

## Regimental News.

### TORONTO.

Affaires de militaire take up very little of our time at present. Save for an occasional company dinner or smoking concert, one could almost imagine that Toronto had exiled her citizen soldiers. However, indications are plenty that active work will soon be with us, and more of it, I imagine, than we have had for some years past. Negotiations about the new rifle range are at a standstill, owing to the inability of all concerned to procure a better rate of transportation from the G and Trunk Railway than that of 25 cents return fare. This of course makes the selection of the Mimico site next to impossible.

Despite the inclement weather, work has never altogether stopped on the drill hall site. Teams have been at work all winter drawing cement and stone and clearing the ground. It is often remarked that the site the new hall will occupy will not give best results as regards space of parade ground, and without a doubt placing the hall on Chestnut street, running north and south, would give more parade ground outside, while the grounds, if enclosed with a suitable fence, would present a much better appearance from the avenue.

Judging from the activity displayed every Thursday night the 48th Highlanders are going to make an exceedingly creditable appearance and fully justify the expectations of Lieut. Col. J. I. Davidson and Major A. M. Cosby. The regiment is exceedingly fortunate in possessing two such good officers, and, it reports be true, one of the best and hardest working officers in the city is going to make the third. Of course at present it is mere rumour, but if true the 4th are to be congratulated on their good fortune. May they prove themselves worthy of such officers. The mere fact of officers transferring from the old corps to the new can have but one effect, that of making the bonds of fellowship firmer than ever.

The many friends of Capt. H. McGee, of the Queen's Own Rifles, will regret to hear that for the last six weeks sickness has laid its heavy hand on him, but a ray of hope has at last dawned and that hand is getting lighter and lighter, so that in a short time it is hoped the genial Captain will be around once more fully restored.

### THE BUGLERS' RECEPTION.

Carrying out the idea of entertaining different companies of the regiment, the buglers of the Q.O.R. had the members of C and D companies as their guests on Saturday evening at their handsome mess rooms, corner Church and Colborne streets. Both companies turned out in full strength, and they enjoyed about two hours and a half of the best fun they have had for some time. The buglers, under

the direction of Bugle-Major Swift, opened the programme with a fancy drum march, after which the bugle-major explained the necessity of the companies becoming acquainted with their respective company bugle calls. Sergeant Woods sounded C and D company calls several times for the benefit of those members. The balance of the programme was varied enough to suit the most fastidious. Instrumental and vocal music was given by the following:—Messrs. Rugg, Forbes, Coulter, Mackle, Winters, Stevens, T. Baker, Hordon T. Woods, Ahison, Morrell, Davies, Davidson, Thomson and Sergt. Woods. A feature of the evening was a farce got up by Corporal Ross, intitled "Judge McGinty's Court." The fun in the court scene was uproarious; and Corp. Ross, Messrs. Kane, Kennedy, Cuthbert and several of the buglers carried out their parts to perfection. Capt. Maconnock, seconded by Capt. Knifton, a vote of thanks to the buglers at the close of the entertainment.

Arrangements are pending with the management of the World's Fair for a trip of the Q.O.R. buglers to the exhibition, and everything points to a certainty of their accepting the terms.

In the event of such acceptance, Bugle-Major Swift proposes to increase the strength to forty members. Some \$3,000 will be necessary for expenses, and of this \$1,000 has been guaranteed by one of the officers of the regiment, who knows a good thing when he sees it, and evidently is favourably impressed with the idea.

### EX-CHAPLAIN ACHESON.

We hear continually of the ex-members of the Queen's Own from all parts of the world, and the latest news of one of them will no doubt be read by many who remember the genial comrade of '85. The following is from the *New York Herald* of the 16th instant:—

Rev. E. Campion Acheson, Dr. Rainsford's senior assistant at St. George's Church, has received a request to take the rectorship of the Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church at Middletown, Conn. He has not announced his decision on the offer, as he has a similar one from a church at Sandusky, Ohio.

Mr. Acheson is an earnest mission worker. He became associated with St. George's three years ago, taking the position he now holds on the retirement of Dr. Wilson. He came from All Saints' Church, Toronto, where he was an assistant. He graduated from the Wycliffe College there. In 1885, when the Riel rebellion broke out in the Northwest, he enlisted as a private soldier in the Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto, and acted also as chaplain of the regiment. He distinguished himself at the battle of Cut Knife Creek where he snatched a comrade from some of the murderous half-breeds and bore him under fire within the Canadian lines. The rescued man, however, was fatally wounded while Mr. Acheson was carrying him.

The clergyman has done good work among the poor of avenue A. He desires an independent charge, however, and he will leave St. George's after Easter. The charge offered him at Middletown was once held by Dr. McCormell, of Philadelphia, who is mentioned as the successor of Bishop Phillips Brooks.

A smoking concert of the Q.O.R. ser-

geants' mess takes place on the 28th inst. and a very good programme has been provided.

The annual dinner takes place on Friday, February 26th.

Although it is yet a long way off, the Queen's Own are discussing the probability of their taking part in the big review it is proposed to hold in Montreal next 24th May. They all unite in a desire to go, the thoughts of the pleasant trip of 1889 being exceedingly agreeable.

BREECH BLOCK.

### THE GRENADIER OFFICERS.

The officers of the Royal Grenadiers held their annual meeting Saturday evening. Lieut. Col. Dawson, A. D. C., occupied the chair, and Capt. McLean acted as secretary. Capt. Bruce presented the financial report which was most satisfactory. The expenditures were the largest in the history of the regiment. The principal items in the expenditure were for drill instruction, band, rifle association and new equipment, including clothing in excess of Government issue. These amounts are entirely on regimental account, and do not include the expenditures by the individual companies. The report of the Band Committee presented by Capt. Hay showed that the band was in a most efficient condition. Lieut. Chadwick presented the report of the Mess Committee, showing an increased balance on hand. The Rifle Committee's report showed that at the Ontario and Dominion Rifle Association's matches the team representing the Grenadiers took, on the whole, the highest place of any regiment in the Dominion. They won three and probably four places out of the twenty on the Wimbledon team.

The following committees were elected for the ensuing year:—Regimental, Capt. Bruce and Gosling, Lieut. Stimson; Band, Capt. Hay and Cameron, Lieut. Irving; Mess, Capt. Tassie, McKay and Heward and Lieut. Chadwick; Rifle, Capt. Bruce and Harston, and Lieut. Pringle; Entertainment, Capt. Tassie, Gibson, Lieut. Chadwick, Sweetnam, Lehman, Assistant Surgeon King, Lieut. Stimson. It was decided to re-engage Sergt-Major Cox, at an increased salary, and to present him with a sword suitably engraved to replace the one lost. The officers spoke very highly of his efficient and painstaking services to the regiment during the past three years. Patterns for a new winter uniform were shown, and it was agreed to adopt one of these; for the non-commissioned officers and men the cap will be a black wedge with bag, edged with scarlet. It was also decided to organise a supernumerary sergeants' corps, to hold occasional mess dinners, to hold annual services in memory of the members of the regiment killed in action in the Northwest, to increase the number of men in the ambulance and signalling corps and to increase the annual contributions to the regimental fund of the majors and lieutenant-colonel.