

character; Drummer Doughty, character sketch; Messrs. Moody and Williamson, banjo and guitar selections.

The phenomenal whistling of Drummer Palmer and the inimitable original monologues of Capt. Irving were the features of the evening, particularly the latter, which artistically described how Private Mulvey deserted.

Banjo Trio by Mr. Bert Kennedy, Mr. Ed. Hackborn and Capt. Irving, who rendered a medley of regimental marches arranged for the occasion by Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Smith recited one of Kipling's Barrack Room ballads. Major Buchan, Capt. Cameron, and Mr. McLean, sang and sang well, as also did Private Gray and others.

Mr. Musgrove performed the duties of accompanist in a talented manner.

Capt. Irving in toasting Mr. Mannell of the Tremont House, (the host) paid a high tribute to the completeness and ability in which the many details of the dinner were arranged, and in responding Mr. Mannell tendered a medal to be competed for by the crack shots of the Company during the coming year. Mr. Croil supplemented this with a similar generous offer, which indicates that even in the midst of social festivities the military improvement of the Company is never lost sight of.

Such events as the one we have here chronicled, have a strong tendency to not only cement the bond of good feeling between officers and men, which is so strongly marked in "A" Company of the Royals, and which should permeate the ranks of our entire Militia system, but also to elevate the standard of intelligence among the defenders of our native land.

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On Monday night, 27th inst., were given two of the excellent series of lectures which are being delivered this winter before the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto. There was a large attendance of officers, and Lieut.-Col. Thomas, 25th Batt. presided.

The first lecture was by Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, of the Guelph Field Artillery. The subject he discussed was "Fire Discipline." The lecturer devoted a considerable part of his lecture to the duties of the battery commander in respect to the control of the fire under his command during action. He opened by showing the changed conditions imposed on artillerymen as compared with those of former wars. He said that the chief duty of a battery commander was to get into position as early as possible, and once in position to make good practice. To attain the first object mobility was necessary. He advised the massing of the artillery into brigade divisions. In case of war it would be impossible for battery commanders to do this duty without weakening their batteries. The method of coming into action and finding the range was then discussed. He pointed out the importance of range-finding, especially by mechanical means, and quoted records to show the great gain to be secured by this method. He advocated more time in drilling, and said that it was impossible to drill properly without the ammunition waggons, which were the most important adjuncts to the battery. He also pointed out the importance of the non-commissioned officers being well drilled in their duties, so that they should have complete control of their sections. Major Manly read Lieut.-Col. T. C. Scobie's lecture on the "Strategic Value of Canadian Railways." This lecture was illustrated by diagrams and maps. The lecture started first with Halifax, and pointed out the different roads by means of which Canada could be attacked, and the strategic importance of our railroad system in defence.

Votes of thanks were tendered the lecturers.

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The annual dinner of "H" Company, 10th R.G., was held recently at Webb's. Sergt. Alexander was in the chair. The guests were Captain Irving, Lieutenants Chadwick, Bain and Willis. The customary toast list was honoured, including the Canadian Militia, Captain Irving, the Regimental Staff, Lieutenant Chadwick, the Guests, Lieutenant Bain, Company Officers, Captain Trotter and Lieut. Pringle, Non-commissioned Officers, Sergeant Alexander. During the evening songs were given by Lieutenants Chadwick and Willis, Privates Braun, Gibbons, Cook, and Winterfield, and Drummer Tyers.

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An old member of K company, writing from Berlin, regrets the action of the Queen's Own in removing the headquarters

of the company from the university, and remarks on the great number of its ex-members now holding commissions in the militia throughout Canada. He expresses the hope that an independent corps will be organized entirely of university men, and suggests that this corps take the form of engineers, as the School of Science men would form such an excellent basis upon which to work. The university connection with the present company in the Q.O.R. will, however, not be severed so long as the students turn out and show any interest therein.

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The Band and Concert Committee of the Army and Navy Veterans met on 25th Feb., in Occident hall, and completed arrangements for their fifth annual concert in Occident hall on Tuesday, March 21st. A letter was read from Major-General Herbert, under whose patronage the concert is to be held, regretting his inability to be present, and enclosing a handsome subscription to the band fund.

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At the annual meeting of the officers of the Royal Grenadiers, held recently, Lieut.-Col. Dawson, A.D.C., presiding, the following committees were elected for 1893:—Regimental, Major Mason, Surgeon Ryerson, Captain Bruce; Band, Major Mason, Capt. Irving, Lieut. Sweatman; Mess, Capt. Gibson, Capt. Gosling, Lieut. Lehman, Lieut. Bain; Rifle, Capt. Bruce, Capt. Harston, Lieut. Pringle; Entertainment, Major Hay, Capt. Cameron, Assistant-Surgeon King, Lieuts. Stimson, Chadwick, Thompson and Bain. The reports of committees for 1892 were the most satisfactory yet presented. The expenditures during the year were the largest in the history of the regiment. The chief items were for the purchase of new clothing, and for the support of the band. It was decided to make some reductions in junior officers' fees, and to set aside a sum of money for furnishing the ante-room in the new drill-shed. The officer commanding appointed Major Mason, Capt. McLean, Capt. Irving, and Lieut. Chadwick to prepare and publish "standing orders" for the regiment.

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The annual meeting of "H" Company, Q.O.R., was held recently, and there was a large turn out of members. Capt. Gunther occupied the chair. The reports of the various committees were read, showing the company to be in a flourishing condition financially, while the strength of the company is away ahead of the previous year. The following committees were elected:—Finance, Sergt. Darby, Corp. Small, Pte. Black; General, Colour-Sergt. Boyd, Pte. Frind, Corporal Evans; Rifle, Sergt. Hulme, Ptes. Frind, Pemberton, Black, Hardy, and Corp. Small; Recruit, Sergt. Middleton, Ptes. Bogert, Dyas, Smith, Hoskin and Laurie. Corporal Evans was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Auditors, Ptes. Black and Pemberton. The following were elected as a committee to arrange for a smoking concert at an early date:—Mr. Green, Sergts. Hulme and Darby, Corp. Small, Ptes. Black, Hardy, Frind, Smith and Bogert.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

On the 16th inst. Col. Moore, the popular chief of the Island Brigade of Garrison Artillery gave his annual social to the officers and members of the City Batteries as well as the city officers of the 82nd Batt. and a few civilians. A jolly good time was spent. Col. Moore presided, and was as usual a model host. Col. Irving was also present, and gave one of his stirring addresses. A well selected programme had been prepared, and was carried out with much spirit. A mouth-organ solo by Mr. Payne brought down the house. Mr. C. B. Warren ably rendered a spirited reading, "Manning the guns. Coun. Beer sang "The Negro Slave" splendidly. Master Earle's song "Comrades" received hearty applause. Mr. Geo. Peake's reading "Handy Andy," created great amusement. Refreshments were then served under Mr. W. F. Cartier's excellent supervision. Then came a well rendered selection from the Artillery band, followed by a comic song from Quartermaster R. V. Longworth which was enthusiastically encored. Capt. Weeks gave an amusing reading in his usual pleasing way, and Mr. James Davidson sang "When the ship comes home again" in splendid style. T. A. McLean, Esq., read the famous "Keenan's Charge" with great spirit. Col. Moore then called for the people's