worked upon was that an advanced party of the enemy had seized a position in the vicinity of Toronto, which if they could hold it until their main body approached would mean a serious blow to the commander of the forces in and about

Toronto, in closing up part of his means of supplies and communications.

What cavalry the commander of the Toronto garrison had at his command was limited in number, and so fully occupied by outpost work and reconnoitring, that a sufficiently large attacking body could not be spared.

As at all large centres, a great number of cyclists were available, and these had he hurriedly pressed into service and instructed in the art of handling a rifle and skirmishing drill. This corps was selected to make a forced march against this position, using their wheels only as a means of locomotion, and on reaching a certain point, were to leave their wheels under guard and advance as infantry against the position to be attacked.

The competition on Saturday included a road race on the Lake Shore road and a skirmishing match over the Long Branch ranges, five shots being fired advancing and five retiring, unknown distances from 475 to 150 yards, and at targets exposed at intervals for the brief period of 15 seconds.

A handsome cup was presented for the competition by Lieut. J. G. Langton, of the Lorne Rifles, the organizer of the Queen's Own cyclists, and after an interesting struggle was won by the team representing "C" Company.

The test was a severe one, as, apart from the terribly rough state of the road, a stiff gale from the north-west had to be ridden against, and those who have experienced that kind of a wind on the Long Branch ranges know the handicap the competitors had to shoot under. The winning team made the trip at the rate of thirteen miles an hour, finished in close formation, and, being called immediately to proceed with their skirmish, succeeded in putting 31 out of 50 shots on the target, 10 being bullseyes, 10 inners, 4 magpies and 7 outers—exceedingly good shooting when the fact that one member of the team had just passed the recruit class and had never fired a Snider rifle before is taken into consideration. Those interested in the experiments were more than pleased at the success of the programme. With the introduction of a non-puncturable tire, the capabilities of a cyclist will be greatly enlarged, and future experiments prove that a lot of work can be done by cyclists to the relief of quite a few branches of the service.

The table shown below gives the time of each team, number of hits on target, and total score.

	Road Time. M. S.	Hits on Target.	Total Score.
C Company	26.36	31	161
K "	33.10	40	154
I "	31.10	31	135
Amb. and Signal . .	39.11 1-5	38	130
E Company	34.21 4-5	33	122
G "	31.24 1-5	30	117
D "	37.41 1-5	33	116
F "	38.52 1-5	35	110
B "	30.32 2-5	23	102

Possible hits, 50 ; ranges, 475 to 150 yards, 5 shots advancing and 5 shots retiring.

The officers of the day were : Executive officer, Major Delamere ; assistant executive officer, Lieut. J. G. Langton ; timers at start, Col.-Sergt. T. F. Hire, Sergt. A. Beattie (R.R.C.I.), and Mr. G. S. Percy ; timers at finish, Col.-Sergt. C. D. Lennox and Mr. W. E. Wright ; scorers, Mr. J. Hutcheson and Mr. H. Ritchie ; starter, Col.-Sergt. G. E. Cooper.

The cyclists' corps of the Victoria Rifles is proving a very valuable adjunct to the work in that regiment. On the recent night march around the mountain in Montreal Col. Starke found them indispensable in carrying orders rapidly to and from the advance and rear guards, where it would have been almost impossible to use horses. In fact, the success of the march was largely due to the cyclists.