

half an hour was given to preliminary and first practice, and then the physical exercise was taken up. In this useful but trying part of the evening's work the men made a particularly good showing, the time kept being accurate, and the movements easy and graceful. Review exercise followed, and then battalion drill.

After the drill E. and H. Companies engaged in a hockey match, which was well played. The teams were :

E COMPANY.		H. COMPANY.	
Sergt. Garson (capt.)	Goal	Pte. Williston	
Pte. Hutty	Point	Corp. Wright	
Pte. Passmore	Cover Point	Sergt. Woodcroft (capt.)	
Pte. Meakins	Forwards	Pte. Hembleton	
Corp. Stewart		Pte. Hamilton	
Pte. Harvey		Pte. Gibson	
Pte. Heath		Pte. Foreman	
Referee—Pte. Taylor.			
Goal Umpires—Capt. Richmond and Pte. McIlwaine.			

In the first half E Company secured two goals, the second one just before time expired. The play in the second half was more close, neither side scoring, so that E Company won by 2 to 0.

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G. company held its annual meeting after the parade on the 24th inst. The reports showed the company to be in good shape financially, there being over \$150 in the treasury. The following officers were elected :—Capt. Mewburn, president ; Lieut. Witton, vice-president ; Lieut. Logie, treasurer ; Sergt. Stewart, secretary ; committee, Sergt. Athawes, Sergt. Stewart, Ptes. King, Cookman, Nixon, T. Kilgour, Scott, Withun, Shaw and Miller. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner.

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The much-coveted Gzowski challenge cup, won this year by the 13th Battalion, is now on exhibition. The cup is made in the shape of a large inverted helmet of solid silver, heavily embossed and inlaid with gold in variegated colors, and besides its beauty and value, is an excellent specimen of workmanship. It is supported by a handsomely carved griffin, and the sides and handle are decorated with figures of splendid design. A laurel wreath in gold forms the other part of the ebony base. On this base are six silver shields, two of which are inscribed, one with "Gzowski's Challenge Prize for Efficiency to the Militia of the Second Military District," and the other with the words, "Won by Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, 1891." The cup is valued at several hundred dollars.

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The officers of the Thirteenth battalion gave vent to their feelings of elation at winning the efficiency competition by holding a dinner on Saturday evening, 28th inst., at which a few of the immediate friends of the regiment were present. The big Gzowski cup, which arrived in the afternoon, occupied the place of honor in the centre of the table, and all the regimental plate was on view. The Thirteenth has a very fine display of trophies, including the Toronto merchants' challenge cup, which is valued at \$500 and is now the property of the corps, having been won the necessary number of times. The table was also embellished with a handsome floral design presented for the occasion by Mrs. Moore.

Those who sat down to dinner were : Lieut.-Col. Hon. J. M. Gibson ; Lieut.-Col. Gwyn, Seventy-seventh battalion ; Major Buchan, C. R. 1. ; Capt. Hendrie, Hamilton Field Battery ; Capt. Mutton, Q. O. R. ; Capt. W. Hendrie, Forty-eighth Highlanders ; Lieuts. Duncan and Bankier, Hamilton Field Battery ; and the following officers of the Thirteenth : Major Moore, Major McLaren, Brevet-Major Stoneman ; Brevet-Major Stuart, Major Mason, Capt. Zealand, Moore, Mewburn, Tidswell, Ross, Osborne ; Lieuts. Witton, Labatt, Fearman, Powis, Laidlaw, Lester, Waddell, Pain, Logie.

After the toast of The Queen had been suitably honored, the toasts were of an informal character. Major Moore proposed the health of the commanding officer, who, after responding, proposed the health of the sister corps, coupled with the names of Major Buchan, Capt. J. S. Hendrie, Capt. Mutton, and Capt. W. Hendrie. In replying for the Queen's Own, Capt. Mutton congratulated the Thirteenth on winning the cup from his own corps, but assured them the Queen's Own would make them work to retain it. Songs were sung during the evening by Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Major Buchan,

Capt. Mutton, Capt. Osborne, Lieuts. Laidlaw, Fearman, Labatt. The company dispersed before midnight after enjoying a very pleasant evening.

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The parade of the companies of the right half battalion of the Thirteenth on 27th inst. was attended by about a hundred men. Major McLaren was in command and under his guidance the several companies were put through bayonet exercises, the manual and battalion drill.

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On 27th, after parade, H Company, led by Capt. Moore, marched to the Dominion Hotel, where the annual dinner of the company was held. There was an excellent supply of good things to occupy the attention of the company prior to the commencement of the toast list. Capt. Moore was in the chair, and with him at the head of the table were Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Major Moore, Major McLaren, Major Mason, Lieut. Pain, Lieut. Bruce and Major Stoneman. Letters of regret were received from Surgeon Griffin, Chaplain Forneret, Assistant Surgeon Rennie, Major Stuart, Captain Bowman and Bandmaster Robinson.

The toast list was as follows :

"The Queen and Governor-General."

"Lieut.-Col. Gibson and Staff." Responses by Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Major Moore, Major McLaren and Major Mason.

"Army, Navy and Volunteers." Responded to by Sergt.-Major Huggins, Privates Lawson and Stone.

"Our Guests." Responses by Major Stoneman, Quartermaster Sergeant Barnard and Lieut. Pain.

"Officers of H Company." Responded to by Capt. Moore and Lieut. Bruce.

"The Ladies, the Press and Our Host."

All the speeches were short, although full of compliments to the company on the work of last year. Interspersed among the toasts were the songs, "The Slave Chase" and "Rule Britannia," Sergt.-Major Huggins ; "The Maid of the Mill," by Private Stone ; "The Rale McCoy," by Sergt. Johnston ; "Larboard Watch," by Sergts. Woodcroft and Johnston, and a stump speech by Pte. Hambleton.

OTTAWA.

At the Drawing-room held in the Senate Chamber on 28th inst. by His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Stanley, the following military men were present : Colonel Czowski, A.D.C., Major-General Herbert, Major St. Aubyn, A.D.C., Capt. Walsh, A.D.C., Lieut.-Col. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Prevost, Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, Capt. Streatfield, extra A.D.C.'s, Col. Powell, Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Lieut.-Col. Bacon, Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson, Lieut.-Col. D. A. Macdonald, Lieut.-Col. White, Lieut.-Col. Toller, Lieut.-Col. Wright, Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Lieut.-Col. Burland (Sixth Fusiliers), Major Markham (8th Cavalry), Major Black, of Sackville, N.B., and the officers of the Dragoon Guards, the Foot Guards, the Ottawa Field Battery and the 43rd Battalion.

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Parliament opened on 26th inst. and the usual military ceremonies were observed. The Guard of Honour was furnished by the Governor-General's Foot Guards and was under the command of Capt. Plunket Taylor, with Lieuts. Tyrrell and Gallwey. They paraded, 100 strong, at the Drill Shed and, after inspection, marched in fours to Parliament Hill, headed by the full regimental band, arriving in ample time to receive His Excellency with due honours. The men wore winter uniforms and looked very well.

Previous to this a squadron of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards proceeded to Rideau Hall and escorted His Excellency to Parliament, their appearance being extremely imposing. The troop was under the command of Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Elliott and Sergt.-Major Powell being also on parade. In the meantime the Ottawa Field Battery, under command of Major Stewart, had taken up position on Nepean Point, and on the signal that the Governor-General had arrived at the buildings fired the salute.

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By the kind invitation of Major Stewart about fifty members of the Ottawa Field Battery sat down to a splendid repast at the "Silver Gridiron" on the night of 26th inst. After supper Driver Grey gave an amusing recitation and speeches