

sake of the force, we do not want that to happen.

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Among the members of the petit jury now impanelled for the present session of the Court of Queen's Bench at Montreal is a retired officer of militia who served over twenty years in the active force. Is it fair that a man who has devoted so much time voluntarily to the service of his country, should be compelled to serve as a petit jurymen, to the great disarrangement of his business; and that while there are thousands of men in the community eligible for jury duties, who have never done a thing for the country beyond contributing to the revenue by consuming taxed goods. Discharged militiamen, rank and file, as well as retired officers, should most decidedly be granted exemption from jury duties. The country does so little for the militiamen that it can afford to do this much with a very good grace.

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What about the new rifles, the necessary revision of the terms for the efficiency competitions, and the vacant commissions in the permanent force?

News of the Service.

NOTE.—Our readers are respectfully requested to contribute to this department all items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice. Without we are assisted in this way we cannot make this department as complete as we would desire. Remember that all the doings of every corps are of general interest throughout the entire militia force. You can mail a large package of manuscript, so long as not enclosed in an envelope, for one cent. At any rate forward copies of your local papers with all references to your corps and your comrades.

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TORONTO.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 12th Battalion, York Rangers, was held at Aurora on Friday night. Those present were: Col. Wayling, Majors Lloyd and Thompson, Capts. Hillary, Gower, Unitt, Leslie and Wayling, Lts. Curran, Elliott, Nichol, Lennox and Scott.

The standing committees were appointed as follows: Regimental Committee—Maj. Lloyd, Capt. Hillary and Capt. Leslie. Band Committee—Capt. Gower, Lt. Nichol and Lennox. Rifle Committee—Capt. Unitt, Lieuts. Elliott, Curran and Lennox. Mess Committee—Major Stevenson, Capt. Unitt and Lieut. Scott.

Surgeon Major Hillary, who has been regimental surgeon for over 20 years, forwarded his resignation and a committee was appointed to draft a suitable resolution to be presented to him at the camp.—Empire, Feb. 26th.

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Lieut. Col. Hamilton, commanding the Queen's Own Rifles, has promoted Sergt. W. H. Meadows to be Col. Sergt of "A" Company, and Sgt. W. Burns to be Col. Sgt. of "C" Company, and to be corporals of "K" Company, Ptes. A. E. Kirkpatrick and C. J. Burrill. The regimental recruit class will be opened for the admission of recruits on Wednesday evening,

the 7th March, at 8 o'clock, and be continued on each succeeding Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings until further orders. Second Lt. Peter White will perform the duties of Assistant Adjutant until further orders.

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At a meeting of cavalry officers held recently it was decided to form a Cavalry Association of Canada for the purpose of advancing the interests of cavalry, somewhat on the lines of the associations of the other arms of the Canadian militia at present in existence. The following officers were unanimously elected as the governing body of the association for 1894; President, Lt. Col. D'Arcy Boulton, 3rd Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons; vice presidents, Lt. Col. J. B. Forsyth, Queen's Own Canadian Hussars; Lt. Col. G. T. Denison, Governor General's Body Guard; Lt. Col. John Duff, 4th Regiment of Cavalry; Lt. Col. J. F. Turnbull, Royal Canadian Dragoons; Lt. Col. James Domville, 8th Princess Louise N. B. Hussars. Committee of Management—Lt. Col. F. C. Denison, C. M. G., M. P., Governor General Body Guard; Lt. Col. Gartshore, 1st Hussars; Lt. Col. Buchner, 2nd Dragoons; Lt. Col. Rogers, 3rd Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons; Major A. Knight, 4th Hussars; Lt. Col. Taylor, 5th Dragoons; Lt. Col. McArthur, 6th Duke of Connaught's Hussars; Major Markham, 8th Princess Louise N. B. Hussars; Lt. Col. Dunn, Governor General's Body Guard; Captain Ryan, King's Canadian Hussars; Captain Gourdeau, Princess Louise Dragoon Guard; Captain Knight, Winnipeg Dragoons; Capt. Hetherington, Queen's Own Canadian Hussars; Capt. Lessard, Royal Canadian Dragoons; Capt. Baldwin, Manitoba 2nd Dragoons; Capt. Evans, Royal Canadian Dragoons. Honorary secretary treasurer, Capt. Wm. Hamilton Merritt, Governor General's Body Guard, 15 Toronto street, Toronto, Ont.—Mail, March 1st.

MONTREAL.

The military night at the Academy of Music Monday, Feb. 12th, when the Montreal Amateur Operatic Club produced "Erminie," was the occasion of the most representative gathering of Montreal militia officers that has ever assembled within the walls of a Montreal theatre. The uniforms did their part in lending a gay appearance to the audience and it is seldom that the auditorium of our leading theatre has presented a more handsome appearance. By the way the handsome bouquets handed over the foot lights to Misses Walker and Moylan were contributed by the Deputy Adjutant General.

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Haggis was to the fore last evening at the Queen's Hotel, and it was received in the way that Scots always receive their national dish. The cause of it was the annual dinner of C Company, Royal Scots of Canada, and from all accounts it was the best one they ever held. The pretty dining-room of the hotel looked beautiful with its wealth of floral decorations, which fairly covered the tables,

while neat little boutonnières awaited each one of the fifty dinners. At 8.30 Ppe Sgt. Mathieson struck up on the pipes the company march, and the members of the company and their guests marched into the dining hall, where they formed in the centre of the open square in which shape the tables were arranged and the band of the regiment struck up the Royal Scots march. Between courses all had a chance to admire a very pretty souvenir of the occasion, which is a photograph of the company as they appeared at the last inspection, surmounted by the regimental crest, while on the right was that of the company and on the left that of its captain, while underneath was the company motto, "Men who their duties know." Sgt. Goodfellow was in the chair, and on his right and left as the guests of the non-commissioned officers and men were Major E. Ibbotson, Lieut. J. Aird, Capt. Lydon, Capt. J. Ibbotson, Lieuts. F. Meighen and W. F. Forbes, of the Scots; Lt. Col. Caverhill and Lt. R. Linton, R.L.; Capt. R. Reid, M.G.A.; Capt. Bond, P.W.R.; and Lt. Costigan, M.F.B. At other tables among the guests were Sgt. Major Niven, Sgt. Major Instructor Fellowes, M.G.A.; Bandmaster Cooke and Col. Sgt. Goldsack, F Co. R.S. After the loyal toasts a song was given by Col. Sgt. Goldsack, and then the guests' health was drunk and an able response made by Capt. Reid. The regimental band then gave a selection from "Wang," and the chairman proposed the health of the commanding officer and the officers of the regiment. Major Ibbotson responded first in the absence of Lt. Col. Strathy, who was laid up with "la grippe." Captain Lydon also made an able response to the same toast. Sgt. Major Fellowes and Bandmaster Cooke then sang, and after the applause had subsided Corporal Ashley Cooper proposed the military press, which was responded to by Cartridge Box. Capt. Bond then sang, after which Sgt. Major Fellowes proposed the health of the sergeant major and non-commissioned officers of the Royal Scots, to which Sgt. Major Niven replied. After a song by Pte. Ibbotson, and another selection by the band, the health of Capt. Ibbotson of the non-coms. and men of C Company, was proposed by Sgt. Gray, the last toast proposed by Lt. Col. Caverhill, being that of the non-coms. and men of C Company, which was ably responded to by Sgt. Goodfellow and Corp. Cooper. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen" terminated the proceedings. Those who had the successful dinner in charge were: Capt. J. S. Ibbotson, Lts. F. Meighen, W. F. Forbes; Col. Sgt. F. G. Corner; Sgts. R. C. Goodfellow, J. W. Gray; Corporals R. McLean, A. Cooper, W. Poland, L. Quinn; managing committee, Col. Sgt. F. G. Corner, president; Pte. O. G. Beckett, sec.-treas.; Pte. F. Adams, Pte. W. Craig, Pte. J. O. Hannah.—Gazette, March 1st.

HALIFAX.

The members of the N. C. O.'s Mess R. E. held their annual sleigh drive yesterday. A party of forty proceeded to Bedford in Robinson's teams and there in-