

successful smoker in the annals of the company. Among others present were Lieut. Col. Hamilton, Major Delamere, Capt. Bennett, Capt. Lee, Lieut. Chadwick, 10th R. G.

D CO. ANNUAL DINNER.

On Friday night, 18th inst., the annual dinner of D Co., Q. O. R., took place at Webb's, and was an exceedingly enjoyable affair. The chair was taken about 9 o'clock by Capt. Mason, the vice chairs being occupied by Lieut. Peuchen and Col. Sergt. Wright. The guests of the evening were as follows: Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Major Clarke, Major Delamere, Major Mason, 10th R.G., Capts. Macdonald, Pellatt, Mutton, Thompson, Heakes, Lieuts. Crean, Wyatt, Sergt.-Major Robertson, Staff Sergt. Harp, 48th Highlanders, Mr. Kane and representatives from the *Militia Gazette*, *Mail*, *Globe*, *Empire* and *World*. After the menu had been thoroughly understood by everyone and as Webb alone knows how to explain, glasses were charged and the toast of "The Queen" was drunk in the usual loyal and sincere manner. Corp. Porter, secretary of the company, then read letters of regret from the following: Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, Lieut.-Col. Jones, 38th, Lieut.-Col. Davidson, 48th, Lieut.-Col. Miller, R. L., Major Sankey, Capt. Macdougall, Capt. Richardson, Victoria Rifles, Capt. McLean, 10th R.G., Sergt. Major Kennedy, Q.O.R.

Ex-Pte. Kane favoured the company with some lightning change specialties, reciting a verse of "The Charge of the Light Brigade" as a tragedian, Frenchman, clergyman, masher, and Irishman; and for an encore gave facial expressions which were an exceedingly clever exhibition of the way the features can be worked.

The toast of "The D.A.G." was honoured just as enthusiastically as if Lieut.-Col. Otter had been present, evidently absence making the heart grow fonder. Pt. Morell then gave an octarina solo with piano accompaniment.

The next toast "The Militia of Canada" was proposed by Capt. Mason and responded to by Capt. Mutton, and well and ably he did it, and I regret very much at not being able to give the readers of the GAZETTE this speech. I certainly never heard this toast responded to better nor the subject more ably discussed. The speech was the speech of the evening and showed what a thorough knowledge the gallant Captain possesses of the history of this Canada of ours. The toast of "Lieut.-Col. Hamilton and Staff" was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Major Delamere, Capt. Pellatt. For the ex-officers of D Co., Capt. Macdonald spoke. "Our Guests," proposed by Lieut. Peuchen, was responded to by His Worship Mayor Clarke, Major Mason, 10th R.G., Capts. Thompson and Heakes. "The Ladies," by Sergt. Thompson. "The Press," by Staff Sergt. Dent, *Empire*, Mr. R. Smith, *Globe*.

The following contributed to a very enjoyable programme: Lieut. Wyatt, Sergt. Woods, Mr. A. L. E. Davies, and piano solo by Prof. Monk. A very pleasant and highly successful dinner was brought to a close shortly after 1 o'clock. The committee to whom the success of the dinner is due are as follows: Lieut. Peuchen, Sergt. Thompson, Sergt. Cunningham, Corp. Porter, Ptes Taylor and Doughty.

The unseasonable weather has prevented any hockey as yet, but everything is in shape for company practice prior to commencing the regimental schedule.

I have just been told that the Q. O. R. Revolver Association intend holding another match in February and their crack team is anxious to meet teams from other regiments. Full particulars, including dimension of target, will be given later.

BREECH-BLOCK.

ANOTHER REVOLVER COMPETITION.

At the meeting of the committee of the Q. O. R. of C. Revolver Association recently held in Capt. Pellatt's office, it was decided to have another series of matches about the

1st of February next, when the 13th Batt. of Hamilton will send down a team to shoot against a team from the Queen's Own. Company teams of 3 officers, non-commissioned officers or men from any company will be a new feature. There will also be the regular individual match for which the aggregate of 3 scores will count. The association intend doing all in their power to get an annual allowance of revolver ammunition for the officers and staff-sergts. of the corps, the same as is allowed annually of Snider for rifle shooting.

Militia General Orders (No. 21) of 24th Dec., 1891.

No. 1 PERMANENT CORPS.

Monthly Returns. All monthly returns (viz.: "Settlement of Accounts," "Discharges by purchase," "Descriptive report of Deserters," "Return of Courts Martial," "Return of leave of absence," and "Return of sick and lame horses,") are to be rendered on the 1st of each month, in cases where the form is blank the return is to be filled up with the word "Nil," certified by the Commanding Officer and sent in as usual.

No. 2. PRECEDENCE OF N. C. OFFICERS.

The following will be the order of precedence of N. C. Officers in the Permanent Corps. Those bracketed together rank with one another according to the dates of promotion or appointment. Those to which is prefixed an asterisk are not entitled to assume any command on parade or duty except over such N. C. Officers and men, as may be specially placed under their orders. In matters of discipline, however, they will at all times exercise the full authority attached to their rank.

1. Master Gunner, after 3 years service as such.
2. Master Gunner, under 3 years service.
3. Q. M. Sergeant.
- TROOP SERGEANT MAJOR, C. S. C.
 - (Laboratory Foreman,
 - *Ordnance Armourer.
4. Sergeant Instructor.
 - *Trumpet Major.
 - Riding Instructor.
5. *Farrier, if of Sergeant rank.
6. Sergeants.
7. Corporal.
8. Bombardier.
9. Acting Bombardier.
10. Lance Corporal.

[No. 3, being Major General Herbert's report on the camps for 1891, is published separately on the first page of this issue. For Nos. 4 and 5, General Efficiency and Musketry returns, see next pages.]

Militia General Orders (No. 22) of 24th Dec., 1891.

No. 1.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

INCREASE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ACTIVE MILITIA. Authority having been granted for the raising in the town of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia, a company of infantry, the following officers are provisionally appointed thereto:

- To be Captain: William McGregor, Gentleman.
- To be Lieutenant: Anson Adam Robinson, Merchant.
- To be 2nd Lieutenant: Wesley Robinson Bryant.

No. 2.—APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS.

INFANTRY SCHOOL CORPS.

The resignation of Lieutenant John Davis Roche is hereby accepted.

CAVALRY.

1ST REGIMENT OF CAVALRY, O. C. No. 2 Troop, London.—To be Captain: Lieutenant James Baker Strothers, R.S.C., *vice* Peters, resigned.

3RD PROVISIONAL REGIMENT OF CAVALRY, O. C. Troop.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Edward Burnit Loucks, *vice* Strickland, appointed Adjutant.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: William Herbert Bradburn, *vice* Strickland, promoted.