

Messrs. Fred Campbell and A. Ware, Sergt.-Major Niven, Col.-Sergts. Allan and White and Sergt. W. Brown. The evening, which was spent very happily, was occupied with songs, speeches and recitations. Piper McCowan supplied the pipe music and Col.-Sergt. O'Brien presided at the piano. It was a fitting way of celebrating the conclusion of a hard year's work, and all regretted that they had to break company. The best of harmony and good will has existed between the officers and men during the year just closed. The singing of "God Save the Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne" ended the programme.

Toronto.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The Benedict sergeants of the Queen's Own Sergeants' Mess dined the Bachelor sergeants at the mess rooms on Monday evening of last week, this being the outcome of the second match of the series. About fifty sat down to the tables, which groaned under the weight of the good things provided by the "old uns," and certainly the decorations and setting of the tables reflected great credit upon the committee, who left no stone unturned to eclipse the spread previously tendered by the Bachelors.

Col.-Sergt. George made a very pleasing chairman, and was ably supported in the vice-chair by Staff-Sergt. Ashall. The guests of the evening were Major Delamere, Lieut. Knifton, Lieut. Crean, and Lieut. Wyatt.

After the tables had been cleared and the toast of "The Queen" had been received with such honours as only volunteers know how to accord, Major Delamere was called upon to make a few remarks, which he did in his usual happy style. He advocated shorter ranges and also movable targets, giving many substantial reasons in support of his idea.

Sergt. Crichton, when called upon for a song, gave the "Old Brigade" with good effect. The other songs during the evening were: "A Capital Ship," by Lieut. Wyatt; "A Soldier and a Man," by Lieut. J. F. Crean, and also one from Lieut. Knifton, who, in response to a call for a speech, took revenge upon the mess by going to the piano and making ample amends.

The song of the evening was rendered by Sergt. Woods, introducing quite a few members of the mess. I will give two of the best known for the benefit of the readers of the GAZETTE, many of whom will be able to appreciate the hits:—

Ashall Bill dressed up to kill with his plug of '36,
If you don't want to pay for another match the scores you'll have to fix.
On a very nice day when he makes a big score you ask for the wind one time,
If he's holding dead on he will tell you to take just outside the magpie line.

Then there is Harp who looks so sharp when he makes a great big score,
After his lapse at Ottawa you would think that he'd shoot no more.
They thought that he'd win, so to encourage him every one clapped and hollered.
When he couldn't win first in shooting the tie second prize he should have collared.

Fearful of trespassing upon the space of the GAZETTE I will reserve my report of the regimental match until next issue, as without doubt the most successful match ever fired upon the Garrison ranges took place Saturday, scores being exceptionally high.

BREECH BLOCK.

There were 478 at last week's parade.

The band's efforts during the drills are much appreciated.

It helped the funds of the band concert not a little to have the regimental rifle match prizes presented there.

Sergt. Langton, of B company, has by regimental order been declared entitled to the drill instruction badge.

K company, "burned out" at the Varsity fire, parade in mufti, plus arms and accoutrements.

A church parade is ordered for next Sunday, the 19th inst.

Recruit class entries are closed for the season.

THE GRENADEERS.

Enthusiasm over the proposed Thanksgiving Day sham-fight is not so prevalent as it might be, many of the men thinking that the trip will prove too expensive. An effort will be made to remove the difficulty.

Nearly all the companies are expected to enter for the Cumberland Cup efficiency competition.

Capt. Eliot gets the credit of having had the best company on parade this fall to date.

These appointments have been put in orders: To be Sergeant, Lance.-Corp. W. Gurney, G Company, vice Hyde, left city. To be Corporals provisionally, Pte. A. Borland, G Company; Pte. J. W. Hargroves, G Company. To be Lance Corporals in G Company, Ptes. J. H. Forrester, R. J. Hill, A. McDonald and J. Terry.

The regiment had a church parade on Sunday, 12th inst., and all ranks turned out splendidly for the occasion, which, after all was one of disappointment, for the Minister of Militia, in whose honour the parade was fixed for the day, was unfortunately prevented from attending, by a family bereavement which called him to Quebec just as he was about to

start on his trip to Toronto. Sir Adolphe telegraphed his regrets to Col. Dawson.

At 3.15 o'clock the Grenadiers, who were handsomely attired in their showy uniforms, mustered in Queen's Park, and headed by their fine band, marched to St. Andrew's church via College, Beverley and King, where the service was held. The men presented a very taking appearance, and crowds of people lined the route of the march. Arriving at the church, which was surrounded by a dense mass of people, a simple but at the same time effective service was rendered. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, the pastor of the church, repeated the Lord's Prayer, after which the 100th psalm was sung with telling effect. Reading of the Scriptures followed, which was supplemented by a hymn. The popular and highly gifted pastor then delivered a powerful and effective sermon from Romans xvii., 12, and urged upon his listeners to be not only soldiers of the world, but soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The building was filled to the doors, and the Rev. Mr. Macdonnell's remarks were listened to with marked respect and attention. The band of the regiment had practised with the choir, and played the accompaniment to the hymns. The result was grandly impressive. At the conclusion of the service the regiment, headed by the band, which played an inspiring air, marched to the drill shed and dispersed. Everyone was delighted with the parade, which was certainly one of the finest ever seen in Toronto. The parade statement was as follows:—

Staff—Col. Dawson in command, Majors Harrison and Mason, Adjutant Manley, Surgeon Ryerson, Assistant Surgeon King, Quartermaster Tassie.

A Company—Capt. Hay, Capt. and Lieut. MacLean, 4 sergeants, 38 men.

B Company—Capt. Howard, Lieuts. Cameron and MacMahon, 2 sergeants, 40 men.

C Company—Capt. Caston, Lieut. Windeyer (attached), 4 sergeants, 30 men.

D Company—Capt. Morrow, Lieuts. Lowe and MacLennan, 3 sergeants, 36 men.

E Company—Capt. Harston, Lieut. MacKay, 4 sergeants, 31 men.

F Company—Capt. Eliot, Lieut. Heward, 5 sergeants, 41 men.

G Company—Capt. Michie, Lieut. Kemp (attached), 3 sergeants, 24 men.

H Company—Capt. Trotter, Lieut. Denroche (attached), 3 sergeants, 30 men.

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