

QUEBEC.

Lieut.-Col. J. Elton Power, Commandant of the 8th Royal Rifles, was entertained at dinner in the Garrison Club, by his brother officers on Monday evening last, the 4th instant, prior to his departure for England.

The following officers were present:—Majors G. E. Allen Jones and G. R. White; Captains, E. Montizambert (Adjutant), W. J. Ray, Ernest F. Wurtele, W. C. H. Wood, C. J. Dunn, H. J. Hussey (Paymaster), and T. H. Argue (Quartermaster); Lieutenants, J. B. Peters, O. B. C. Richardson, W. Davidson and George VanFelson, the guests present being Lieut.-Col. F. Turnbull, Canadian Dragoons; C. Montizambert, R. C. A.; T. Roy, 9th Batt.; Capt. Hethrington, Q.O.C.H.; Capt. J. George Garneau, Q.F.B.; Hon. George Irvine, and Messrs. H. Smith, W. Petry, and J. A. Ready. Owing to the Camp of Instruction the staff of the District were unable to attend.

The presidential chair was occupied by Capt. Wurtele, with Lieut. Davidson as Vice-President.

The toasts included that of "the Queen," "Our Guest," etc. Major Jones, in proposing the health of Lieut.-Col. Prower, voiced the feeling of all present in wishing that the gallant Colonel would be back again in the near future to resume command of the Regiment. Lieut.-Col. Prower arose and thanked his brother officers for the assistance which they had at all times given him in maintaining the Regiment in its present efficient state, and that he would continue to watch the future of the Corps, although circumstances might prevent his return, to Canada.

Hon. George Irvine proposed the health of the 8th R.R., and Major White that of "Our Guests." In answer to the latter speeches were made by Lieut.-Col. F. Turnbull, Canadian Dragoons, Lieut.-Col. Roy, 9th Batt., Capt. Hethrington, Q.O.C.H., and Capt. Garneau, Q.F.B.

During the evening song were sung by Lieut.-Col. Prower, Major White, Capt. Hussey, and Lieuts. Peters and VanFelson. Mr. W. Petry gave a very amusing recitation

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The Revenue Cutter "Constance," commissioned for service on the St. Lawrence, having requested assistance from the authorities at Ottawa, in order to secure the capture of a smuggling schooner with a valuable cargo of contraband liquor on board, the authorities ordered a detachment from "B" Battery, R.C.A., to proceed to the assistance of the "Constance," and at 11.30 P.M. the detachment, consisting of 15 men under command of Captain Farley, arrived at the Queen's wharf. The men were in heavy marching order and brought a 9 pr. Field Gun with them. In a very short time the men were embarked on board of the Government Steamer "Albert," together with the gun, limber and ammunition, and at exactly midnight left for the scene of action. Lieut.-Col. Montizambert and Capt. Rutherford were on hand to look after the embarkation of the expeditionary force. Owing to the strict manner in which their departure had been kept there were but a few persons present when they left, among whom were three officers of the 8th R.R. in "mufti."

No news has since been received as to their movements.

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Saturday afternoon brought out a number of persons to the Levis ranges, the occasion being the 3rd League Match and the presence of the District Camp in the vicinity. Towards the latter part of the afternoon there was quite a wind, which interfered somewhat with the scoring. Captains Ernest F. Wurtele and H. J. Hussey were present; the former took a hand in keeping the score sheets and the latter put in a little practice at firing. Lieut. O. B. C. Richardson took in the situation, and will, no doubt, induce the popular paymaster to become a competitor in the near future.

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TORONTO.

On Saturday evening Capt. and Mrs. MacDougall of the New Fort left the Union Station, en route for England. "The Braw Laddies," hearing of their intention the night previous, determined to give them a send off. At 8 p.m. about 70 N.C. officers and men paraded under Drill-Sergeant Hollinger, and headed by the drum and pipe band marched to Wellington and York streets and formed up in line. As soon as the captain and his wife made their appearance three hearty cheers were given them. Eight stalwart warriors at once supplanted the horse, to the astonishment of the driver. On reaching the station the men were briefly and feelingly addressed by Capt. MacDougall, after which they were marched back to Upper Canada College and dismissed.

It is stated that Capt. MacDougall will be attached for three months to one of the regiments stationed at Aldershot.

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The many readers of the GAZETTE will be grieved to learn of the serious illness of Lieut. Andrew Irving of the Royal Grenadiers who is now lying at death's door at the residence of his father, 190 Simcoe street. A telephone enquiry from Dr. King on Monday afternoon, elicited the information that Dr. King assisted by Dr. Cameron and Laymond had performed an operation that morning and while the patient is in a critical condition hopes are entertained of a complete recovery.

It is to be hoped that before this reaches the eyes of our readers, we may be in possession of news confirming the hopes of Lieut. Irving's many friends for his rapid advancement to health and strength.

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Bandmaster Griffin of the 48th Highlanders is making steady progress in the formation of the regimental band.

A stand of fifty instruments is expected this week and before long the regiment will be almost complete.

The formation of signal and ambulance corps are now under way so that by inspection it is expected that a complete regiment will be on parade.

Major Henderson, Capt. Macdonald and Staff Sergt. Harp are untiring in their efforts to cultivate the rifle shooting strength, and, heavily handicapped as they are with the "steel barrels," evidence is forthcoming to prove the existence of good shooting material.

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The Order-in-Council having been signed and the Exhibition by-law having been passed, the Exhibition Committee lost no time in letting the tenders for the erection of a grand stand.

On Wednesday work commenced on No. 3 range and already quite a change has taken place in the ground, between the firing points. It was thought that this action would stop all firing on this range but on Saturday the practice of the Queens Own and Grenadiers was carried out without interruption although it cannot be long before the firing points will have to be levelled.

Naturally this causes our shooting men to think that the prospects of getting in a seasons practice are pretty slim and there are to be met many who do not hesitate to say that it will be a matter of no surprise should the Ontario Rifle Association be forced to suspend their meeting for this year; others however say that the new range at Port Credit will be ready before that, but seeing that nothing has been done to it yet, it is rather a large undertaking to get things in shape.

No one seems to be aware of whether the city is bound to provide and equip one before taking the other or just to provide one, leaving the matter of equipment to its own sweet will.

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The shooting of the Toronto teams was exceedingly good at the 3rd League match last Saturday. The weather was fine and the light bright, but the wind was variable, one