

## Regimental News.

Lt.-Col. Toller and the officers of the Governor-General's Foot Guards gave a smoking concert in the officers mess rooms on the 18th inst., at which there was a good attendance of all ranks in the regiment, a very enjoyable evening being spent. The new commanding officer is sparing no effort to work the Guards up to the highest possible efficiency, and this smoking concert served as a means of establishing the good fellowship between the members, essential to the welfare of the regiment.

The Guards are busy putting in their annual drill, and the recruits, under the instruction of the Sergeant-Major and his assistants, are improving rapidly. Nothing has yet been done regarding the 24th May.

The annual competition for the cup presented to No. 7 Company 35th Battalion by Mr. F. Kean, took place on Tuesday, 5th inst., at Orillia. The weather was cold, and there was a heavy wind blowing, the date fixed being evidently too early in the season. The shooting was at 200 and 400 yards, 5 shots, and the best scores were: Pte. T. Parker 34, Pte. Mitchell 31, Sergt. G. Price 29 and Capt. Drinkwater 29.

### TORONTO.

April 19th.—The drill fever is fast reaching its height, and every night squads of one of the regiments are hard at work getting into shape. It is quite a matter of surprise to see the strength of the regiments, as each drill night the parade seems to grow larger. Last Wednesday the Queen's Own turned out 630 strong, and the Grenadiers a trifle over 500. The 48th Highlanders are about 250 strong with recruits fast coming in.

Their uniforms have arrived, and were distributed to the different companies on Good Friday.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell has been appointed Chaplain to the regiment and will preach his initial sermon to them next Sunday.

Last Thursday evening after the parade of the Grenadiers, the officers of the regiment through Lt.-Col. Dawson presented Lieut. Col. Davidson with an exceedingly handsome claymore, as a slight token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by them. Lieut.-Col. Davidson in return thanked his old comrades very kindly for their handsome gift, and stated that both himself and his family would cherish it for all time to come.

To-night the Kilties have their first parade for Commanding Officers' inspection, and I venture to say that a finer body of men never turned out in

Toronto. There are very few under 5 feet 8 inches in height, and the uniforms are by long odds the best that have ever been issued to any regiment of the Canadian Militia.

"D" Co. Q.O.R. will shortly be exhibited to Toronto citizens, or at least their picture will, and one, I think, of the best military groups ever gotten up. The picture proper is  $4\frac{1}{4}$  ft. by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  ft., and is one of Dixon's best works. The scene is a camp showing the tents in the rear, the men grouped in different attitudes in front, the attention of not a few being given to the yarns of one of their number. To the right rear are to be seen the officers of the company and to the right front the men for duty, paraded by the Orderly Sergeant, the men for guard being in heavy marching order; to the left front is shown the corporal of the guard relieving the sentries of one of the posts, while to the left rear and coming down a road is shown a fatigue party of eight men, under a corporal, returning to camp. It makes a very pretty picture, and "D" Company are to be congratulated on making this departure from the old way of having a picture taken, company front, and at the firing or other position.

Rumours are rife as to the destination of the different regiments 24th May. It is pretty well settled that the 48th stay in Toronto. The Grens. are hesitating between Windsor and Montreal, and the Queen's Own have looked for more than a year on Montreal as a dead sure thing. Everything will be settled within a week, although the greatest drawback will be the inability of some men to get away on the 23rd.

The church parade of the Queen's Own, originally fixed for Easter Sunday, has been postponed until Sunday, 8th May.

### BRECH BLOCK.

### THE ROYAL GRENADIERS.

The second quarterly oyster supper and smoking concert in connection with A Co. Royal Grenadiers, was held at the Tremont House, Yonge street, last Wednesday evening and was a great success. After the supper had been discussed a first-class programme was gone through. About 11.30 some of the members of "A Barrel of Money" Company, which was playing at the Toronto Opera House, came over and entertained the boys with several first-class selections. Letters of regret were read from Lt.-Col. Davidson, 48th Highlanders, Captain and Adjutant McLean, R.G., Captain Cameron, R.G., and others. Col. Dawson was present and addressed some flattering remarks to the company. After spending an enjoyable evening they dispersed about 3 a.m. If the Grenadiers go to Windsor on the 24th of May A Co. expect to take 30 files of men away with them.

### QUEBEC.

Quebec, 16th April.—The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars are now hard at work at dismounted drill and parade every Wednesday and Saturday evenings in the drill hall.

The Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of B Battery, R.C.A., intend giving a social on Easter Monday in their mess room, Citadel.

No. 3 Battery Quebec Garrison Artillery, under command of Captain H. D. Morgan, received their clothing on the 13th instant, and will shortly commence their annual training.

The date for holding the annual athletic sports of the 8th Royal Rifles has been changed from the 18th to the 19th and 20th instants. The programme consists of a number of interesting events, among which are: Tournament, Knights of Malta vs. Knights of St. John, skirt race over hurdles, Balaclava melee, wrestling match on horseback, etc., etc.

An ambulance corps in connection with the regiment is being organized, and will shortly be ready for use, if required.

On Good Friday the regiment paraded in front of the drill hall, at 2 p.m., in drill order, and marched out to the Plains of Abraham for instruction in field manoeuvres. The day was simply perfect, the streets fairly good and no snow of any account on the Plains. At 2.30 the regiment, headed by their brass and bugle bands and signal corps, left for the Plains about 2.30 strong, on arrival at which about one hour was utilized in independent company drill, each company being instructed in skirmishing by their captains, after which Lt.-Col. Prover exercised the battalion in skirmishing. A few movements performed under command of Capt. and Adjutant Ed. Montizambert brought the exercises to an end.

During the afternoon the band played several pieces which were enjoyed by the large number of spectators present. About five o'clock the battalion returned to the drill hall headed by No. 6 Company, and upon dismissing all hands were invited by the Commanding Officer to refreshments which had been prepared for them in the hall. Needless to say this was fully appreciated.

The substitution of field manoeuvres in lieu of the usual march out through the principal streets of the city is a move in the right direction, and I may safely state was recognized as such by all hands.

Captain and paymaster H. J. Hussey and Assistant Surgeon Parke made their first official appearance with the regiment and were enthusiastically received by their brother officers.