

moved to hospital, and placed him under treatment. He began to improve, and yesterday (Friday) was a great deal better. To-day (Saturday) too, when I made my hospital rounds, I found him much brighter. Throughout the day he conversed with the other men in hospital, and with the attendants, and showed every sign of making a speedy recovery. But at a few minutes past four o'clock this afternoon, while talking to one of his comrades, he died without any warning. The story as to my having him punished for "shamming" sickness is entirely without truth. He was confined to Barracks, I believe, some time before falling ill, for some offence or other, but it was not at my instance nor on my complaint. My explanation of the poor fellow's awfully sudden death is that the rheumatism, which had been moving from one part of his body to another, touched his heart, and killed him as swiftly as a rifle-bullet would have done. There will be no inquest. It is quite unnecessary that one should be held, as the poor fellow died from natural, and clearly apparent causes.

It is only just to Surgeon-Major Neilson that his version of the story is corroborated by several members of the corps, who have every reason to know the truth of the matter.

Ross joined the battery about two years ago. He was a Scotchman and had one brother, a civilian, living in this city.

The quadrille party given by the Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of "A" Field Battery, on the night of Friday 22nd inst., was an unqualified success. Among the invited guests who were present were Major Drury, commanding the battery, and Capt. Gaudet, Surgeon Major Neilson and Veterinary Surgeon Massie, all of the battery, and Lieut. Cockburn, of the 2nd Dragoons. The different city corps were well represented and the civilian element was present in large force. Refreshments were served during the evening. Entertainment was provided for those present who were non-dancers, and the gallant sergeants did everything in their power to make the enjoyment of their guests complete. Needless to say they succeeded to perfection.

Sergt. Major MacKenzie arrived at Tete du Pont barracks from Fredericton, N. B., a few days ago in charge of a draft of general service men. The Sergeant Major, it is safe to say, has a longer period of service to his credit than any other member of the Canadian forces. Such an extended period has he served, indeed, that your correspondent hesitates to give it, lest he should be disbelieved.

Sergt. Baird and two gunners from the Toronto Field Battery are taking the short course of instruction at the Royal School of Artillery, Tete du Pont Barracks.

A petition is in circulation in the city, and will be forwarded to the Royal Humane Society of England, asking that the society's medal be awarded to Gunner John E. Bramah, of "A" Field Battery, who has saved no less than five persons from death by drowning, among them being a son of Major Drury.

The discussion among the sergeants of the 14th Batt. P. W. R., regarding the

re-establishment of their mess continues. They have had the offer of suitable rooms, and the time would seem to be ripe for the step to be taken.

Spring drill with the 14th will commence in a few weeks, and the probability is that more thorough and systematic work will be done this year than ever before. Several new prizes will be offered for competition on the rifle ranges, and the outlook is bright for a good shooting season. It is to be hoped that the battalion will not be compelled to do this shooting with the obsolete Snider this year. The new Martini-Metfords tested here last fall gave satisfaction to those who used them, and the corps expects to receive a full issue early in the season.

VEDETTE.

### Halifax.

On Thursday, Jan. 31, the Local Legislature was opened by His Honor the Lt.-Governor who was accompanied by Lt.-Col. Clarke, Major Murged and Captain Ritchie, A D.C.

Lt.-Col. J. D. Irving, D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Curren, Lt. Col. Humphrey and Major Oxley represented the Canadian Militia, Lt.-Col. Anstruther, B.A. and Lt. Saunders, B.A., were also present. Lieut.-General Montgomery Moore was prevented by illness from being present.

The Guards of Honour were furnished by the King's Regt. and 66th Regt. P.L.F., the former under command of Captain Hugh Johnstone, and the latter being in charge of Captain Davidson. The usual salute was fired from the Citadel Battery by a detachment from the H.G.A. under command of Captain Parker.

The officers of the Hx Bat. G. A., held their annual meeting on the 7th Feb., when the accounts were passed and the various committees appointed for this year. It was decided to request the Inspector of Artillery to drop the Bat. from the usual efficiency competition or to arrange a more equitable system, as it is found to be utterly impossible for Coy's of 100 men each to attain to the same degree of proficiency as can be reached by the Coy of 12 men, against which the Hx Bat. has had to compete for the past two years.

A hockey match played on the evening of the 8th Feb. between officers of the Garrison and officers of the H. G. A., was very closely contested. When time was called each team had scored four goals, and on playing off the Garrison team won the match. This being the first time the H.G.A. officers played together, the result was considered by their friends very satisfactory.

### Toronto.

Up to the time of writing we are still in the dark as regards the result of the Gzowski cup competition for 1891.

If the donor of this trophy was aware of the indifference displayed by the Ottawa authorities in declaring the result from the information furnished them some months ago, in all probability he would recall the trophy and in doing so confer a favor on the competing corps, the majority of whose members have ceased to look on the winning of this trophy in the light which it deserves.

The Camp Fire of the Battleford Column is an assured success. The greater portion of those comprising that column have signified their intention to be present, to enjoy the good things that have been provided by the committee.

The band of the Royal Grenadiers furnished the music for the Guard of Honor from No. 2 Co. on the occasion of the opening of Parliament on the 21st ult.

The suite of Lieut. Governor Kirkpatrick at the opening of the House was composed of Col. Sergt. Casimir Gzowski, Lt. Col. Otter, Lt. Col. Hamilton, Lt. Col. G. T. Denison, Lt. Col. Dunn, Maj. Lessard, Captain Kirkpatrick, Commander Laud.

For the second time since its inception the 48th Highlanders have lost their Adjutant. On the resignation of Capt. W. Macdonald, Capt. McGillivray was appointed to the post, but owing to a promotion and transfer to the Bank of Commerce at London, Ont., he has been compelled to tender his resignation within the last few days. Capt. McGillivray's absence from the 48th will be greatly felt, as he was deservedly popular with all ranks, and was one of the hardest workers in all matters regimental. A successor has not yet been appointed, and in the meantime it is supposed that the duties will be looked after by the regiment's hardest and most effective worker, Major Macdonald.

The outing of B. Co., Q. O. R., on Friday evening, the 15th, on the invitation of Major Pellart, was a huge success and enjoyed to the utmost by all the members of B Co.

I Co. and Major Murray celebrate their annual dinner on the 4th of March. It matters little whether Lent is on or not to this gallant crowd, the celebration is always the liveliest and noisiest in the regiment.

II Co. Q. O. R., and H Co. 48th Highlanders are initiating a new order of things by holding a joint-dinner at an early day. The outcome of the idea will be watched with great interest by many other companies.

### Coburg.

A few months ago, the officers of the military organization having their headquarters in Coburg, formed a club to be known as the Coburg Military Club, with Lieut.-Col. Boulton, 3rd Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons, as their president, and on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12th, they in conjunction with the officers of the 40th Battalion, held their first dinner at the Columbian Hotel. It was undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind ever held in Coburg. Covers were laid for forty guests, the cosy dining hall being comfortably filled. The assemblage was graced by the presence of a number of distinguished officers from different points in Ontario, while a large contingent of the officers of the 40th Battalion and Prince of Wales Dragoons was also present. That old veteran, Lt.-Col. D'Arcy Boulton, presided, having Lt. Col. Cotton, D. A. G., on his right, and Lt. Col. Rogers, 40th Battalion, on his left. Among the others present were Lt. Col. Skill, 11th Foot; Lt. Col. Graveley, "Stanley Barracks," Toronto; Major Biggar, 15th Belleville; Major Guillett, M. P.; Major McCaughey, 40th; Surgeon