

through the principal streets of the city. The following promotions were notified to the regiment: A company, to be sergeant, Corpl. Duffet; B company, to be color-sergeant, Sergt. J. Mountain; F company, to be color-sergeant, Lance-Sergt. F. P. Ross; to be sergeant, Corpl. R. Presho; to be corporals, Lance-Corpl. W. Jacques and Pte. Wm. Stephens.

No. 3 battery of the Garrison Artillery, under command of Capt. Hy. D. Morgan, are now undergoing their annual training. They have received new uniforms and sealskin wedges. The other officers are Lieuts. D. Morgan and E. Panet. Sergt. Hammond of B battery has been appointed instructor.

THE ROYAL RIFLES' 25TH ANNIVERSARY BALL.

A ball was given by the officers of the 8th Royal Rifles, Quebec, on Monday evening, to the N. C. O's and men, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the regiment. The Academy of Music never presented a more festive appearance. The decorations were military in character and strikingly appropriate. True to their motto, "Volens et Valens," the old corps gave ample proof last night that their readiness and valor are not confined to duty but can be kindly manifested in extending true hospitality to their fellow soldiers and friends. Amongst others invited were all past officers of the regiment, the officers of the battery and cavalry schools at the Citadel, and the commanding officers and sergeants-major of other city corps. A limited number of invitations were issued by each officer of the 8th to civilian friends. The stage was laid out as a landscape, with rifles piled here and there, and in the centre the massive silver trophy won by the regiment in the Provincial rifle matches some years ago. Over the proscenium was a crown formed of gas jets. On the pillars at either side was a magnificent star of American bayonets. These, we believe, were borrowed from the office of the Minister of Militia in this city. Over them were the Union Jack on one side and a green silk flag on the other. The tricolor was at the other end of the hall. The Dominion flag was displayed over the centre of the stage. An abundance of bunting was tastefully intertwined along the galleries, and stands of arms were placed around each pillar. Many other designs, which space prevents us from describing, encircled the hall. Below the jets was the handsome silver British challenge shield with the Royal Standard for a background. This coveted prize, won by the regiment at the Dominion rifle matches last year, was all through the night an object of considerable admiration. Suffice it to say that the *tout ensemble* was really glittering, and our volunteer friends must have felt fully rewarded for their decorative efforts, when viewing the splendid effect produced, and receiving the hearty congratulations of their civilian friends, and brothers-in-arms of sister corps.

The floor was in excellent condition for dancing, and all the other arrangements left nothing to be desired.

Guests were received by Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Montzambert and Mrs. Prower.

The music was furnished by the splendid band of the 8th Royal Rifles, and a programme of twenty dances was carried through.

There were fully 600 persons present, and the room, when filled with company, presented a scene of rare brilliancy. The beauty of the ladies, their elegant dresses, the bright uniforms of the cavalry and artillery mingled with the scarlet of the staff and other branches of the service and the more sober clothing of the riflemen combined to make the assemblage present an appearance of gaiety and animation seldom surpassed.

Refreshments were served during the whole night in the dining hall attached to the ball room. It is needless to say that the Russell Hotel Company left nothing to be desired, so far as the bill of fare and dining room arrangements were concerned.

Our congratulations are due to the officers of the 8th for the thorough success of last night's entertainment. The list, as given on the dance card, is as follows:—Lieut. Col. H. J. Miller, Surgeon P. Coote, Captain Ernest F. Wurtele, Adjutant; captains, G. E. A. Jones, J. Elton Prower, E. Montzambert, J. S. Dunbar, Chas. Miller, J. F. Burstall; lieutenants, A. E. Hall, T. Inglis Poston, E. W. Ashe, J. B. Peters, W. C. H. Wood, W. M. Dobell, C. J. Dunn.

THE GRENADIERS' BALL.

Toronto.—Everyone agrees in pronouncing the ball given in the Pavilion Music Hall on the 17th an immense success, and worthy of the jubilee year. Of 1,500 invited fully 1,200 were present, including guests from neighboring towns, representatives from every arm of the service, and even belles from Chicago and New York.

Among the official invitations were the following:—His Excellency the Governor-General, Lady Lansdowne and staff; Lord and Lady Alex. Russell and staff; Right Hon. Sir John and Lady Macdonald; members of the Dominion Cabinet and ladies; Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. Ed. and Mrs. Blake; Hon. O. Mowat; members of the Ontario Cabinet and ladies; the Mayor of Toronto; chairmen of committees of the City Council and ladies; The Archbishop of Toronto; The Bishop of Toronto and Mrs. Swetman; the President of Toronto University professors and ladies; the Presidents of the city denominational colleges; the Presidents and Cashiers of the banks and ladies; the lady and gentlemen members of the volunteer relief and reception committees of 1885; the Consuls and Vice-Consuls resident in Toronto and ladies; the Commandants and Officers of all the permanent corps and ladies; representatives from all city corps in Ontario and a number from Quebec; officers of Toronto Garrison and ladies.

The decorations literally transformed the pavilion into a ball-room so gorgeous in color and lights that it seemed a pity it would not always remain so. Particular attention was paid to having the decorations something different from the conventional, and success attended the effort. What first struck the eye on entering was the change effected in the west end over the dais. This wall represented a portion of a huge officers' marquee of white and crimson cloths, the colors alternating in broad stripes that reached from the floor to the very roof. Half way up was a festoon of dark blue cloth. In the centre of this wall was a huge circular trophy of arms fifteen feet in diameter, consisting of a crimson ground on which were arranged swords, cutlasses and bayonets, whose shining steel reflected the light cast by a large gas motto, "Welcome," thirty feet long, and with letters two feet high, formed of small colored globes. The effect of this was superb. Occupying a prominent place was a full sized Gatling gun of exquisite flowers, the gift of Messrs. S. Davis & Sons, of Montreal. The east end of the hall was almost as gorgeous as the west. But what chiefly lent an air of magnificence to the scene was the rich drapery, consisting of portieres of every design hung on poles as if they were permanent. Across the arches of the galleries were stretched gilt poles on each of which hung silk and wool curtains of crimson, olive and old gold artistically arranged. The six doors opening into the improvised supper room on the other, were draped with India portieres of olive and crimson held with gilt chains. In fact drapery was hung where it never was before in the pavilion. On entering the ball room the guests found themselves in a small roped space, the only escape from which was through a guard of honor of forty stalwart, red-coated, bushied and armed Grenadiers, extended in two files from the entrance to the centre of the floor. After

running this gauntlet, the guests were met by two officers, who presented them to Lieut.-Col. Grasett and Mrs. Dawson, wife of Major Dawson, who received on behalf of the officers.

At 11.45 the band struck up the music to the opening quadrille, in which the leading set was composed as follows: Lieut.-Col. Grasett and Mrs. Robinson; Sir Fred. Middleton and Mrs. Ryerson; Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison and Mrs. Mason; Major Harrison and Mrs. Dalton McCarthy; The Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dawson; Lieut.-Col. Otter and Mrs. Goldwin Smith; Major Dawson and Lady Middleton; Major Smith, 7th Batt., London, and Mrs. Harrison.

Then followed a programme of twenty-two dances. Up to 12.30 the dances, the round ones especially, were not altogether comfortable, so great was the crush. Between the pillars were white cords held by Grenadier drummers, which prevented intrusion on the dancing floor by those not dancing. The supper was in keeping with every thing else, being magnificently laid and well served.

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