

tain, were animated by as good a spirit as any in the country; and although, while on service, it was not his good fortune to command his own men, he felt confident that if, unfortunately, an emergency arose, the 22d Battalion would in no respect do discredit to the country.

After the inspection, the officers, with a few friends, sat down at Bishop's to an excellent supper, and of the manner in which that princely caterer contributed to the comfort of his guests, it is not required to say a word. On the removal of the cloth, Col. Richardson offered as the first toast—

"The health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen." The national anthem by the band.

The next toast was "the Administrator of the Government."

Captain Beard, who acted as croupier, proposed the health of Brigade Major Moffatt.

That officer, in reply, complimented the county of Oxford on the spirit of patriotism which it exhibited in supplying, in addition to a full battalion, a respectable contingent to three other organizations; and the 22nd had the proud satisfaction of occupying a first position in the country's defence force. The handsome manner in which the people of Oxford responded to the necessities of the country in June last was exceedingly gratifying, and that spirit, under the management of such officers as Col. Richardson, would not fail to prove equal to any emergency; and it was pleasant to him to have the opportunity of saying this in the presence of so many gentlemen of the county.

The next toast was the health of the County Judge, D. S. McQueen, Esq.

In reply, the learned gentleman confessed not to be specially familiar with the "glorious art of war." He cordially endorsed the sentiment in respect to the patriotism of the people of the county of Oxford, and he complimented Col. Richardson on the splendid force under his command. The little service which he had seen—and possibly he was the only person in the room who had been brought face to face with the other side of the picture—was on that memorable occasion when the so-called patriot army under Von Shultz attempted the conquest of Canada by a descent upon Prescott. In the occurrences of that time, and the attack on the position of the invader, it was his good fortune to bear a part; and thus it was that he was able to say, what perhaps no other gentleman present could say, that he had been under fire. Long may we enjoy the blessings of peace, said the worthy judge, with emphasis; but if unfortunately a resort to arms was forced upon us, he felt that as at the gates of Quebec, at Chrysler's Farm, and at Queenston Heights, the militia of Canada would prove their unflinching attachment to Britain's Queen and British connection. He was much gratified to meet on the occasion so many officers of the battalion, particularly the more recent appointments; the paymaster, for instance, Mr. Sheriff Ross, who certainly, to use a hackneyed, but in this case a very proper expression, was emphatically the right man in the right place, and the references of the Brigade Major were specially pleasant.

Major Greig also spoke, and so did Quartermaster Craig; and on the Colonel's leaving, the party separated at an early hour, the inspecting officer to complete his round of duty.

**ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE BRANTFORD HIGHLAND RIFLE COMPANY.**—This yearly festival, commemorative of the formation of the above efficient corps, was celebrated on Friday evening last, being the anniversary of the birth of

the poet Burns. A celebration of this kind happily calling forth, as this did, the gratitude of our townsmen to a self-sacrificing and patriotic body of men, who, during the late trouble, were always ready at the call of danger to defend our frontier from the polluting tread of Yankee and Fenian hordes, was sure to be patronized. But when this feeling was united to those irresistible soul-thrilling and fascinating associations, combined with the memory of the most gigantic spirit that trod the earth during the eighteenth century, Scotland's own most cherished bard, no son of Scotland, and but few of Erin, could resist the attractive influence of the gifted son of song, for this two-fold reason. Therefore, the anticipations of Mr. Grierson, who so considerably, indefatigably, and we should say, successfully catered for the wants of his expected guests, were to the full realized, for about a hundred partook of the good things which he provided for their use. In the absence of Captain Grant, suffering from his late sad bereavement, William Mathews, Esq., J. P., presided as chairman, and Dion C. Sullivan, Esq., President of the Central School, Brantford, occupied the vice-chair. The cloth having been removed, the business of the evening commenced in earnest, by the well prefaced toasts of the chairman. The night, as every member of the company can testify, being devoted to gladness and social delight, the song, the laugh, and the good-natured rapartee did not cease until the "sm' wee hours of the morn," when all separated, well pleased with themselves, with their neighbors, and with the good cheer of which they partook.—[Expositor.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

We are glad to learn that the Volunteers are this winter practicing at the target, as we consider that this part of a soldier's drill is the most important. A soldier may be ever so well drilled in other respects, but if he does not know how to use his rifle in aiming and firing the drill he has learned is almost a nullity. We have the score of two matches which have taken place in Milford and Wellington. We learn small purses were made up at each place to give a stimulus to the Volunteers, and although the score is not as good as might be owing to the very cold weather at both places during the matches, still they give a fair average, and we hope, in the meantime, each volunteer will improve his firing to prepare for a County match which is contemplated to get up here next month, when all will have a chance for a good prize.

The match at Milford took place on the 17th inst., a purse of \$15 was made up, \$5 from Lt.-Col. Ross, and \$10 by subscription, for the best shots, with the following result:

Distance 200 yards and 300 yards, three shots at first range and two at second range, both companies bring together:				
	200 yds.	300 yds.	Total.	Am't.
Hugh Reid,	3.3	2.0	11	\$2.00
Walter Ellis,	3.3	2.0	10	1.00
G. Dingman,	3.2	0.2	9	1.00
S. Minaker,	3.2	0.5	8	1.00
Thos. Reid,	3.3	0.0	8	1.00
R. Lobb,	0.4.0	3.0	7	1.00
R. Anderson,	3.0.2	0.2	7	1.00
A. McIntosh,	3.2.2	0.0	7	1.00
Jas. Minaker,	3.0.2	2.0	6	.50
D. Miller,	2.0.4	0.0	6	.50

\$10.00

After the above match was fired two matches, of one shot each, at 300 yards was fired, with the following result:

1st Match.—Walter Ellis, 1st prize, \$1.00; Wm. Kerr, 2nd, 50c; Peter Rightman, 3rd, 25c.  
2nd Match, 300 yds.—James Minaker, 1st prize, \$1; George Mouck, 2nd, 50c; George Kerr, 3rd, 25c.

Another Match was fired for, but we have not the result.

The match at Wellington took place last Friday and Monday of this week.

1st Match, ranges 200 and 300 yards, for purse of \$14.50 made up by subscriptions in Wellington and divided into 13 prizes, viz:

	200	300	Total.	Am't.
Jas. Hadden,	8.4.3	8.0	13	\$3.00
A. Hutchinson, sen.,	3.0.3	3.0	9	2.50
B. Reynolds,	2.2.3	0.2	9	2.00
J. Kinney,	0.4.0	3.2	9	1.50
C. Robinson,	0.3.3	2.0	8	1.25
S. Morden,	0.0.0	4.3	7	1.00
William Hadden,	0.3.0	0.0	6	1.00
G. Webster,	0.0.3	0.0	6	.75
H. Rightmire,	2.0.3	0.0	5	.50
S. Reynolds,	3.2.0	0.0	5	.25
Albert Palen,	0.0.3	2.0	5	.25
D. Reynolds,	0.2.3	0.0	5	.25
A. Hutchinson, jr.,	3.0.3	0.0	6	.25

\$14.50

No. 2, 3 and 4 had to fire off the second prize, and was won by Private Amos Hutchinson, sen., and 3rd and 4th fired off, and won by William Hadden, and 9 and 13 fired off for the 9th prize, won by Rightmire.

The matches on Monday was for a prize by Lieut.-Colonel Ross, of five dollars, and Dr. Watson of one dollar—six dollars divided in five prizes, target 4 M 6; range 400 yards, 5 rounds:

	0.2.2.4.2.—10	\$2.00
R. Huyck,	4.2.0.0.4.—10	1.50
E. Wood,	0.3.0.3.—9	1.25
Thomas Hicks,	3.3.0.3.—9	.75
— Isted,	0.0.4.2.0.—6	.50

The ties were fired off and won as above—Huyck winning from Wood, and Hicks from Isted.

Another prize by Lewis Stinson, Esq., Reeve of Hollowell, for one dollar and fifty cents, in two prizes at 600 yards, was fired, size of target 4 x 6, 3 shots: 1st prize, H. Curtlett, 4 4 4—12, one dollar; 2nd Edward Wood, 0 4 4—8, fifty cents.—[Picton Gazette.

**LISTOWELL INFANTRY COMPANY.**—The 'Banner' says: "The Listowell infantry company are performing their annual drill under Staff Instructor Leydon, late sergeant of the 60th Rifles. They are a fine-looking body of men, very evenly sized, and are making satisfactory progress in drill. The attendance, however, has not been so large as we would wish to see, but we trust that hereafter the company will muster in full strength, as only by regular attendance and strict attention can they attain that proficiency in drill requisite to make an efficient army."

**AID TO THE CRETANS.**—The Constantinople correspondent of the New York 'Tribune' writes: "England has fairly taken the wind out of the sails of Russia. Russia has promised everything to the Cretans, and done nothing. The Cretans had also hoped that American vessels might, at least, go as far as to remove the suffering families from the island; but England, from whom they hoped but little, has quietly taken the initiative, and sent a steamer to remove such families as may wish to leave. She went to Selmos, the as yet unravaged part of the island, and took off about 500 of these poor starving women and children."

**CAPT. TREMBLE,** late of an Illinois regiment, was recently shot at, and his life threatened. He came to New Orleans and returned with 20 cavalry to remove his family. He found that his wife and child had been driven from home into Arkansas. The cavalry were forced to fall back before 300, unreconstructed. Mrs. Tremble died from the treatment. The Captain is at the point of death from wounds received from the cavalry.

Major-General Charles Ashmore is gazetted to the colonelcy of the 30th Foot.