

for supremacy which takes place next fall. The laurels will be well won whoever gets them, and proud as Toronto people are now of their regiments they will be much more so when they see the whole force paraded.

The results of the N. C. O.'s examinations, held by Capt. Macdougall, I. S. C., were announced and Colour-Sergts. were appointed to the different companies.

Crean & Rowan have a window full of 48th uniforms, and a very interested crowd continually gather to size up the mysterious outfit of the Highlanders.

They have also on view a picture of the "Black Watch" advancing up the heights at Alma, led by Sir Colin Campbell and Colonel Cameron. It is owned by Capt. J. Wilson Gray, of G Co., 48th, and is, so rumour says, going to occupy a position of honour in the armoury of his company.

The news of Major Macdonald's appointment to the adjutancy of the Bisley team meets with general favour, but if they keep on our English friends will be of the opinion that we keep a stock of Kilties for the purpose of supplying Commandants and Adjutants for Bisley teams. Never mind, the Q.O.R. don't begrudge their little sister its honour, but in the sweet by and bye think that they will secure either the first or second positions for one of their representatives.

#### Q. O. R. BUGLERS' SMOKERS.

During the past winter season Bugle-Major Swift and the Buglers of the Queen's Own have given a series of about twelve smoking concerts. These were tendered, in turn, to each Company in the Regiment. They have all been highly successful, and regrets are heard on all sides that they have been brought to a close. The last of the season was given Saturday evening, 2nd April, and once more the Buglers achieved a fitting success in their final efforts.

Bugle-Major Swift filled the chair most acceptably, and the following programme was rendered:—Opening overture, Buglers' Orchestra; songs by Bugler Baker, Messrs. Murdoch and Winters, J.; banjo solo, Mr. Baker; quartette, Messrs. Butler, Booze, Oliver and Stephens; horizontal bar performance by Messrs. Davis and Morgan.

The favourite of the evening was Bugler Baker, and a double encore followed each of his appearances. The "Old Oak-ken Bucket," by the Orpheus Quartette, was the treat of the evening and deservedly won a recall.

The programme concluded with a very laughable farce entitled "Judge McGinty's Court," which was planned and carried out by the Buglers. Corp. Ross presided over a docket of cases, and judge, attorneys and prisoners seemed to be competitors endeavouring to out-do one another in correctly impersonating the characters they represented. About the best of the

whole court was when a goat was arraigned on a charge of being drunk and disorderly on Yonge St. It turned out to belong to "E" Co., Q.O.R., whereupon the Judge stated that he would have to discharge the prisoner, remarking that no one ever heard of a member of that Company getting drunk on two horns.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the Bugle-Major and Buglers had been carried on Major Delamere's motion, and the singing of the National Anthem the evening's programme was brought to a close.

Among those present were noticed Lt.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., Major Delamere, Capt. Munton, Mason and Knifton, Lieuts. Wyatt, Crean, Morton, Matheson, Knight, 22nd Oxford Rifles, Sergt.-Major Spry, Toronto Field Battery.

I must tender my hearty thanks to "Maxim" for his kind information regarding the Montreal programme. I might say that the 48th Highlanders according to report will not leave Toronto this year, and as far as the Queen's Own and Grenadiers are concerned I do not think the trip to any place has been formally discussed. Both regiments have invitations from several places, but I think if left to a vote, the vote for Montreal would be an unanimous one. Of course, the main and only objection to this trip is the distance and cost, and could this be overcome it is highly probable that both regiments would spend the 22nd, 23rd and 24th May with the Montreal Brigade. I suppose Maxim has no objection to the visiting volunteers participating in the Major-General's programme. I am sure that they would relish it, and it would be comparatively easy work to what they have encountered on some of the trips.

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#### QUEBEC.

Quebec, 2nd April, 1892.—The officers and non-commissioned officers of the Royal School of Cavalry had a reconnaissance on the 28th March to Charlesbourg.

Lieut.-Col. Prower, Commanding 8th "Royal Rifles," exercised the battalion during the drill on Tuesday and Friday evenings with the companies formed in single rank. The regimental parade state shows a steady increase in the attendance.

At a meeting of the officers held recently, the following committees were appointed:—Annual Regimental Sports.—Capts. J. S. Dunbar, W. J. Ray, C. J. Dunn, Ed. Montizambert (Adjutant), and Lieut. Davidson. It has been decided to hold the sports on Easter Monday the 18th instant.

Concert committee.—Major G. E. A. Jones, Lieuts. J. B. Peters and O. B. C. Richardson and Paymaster H. J. Hussey. The date of holding the concert will be decided upon shortly.

A third committee consisting of Capts. J. S. Dunbar, W. J. Ray, Ed. Montizambert

(Adjutant), and Quarter-master T. H. Argue was named for the purpose of taking into consideration the probable expense which would be incurred in taking the regiment to Montreal for the review on the Queen's Birthday, and to ascertain in what manner it could best be met.

The proposed trip in question has been productive of a number of letters in the local press. Some in favour of the trip and suggesting means of providing funds to defray the expenses connected with such an undertaking and others again quite the reverse.

One letter in particular not only deals with the question at issue but branches off into a recommendation to disband all militia corps, retaining some of the permanent corps only, to be located in the principal cities. The building of arsenals in every county in the Dominion, to be fully and completely stocked with firearms, ammunition, etc, then in case of emergency armies would spring up voluntarily. Draws attention to the Levis forts, which are not utilized in any way with the exception of No. 3, which has been used for some years as a "quarantine" station for cattle. Believes in making Quebec a garrison city and that the unoccupied Levis forts should be garrisoned by the Imperial troops. In concluding this letter states that it would be better to form the nucleus of a small standing Canadian Army and that graduates of the Royal Military College would only be too pleased and willing to accept commissions therein.

Your correspondent desires to state that the College was established principally for the purpose of securing such a complete military and scientific education to young men belonging to the country as would qualify them to fill all the higher positions in the Canadian militia service, and it is a well known fact that preference has time and again been given to unqualified officers even though graduates were ready and willing to accept commissions in the permanent force. Perhaps under the new administration of the Department of Militia and Defence stricter attention will be paid to carrying out the intended object of the College.

R.M.C. No. 47.

"A Short Man" writes to the *Times*, asking to have a regiment of Rifles (please note *Rifles*) of the Guard. Why Rifles? Why not Short Highlanders (if there are any), Short Fusiliers, Short Buffs, short anybody? If shortness is to be a qualification there is no occasion to confine the honour to the green jackets alone; and if shortness is not to be considered a claim, still less is there any occasion to do so. It would be easy to take in everybody, including the Rifle Brigade, and they could be divided into Horse Guards, Foot Guards, and Short Guards.—*Broad Arrow*.