

## They Dined the General

Local Militia Officers Tender  
the G. O. C. a Farewell  
Banquet.

A Jolly Gathering of Representa-  
tives of Regular and  
Auxiliary Forces.

Transvaal Contingent Parade in  
the Drill Hall To-Night--  
Thanksgiving Shoot.

The visit of Major-General Hutton on his tour of inspection of the forces in the West came to a fitting close last night in the dinner tendered him by Lt.-Col. Gregory and officers of the Fifth Regiment. There have been very many elaborate dinners given in this city in late years, but it is doubtful if in daintiness and taste that of last night was ever excelled. Many complimentary remarks were made by the guests, and the affair was carried out so successfully that it left nothing to be desired.

The tables were set in the form of a T in the officers' mess room, the main table being 27 feet long, and the cross table about twelve feet. Opposite the chairman was a very large candelabrum, with sixteen wax candles, lent for the occasion by Mrs. E. Crow Baker. Down the tables were smaller silver candle stands, while electric lights shaded with red threw a subdued light on the silver plate, silver trophies, etc., of the mess.

In the arch of the room and from the three walls shone clusters of incandescent lights in red, white and blue, the illumination being so cleverly modified with the decorations that the soft light on the tables themselves was not materially increased.

Smilax and chrysanthemums were employed not only in the decoration of the table, but also in screening the lights, while around the picture moulding and along the top of the wallscotting hung a trail of ivy.

The chief colors used were white and scarlet, the effect being completed by a band of scarlet silk running the whole length of the centre of the table.

Banks of flowers filled the lower windows, while the alternate curtains at each of the windows of the room were the crimson and the Union Jack—a feature which especially caught the fancy of the distinguished guests.

The mess arrangements were made in the regular way by the officers' committee, who, however, employed Mr. Smith and a corps of waiters to superintend the dinner. Mrs. Peters had charge of the decorations of the table, assisted by the Misses Drake, Miss Williams and Mr. Thos. Pooley. The work of this capable volunteer committee was as nearly perfect as it was possible to be, and the officers of the regiment are under a deep debt of gratitude to them for their services.

The floral decorations, in which smilax was lavishly employed, were taken this morning by the ladies mentioned to the Jubilee hospital, where they will gladden the hearts of the patients detained there.

The guest of the evening remained far later than the wine which he at first assigned as the limit beyond which he must not stay—a fact which is taken as the sincerest kind of compliment by those who assembled to do him honor.

His carriage arrived at a quarter after eleven, but when the general finally took leave of the jolly company it was within a few moments of one o'clock, and he was compelled to drive straight to the boat.

During the progress of the dinner the regimental band stationed in the hall below rendered a fine programme of selections, and when "The Maple Leaf" was reached, and the players, laying aside their instruments, took up the refrain, the major-general expressed his pleasure in a timely compliment, which he caused to be conveyed to the band.

The programme rendered was as follows:

Overture—"Stradella".....Flotow  
Caprice—"Our Little Meetings".....Tobani  
Grand Fantasia—"Canada".....Barwood  
Solo for Cornet—"Serenade".....Schubert  
Concert Valse—"Ostinato Tante".....Grieg  
Selection—"Cavalleria Rusticana".....Masagni  
Serenade—"The Palm".....Faure  
Obligato for Trombone, Bandman Boyce  
Selection—"Yeoman of the Guard".....Sullivan

The gathering was a distinctly military one, all those present being either present or past members of the force. Lt.-Col. Gregory occupied the chair, with General Hutton on his right and Lt.-Col. Grant on his left. The other officers present were: Hon. Mr. Justice Irving, Lt.-Col. Peters, D. O. C.; Capt. Kerby, R. N.; Lt.-Col. Hon. E. G. Prior, Navigating Lieut. E. Crow Baker (Retd.), Lieut. Frank Barlow, R. N.; Mr. C. E. Pooley, Q. C.; M. P. P.; Major Dupont, Commander Knowlton, R. N.; Major Monro, C. A.; Mr. H. H. Share, R. N.; Mr. H. M. Grahame, C. A.; Capt. McCann, C. A.; Capt. McBean, C. A.; Major Williams, C. A.; Lieut. Pike, R. N.; Mr. T. Pooley, C. A.; Mr. Beer, R. A.; Rev. C. Ensor, Chap. C. A.; Capt. Bell, A. D. C.; Capt. Palmer, Capt. Blanchard, C. A.; Major Moir, R. A. M. C.; Surgeon-Major Hart, C. A.; Mr. Byrne, R. A.; Major Hibben, C. A.; Major Jones, Capt. Lampman, C. A.; and Lieut.-Col. Woy you and yesterday, owing to some delay in transmission at Halifax.

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the toast of "Past Officers," to which response were made by Major Jones, Col. Wolfenden, Major Dupont, Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. C. E. Pooley, Capt. Blanchard, as one of the "Canadian contingent for South Africa," acknowledged that toast which was proposed by Col. Peters.

The health of "Col. Gregory," given by the D. O. C., and the singing of "God Save the Queen," brought to a close this delightful gathering of Her Majesty's regular and militia officers.

The General's Movements.

Yesterday afternoon, the last which Major-General Hutton was able to spend in the city, was employed by him in going through the drill hall in company with Col. Gregory, and of visiting the range at Clover Point in company with Major Williams, who has given great deal of study to the matter of an improved range for the local militia. The G. O. C. expressed himself as more than pleased with the appearance of the hall, which was as clean and as neat as conscientious and unrelenting work on the part of those in charge of the building could make it.

He also expressed the opinion that the Clover Point range was too windy, a fact which is only too patent to those who have occasion to use it frequently. Yesterday, however, was a very disagreeable day at the point, and it was seen by him at its worst.

The visit of the officer commanding the Canadian forces has been a most gratifying one to all of the officers, and indeed to every member of the Fifth Regiment. The frank manner in which, on the evening of the inspection he pronounced the corps unexcelled by any in Canada, was naturally very gratifying to every one connected with it, and will do much to foster an esprit de corps. The satisfaction he expressed with matters pertaining to the internal economy of the regiment increased this feeling, and the entire visit will do much to increase the feeling of confidence and respect which should exist between officers and men, and those placed over them in command.

The Transvaal Detachment.

Western Canada gives indication of proffering more troops, in proportion to the population, than the thicker settled portions of the Dominion. Already over 40 have volunteered from this point, and Vancouver and New Westminster have contributed 33 able bodied militiamen and crack shots to the corps of volunteers. Nelson is not far behind with 40, but only 13 of them have passed the doctor. Some were just under the required height, and many did not reach the regulation 34 inches chest measure. At Winnipeg applications are still coming in. Thirty-five applications were received yesterday from Portage la Prairie, and at all other eastern points the recruiting officers are kept busy. Dispatches from New South Wales indicate that the assembly of that colony has decided to dispatch a contingent of troops to the front.

Review To-Night.

To-night, in accordance with a district order from Lieut.-Col. Peters, D. O. C., there will be a review of the Transvaal contingent, at the drill hall, when in all probability the 25 men who are to go from this city will be seen. The applicants will be selected in the following order: Firstly, members of local active in Eastern Canada; secondly, members of sister corps in Eastern Canada; and thirdly, members of the militia who have regularly received their discharges. Considerable excitement prevails as to who will be the lucky ones, for as a much larger number have volunteered than the quota to be sent from here, it is inevitable that many of those volunteering will necessarily be rejected.

A meeting at the Board of Trade room was held at 4 p.m. this afternoon to discuss the giving of a send-off to the Victoria volunteers.

Rifle Shoot.

There were in all ninety-four competitors in the annual Thanksgiving shoot of the Victoria Garrison Artillery Association in the Clover Point range yesterday. The weather until late in the afternoon was very favorable for the different events, which were all closely contested. The conditions were 5 shots at 200 yards, 5 at 300 yards, and 5 at 600. Owing to the large number of competitors all the scores have not yet been compiled, and will probably be published to-morrow. A large number of spectators were in attendance, who were manifestly interested in the many events. The officials for the day were as follows: Range officer, Major R. Williams; assistant range officer, Capt. McCann; and Surgeon-Major Hart, Sergeant Lettice and Corporal Richardson, statisticians.

Laurier To Tupper.

Canadian Contingent on Equal Footing  
With Other Colonial Volunteers.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The correspondence which passed between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Chas. Tupper yesterday regarding the Canadian contingent, places the leader of the opposition in a very unenviable position. Had Sir Charles waited until to-morrow, when he would have seen Mr. Chamberlain's cable in the press, he would have been spared the humiliating position in which he has now been placed. But he was altogether too anxious to endeavor to make some political capital out of the important step which the Premier and his colleagues have taken in giving to Canada the fuller responsibilities of citizenship. Tupper's letter and Laurier's reply are as follows:

House of Commons, Ottawa, Oct. 14, 1899.

Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier,—I regret to learn that the telegram sent you from Yarmouth on the 5th inst. was not received by you until yesterday, owing to some delay in transmission at Halifax.

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Canadians fighting for the empire.

I am confident that patriotic Canadian to-day hope that, even at this late date, there will be forwarded by Canada to Natal, an efficient force, representing, as far as practicable, the war office, and properly paid by the Dominion. Then Canada may be congratulated by the world as having the courage of its convictions, and doing the right thing in the right way.

The offer of the gentleman to whom I have referred in the telegram and whose means are ample for the purpose, to provide an insurance to the extent of one million dollars to meet any casualties that will occur, will greatly lessen the expenditure on the part of the Dominion. Again assuring you of my readiness to give you all the support in my power in this matter in parliament, which has already been practically sanctioned by unanimous vote in the House, I remain, yours faithfully,

(Signed) CHARLES TUPPER.

The Premier's Reply.

Privy Council, Ottawa, Oct. 14.

Dear Sir Charles Tupper,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day. It is quite true that your telegram addressed me from Yarmouth on the 4th of this month, never reaching me until yesterday, after inquiries made, at my request, at the telegraph offices in this city, it was found that it had never left Halifax. However, I had been made familiar with it, along with the people of Canada, to whom you had taken the precaution of communicating it. I am sorry to hear from you that the action which the government has taken seems to you insufficient. The action which the government has taken to equip one thousand volunteers to be equipped and transported to South Africa at the expense of Canada. The British government proposed that it would be proper for the Imperial authorities to provide the pay of the men in the field, and we have consented to that proposal. I have the authority of His Excellency the Governor-General to endorse to you a copy of a dispatch from the colonial office, which will come, you are sure, to reconsider your opinion. You will see by reading this dispatch that the government has faithfully accepted the request and adhered to the plan of campaign suggested by the secretary of state for war, and the commander-in-chief. I question whether, in a matter of this kind, it would be advisable to be "more loyal than the Queen," or attempt to be wiser than the secretary of state for war, and the commander-in-chief. I question further, whether you voice the sentiment of our volunteers when you ask that they should be placed on a better footing in the field than their brother volunteers from the other British colonies, and for my part, I venture to believe that inequality of treatment of colonial troops, all engaged in the same noble work, would be of doubtful wisdom. Yours faithfully,

WILFRID LAURIER.

RAILWAY SMASH NEAR NANAIMO

Engine and Two Cars Wrecked—Narrow Escape of Three Men.

(Special to the Times).

Nanaimo, Oct. 21.—Particulars of a bad smash-up on the excursion line, which occurred on Tuesday, have just leaked out. An engine, while switching at No. 3 mine, got beyond control of Engineer Timothy, and started on a wild career. As soon as the engineer realized that the engine was beyond control he jumped. Road Foreman McKenzie, who was on the engine at the time, a man named Williams, riding on the footboard, also jumped, and all three escaped serious injury. The engine, a quarter of a mile below the starting place, the engine ran into a bank of hardpan and was wrecked, two cars of coal, attached, being also wrecked.

Mrs. Wm. Thompson, living at No. 5 Shaft, Wellington, who has been sick and suffering from melancholia for the last six months, took a small dose of carbolic acid at noon to-day. It is thought she will recover. Her husband is an engineer employed at Extension.

At ten o'clock last night Judge Harrison sentenced W. B. Lee to two years' imprisonment for robbery from the person. The charge against Lee was that on the 19th of October 1899, he took \$58 from the pocket of John Thompson, a sailor who had been discharged from the ship Marion Chilcott, and the offense was alleged to have been committed at Chemainus. Her husband is an engineer employed at Extension.

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The opposite was the case in field roots, where all classes were splendidly represented. Carrots, mangolds, turnips, and indeed all kinds were shown in profusion, many of them being of great size. Potatoes of mammoth proportions predominated.

In the latter quality though, there was nothing to equal the squashes and pumpkins, which were simply immense.

Grafs were well up to the average. Some milling oats, of the Ligow species, were on exhibition, the sample of which were excellent. Field peas were above the average, while wheat, barley and other grains were well filled.

In connection with the dairy display, the secretary mentions as a strange coincidence, but one in keeping with the eternal fitness of things, that the bread and butter entries were equal in number, and being seventeen in each department.

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Of the special displays, not shown for a prize, there was a collection of ore from Mount Sicker, a number of paintings by Miss Stewart, and a fine model of Sir William Wallace, carved out of cedar by Geo. Stewart, of Bonnie Brae.

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Best bushel Peas, gray—No award.

Best bushel Beans, fit for cooking—S. S. S. 1, J. J. White 2.

## Peninsular Production

Creditable Showing at the Annual  
Exhibition of the Saanich  
Society.

A Summary of Its Principal  
Features—Improvements to  
the Grounds.

The North and South Saanich Agricultural Society, whose annual exhibition has been in progress yesterday and to-day, at Saanichton, has been in business for thirty-two years, during which they have encountered all kinds of weather for their show. They are therefore not easily discouraged, and the lowering sky which frowned on the preparations yesterday morning in no wise deterred them from their purpose. The work of arranging and placing the exhibits went steadily along as though weather conditions were trifles not worthy of consideration by the energetic management.

Great risks were taken by the directors in deferring the date of the exhibition to a period in the fall when the weather is in a very capricious mood. A cold, wet, week preceded immediately the dates of the exhibition, and the weather both yesterday and to-day has been far from what was necessary to make a visit to Saanichton pleasant. Notwithstanding these drawbacks the success of the affair seems at the time of writing to be assured. Secretary Turgoo has on his books a considerable increase in the number of entries over last year. This applies to the inside exhibit, but the entries are not brought in until this morning, but it is believed that when the entries are tallied it will be found that there is an advance in every department.

The society had a cosy surplus over expenses last year, and are therefore not entirely dependent on the receipts of the show for their prize money. Some expenses have been entailed this year by the reshingling of the exhibition building, the construction of some additional sheds and swine pens and cattle stalls, and by other necessary repairs about the grounds and buildings.

Owing to the fact that most of the live stock was not brought in until this morning it is impossible to speak of these or to compare them with the exhibits in the same departments on previous years. A few sheep and pigs only were brought in on the first day. Among the latter was a fine bunch of Chester Whites, the property of Mr. G. Sangster. The fruit display was good on the whole, although Mr. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, who acted as judge in this department, did not consider it representative of the capabilities of the district.

The principal varieties of apples shown were Gravensteins, Baldwins, Northern Spys, Twenty Ounce Pippins, King of Tompkins County, Elberta, Orange, Gloria Mundi, Grimes Golden, Jonathan, Shackleford and Ontario. Mr. Larita, the nurseryman, has a special exhibit of apples.

In pines there was a good showing, both of Italian and Silver varieties. Pears were rather weak, although there were some excellent plates on view. Three plates, each representing a different species of pear, were especially noticeable because of their quality. The kinds represented were Winter Nellie, Burro Del and Duchesse.

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Best sample Timothy Seed, not less than 50 lbs.—J. Brythou 1.

Best bushel Rye Grass Seed—F. Turgoo 1.

Best sample Fodder Corn—No award.

Best sample 12 head Indian Corn, sweet—A. McDonald 1.

ROOTS.

Best bushel Early Potatoes, half barrel—J. Hogan 1, H. E. Wrigley 2.

Best bushel Late Potatoes, clock—F. Turgoo 1, S. Fairclough 2.

Best six Swedish Turnips—S. Fairclough 1, W. Le Poer Trench 2.

Best six Aberdeen Turnips—A. G. Wrigley 1, J. T. Harrison 2.

Any other Turnip—F. Turgoo 1, A. G. Wrigley 2.

Best six Mangold Wurzel, red—S. Fairclough 1, J. J. Rey 2.

Best six Mangold Wurzel, yellow—W. Le Poer Trench 1.

Best six Long Carrots, white—S. Fairclough 1.

Best six Long Carrots, red—No award.

Best twelve Short Carrots, white—J. Hogan 1, S. Fairclough 2.

Best twelve Short Carrots, red—S. Fairclough 1, A. McDonald 2.

Best six Onions—X. Marcotte 1, no award for second.

Best six Parsnips—G. Thomas 2.

Best two Cabbages, other than Savoy—J. R. Carmichael 1, J. T. Harrison 2.

Best six Beets—F. Turgoo 1.

Best six Shallots—F. Turgoo 1, J. J. Rey 2.

Best two Savoy Cabbages—J. Brythou 1.

Best two Cauliflowers—J. McDonald 1.

FRUIT.

Best six Early Autumn Apples—Mrs. Polard 1, G. Sangster 2.

Best six Late Apples—G. Sangster 1, W. Thompson 2.

Best six Largest Apples—W. Thompson 1, G. Thomas 2.

Best Collection Apples, two of each kind—J. T. Harrison 1, W. Thompson 2.

Best six Pears—G. Sangster 1, W. Thompson 2.

Best twelve Plums—J. J. Rey 1, S. Sandover 2.

Best twelve Peaches—No entries.

Best sample Grapes, out-door production, not less than three bunches—No entries.

Best two Muskmelons—No entries.

Best six Tomatoes—X. Marcotte 1, G. Thomas 2.

Best six Quinces—G. B. Dyne 1, F. Turgoo 2.

Best two Vegetable Marrows—W. Le Poer Trench 1, J. J. Rey 2.

Best two Squashes—A. McDonald 1, J. J. Rey 2.

Best two Pumpkins—J. J. Rey 1, S. Jones 2.

Best two Cucumbers—G. Thomas 1, J. T. Harrison 2.

Best Citron Melons—J. J. Rey 1, G. Thomas 2.

Best twelve Prunes—J. T. Harrison 1, H. Simpson 2.

Best Currant Wine (1 quart)—G. Thomas 1, Miss Marcotte 2.

Best Collection of Preserved Fruit, one bottle of each kind—H. L. Oldfield 1, Mrs. J. W. Winslow 2.

CUT FLOWERS.

Best twelve Chrysanthemums—Mrs. S. Sandover 1.

Best twelve Dahlias—Mrs. J. T. Harrison 1.

Best twelve Stocks—Mrs. J. T. Harrison 1.

Best twelve Sweet Peas—Mrs. G. Thomas 1.

Best twelve Astrals—None.

Best twelve Pansies—Mrs. J. T. Harrison 1.

Best Twelve Carnations—Mrs. S. Sandover 1.

Best hand Bouquet—Mrs. J. J. White 1.

Best table Bouquet—Mrs. J. T. Harrison 1.

Best pair Stockings, darned—Mrs. J. J. White 1, Miss M. Brythou 2.