

will be made up of three battalions of four companies, each company in charge of a captain and two lieutenants, the regiments to be commanded by a colonel, who will have the assistance of a lieutenant-colonel as second in command, and three majors. In all cases regiments of cavalry, artillery, and infantry will be provided with the services of an adjutant and a quartermaster, each of captain's rank, who, with other departmental officers, will be borne on the extra-regimental strength. The measure is certain to excite widespread discussion throughout the United States.

News of the Service.

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Toronto.

The new drill hall is not yet handed over to the Public Works Department. The Government architect again inspected the building this week, but did not find everything satisfactory.

The Regimental Rifle Committees applied some time since for permission to use the Morris tube galleries, but it is hardly likely that these will be used now before the spring drill.

The action of the Government is surprisingly strange and taken into consideration the fact that one of Toronto's representatives is a military man the lack of support and encouragement seems stranger still.

Several of the papers have been harping on the necessity of getting younger and more capable representatives at the next elections, and it has been suggested that the military men of the city should, irrespective of partyism, endeavor to have some one elected, who will be a little more alive to the interests of the force than the present military member. For all the justice and support that the city corps of Toronto receive at the hands of the Government, they might just as well have not had a military man among its representatives.

With a view of celebrating the tenth anniversary of the departure from Toronto for the North West, the members of others column are organizing and propose holding a dinner on that occasion.

There was a good attendance at the inaugural meeting at Clancy's on the evening of the 23rd ult., when Major Delamer was elected chairman, and Capt. Wallace secretary pro-tem. A temporary committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements and report at the next meeting, which will be called at an

early date. Should this paragraph meet the eye of any out of town members of that force, Capt. Wallace, care of the Home Savings and Loan Co. Lt'd, would be pleased to hear from them, as several who are now living at a distance propose seizing this opportunity of once more fraternizing and swapping yarns with the remnants of that "Old Brigade" who did their share in the hard work that was general throughout the campaign.

It is pretty well understood that Ex-Pioneer Sergt. Harding, of the Royal Grenadiers will be appointed caretaker of the drill hall as soon as it is handed over to the Government.

The late Mr. A. M. Smith, of the well known firm of Smith & Keeghley, was buried in the Necropolis on Monday the 21st ult.

In 1855-6 when the re-organization of the Canadian Militia took place he raised and commanded the Highland Company, remaining with it until it became merged into the Queen's Own Rifles.

He came to this country in 1837 with the 93rd Regt. and when it returned to the old country he purchased his discharge in Montreal and returned to Toronto early in 1838.

He has been prominently identified with public life in the city since 1885, and at the time of his death was president of the Western Assurance Co., the Canada Transit Co., vice-president of the Ontario Bank, director of the British America Insurance Co., and also of the Canada Permanent Building Society.

The annual meeting of the officers of the Queen's Own Rifles was held on the 18th ult., but owing to pressure of business was postponed until a later date.

About the most successful meeting of the officers of the Grenadiers ever held was the one held in their Mess-Room on Saturday the 19th Jan. Nearly every officer was present and from beginning to end the right sort of interest was maintained. The following committees were appointed:

Regimental—Major Bruce (president); Surgeon Rexerson, Lieut. Stinson.

Band—Major Hay (president); Capt. Tassie, Lieut. O'Reilly.

Rifle—Major Bruce (president); Captains Trotter, Mackay, Tassie, Lieuts. Pringle, Myers, Craig, Mason.

Mess—Capt. Cameron (president); Capt. Elliot, Lieut. Sloane.

Entertainment—Asst. Surgeon King (president); Lieuts. Bain, Wills and Martin.

A committee was appointed to look after the contemplated issue of a handsomely illustrated history of the regiment.

It is proposed to make it up to about 250 pages and will no doubt prove most interesting to the ex-members as well as to the present rank and file.

The Grenadiers have made a wonderful stride forward within the past year and at the end of the present year will without doubt be neck-and-neck with the leaders of the district, if not sufficiently past them to get the verdict.

After the last few years of dry rot, the infusion of new blood cannot but have a good effect, and I don't think that any regiment deserves to have its innings as much as does the Royal Grenadiers.

They realize that, unlike some others, reputation is not much of a thing to travel on, and are settling down to hard-pan, boasting of nothing, but fostering a strong determination to prepare themselves to thoroughly give evidence of their motto of "Ready, aye Ready."

I am glad to see that their largest committee is designated as the Rifle Committee, and also glad that they see the necessity of strengthening the hands of Major Bruce and Lieut. Pringle. Both of these officers have done noble service for their regiment in this respect, and last season, after many discouraging effort, produced a team of green 'uns who will yet develop to do credit to their coaches and to their regiment.

The Gren's commence recruit drill immediately in the new armory and have decided to use a staff of instructors from No. 2 Co. R.R.C.I. Their non-commissioned officers class, under instruction of Sergt-Major Cox, has already commenced.

The council of the Ontario Rifle Association held a special meeting at the Military Institute on Tuesday, the 22nd Jan., with the president, Lt.-Col. Davidson presiding.

The report of the secretary was adopted and the record of the proceedings for 1894 was ordered to be printed and distributed to the members prior to the annual meeting, which takes place on Tuesday, the 5th March next.

Strong representation will be made to the Militia Department anent the closed and useless 200-yard range, (the military member should be given a last chance to make amends by taking charge of this) and a committee composed of Lt.-Col. Jones, Major Mason, Lt.-Col. White, Major Sam Hughes, and Capt. Russell, will confer with the commanding officers of the Toronto Corps to evolve some system of management of the ranges, with a view to recommending same to the Militia Department.

Major Henderson, Lieut. Elliott and Lieut. Cartwright were appointed to look after the following circular letter which will be sent to the various County Councils:—

"By direction of the president and council of the Ontario Rifle Association, I am instructed to solicit from the municipal corporations of the Province of Ontario a donation of \$10, in aid of the annual prize meeting. This grant is solicited to enable the association to add to its programme a special match restricted to the younger riflemen of your own and other counties throughout the province, and thus give a much needed stimulus to rifle shooting among the younger members of the county battalions. The grant asked for is small, but if all contribute a sufficient fund can be raised for the purpose. Yours truly, W. George Mutton, Capt., secretary."