

The Sergeants of the Q.O.R. are fitting up a Morris Tube gallery in their Mess Room.

There seems so little possibility of getting any use of the galleries in the new Drill Hall before the shooting season opens, that if any practise is to be obtained it must be on some makeshift range.

It would be one of the greatest surprises to the volunteer force of the city should the hall be in fit shape for the spring drill, even though it is being used for recruiting and non-com. classes.

Another very successful affair has been added to the long list of events which have been undertaken in the past by D. Co. Q. O. R. Their annual dinner at the Arlington Hotel, on Tuesday the 19th Feb., was as successful as any of its predecessors and to those who were fortunate enough to be entertained by Capt. Mason and his crack little corps come many pleasing reminiscences of a very happy night.

The toasts given during the evening were: The Queen, Canada, Canadian Militia, Our Commanding Officer and Staff, Our Guests and the Ladies, and responses were made by Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Major Delamere, Capt. Robertson, 48th Highlanders, Col.-Sgt. Langton, Col.-Sgt. Bennett, 10th R.G., and Pte Dickson.

A splendid array of talent was provided by the committee in charge and it was long past the witching hour ere the genial company, satiated with the good things provided, wended their ways homeward.

The twelfth annual dinner of the Q. O. R. Sergeants Mess was by long odds the greatest success in the history of the mess.

Owing to the destruction of Webb's and the inadequateness of their present quarters to comfortably house all whom they would like to have invited, it was necessary to limit the invitation list to representatives of brother Sergeant's messes.

The repast was served in Webb's best style and the splendid appearances of the main room handsomely decorated, brought forth many expressions of delight and compliment from the visitors. Amongst other present were: Sergt.-Major Stretton, G.G.B.G.; Sergt.-Major Spry, T.F.B.; Sergt.-Major Robertson, 48th; Sergt.-Major Cox, R.G.; Sergt. Instr Page, R.C.D.; Sergt. Instr Widgery, R.C.D.; Col.-Sergt. Galloway, No. 2 Co.; Sergt.-Instr Holmes, No. 2 Co.; Sergt McEvoy, 48th; Col.-Sgt. Ewart, 10th R. G.; Col.-Sgt. Atkinson, 13th Bn.; Sgt. Allan, 13th Bn.; Staff Sgt Ritchie, 38th Bn.; Mr. Alex Muir, Dr. Fotheringham, Mr. J. George, Mr. W. Sterling and others.

It lacked but a few minutes to nine when the guests were summoned from the ante-room and shortly after, thanks to a complete plan of the tables which had been prepared by the committee, enabling everyone present to at once locate his seat, a happy crowd was making havoc with the good things provided. After a discussion of the edibles, lasting exactly three quarters of an hour, a splendid programme was entered into and car-

ried on until about 1:30 a.m. when an adjournment was made from the tables, and the after part, so dearly enjoyable to guests at the Q.O.R. Sergeants Mess, then commenced, said afterpart being carried on without let up until the rosy streaks of dawn heralded the approach of another day and the closing scene of another successful dinner.

The members of the mess thought that their last year's dinner would be hard to beat, but after comparisons, were themselves surprised at the distance the twelfth annual left the eleventh annual in the rear.

After the toast of The Queen, came Canada Our Home, The Canadian Militia Our Brother Non-Com., Our Guests, and The Ladies. These were responded to by Mr. Alexander Muir, ex-Sergt-Major Kennedy, representatives of different corps, Dr. Fotheringham and Cr.-Sergt. Thompson.

The toast of Sergt-Major George, proposed by Mr. J. George was received with Highland honors and with a vein which spoke volumes for the esteem with which all present regarded the chairman of the evening.

A better array of talent was never provided at any previous mess entertainment, and the board of management for 1895 certainly deserve a hearty vote of thanks for the magnificent manner in which they provided for the entertainment of their guests.

A strange feature of the evening was the almost entire lack of mention of the Gzowski cub, and judging by the passing notice that the competition did get, by all representatives who mentioned it, seem to tell one that the interest in it had died a natural death and that few would mourn over its withdrawal from competition.

I by no means mean to infer from this that these representatives are not loyal to their different regiments, for all are of the most enthusiastic nature, but the fact seems to be generally admitted that the competition has not achieved the success that the donor no doubt fondly hoped for it.

Anyone passing St. Georges' Hall on the evening of the 4th inst., would have imagined that one of the vil ages of the Midway Plaisance had taken up its abode therein.

Enquiry would have brought out the information that it was only a small tribe of Dahomeians helping a larger tribe called Murray's Dandies to celebrate their 16th annual diuner.

It was an immense success and the evening passed all too quickly for the 90 guests who sat under the ministrations of Major Jack Murray.

Amongst others present were Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Lt.-Col. Starke, Major Manley Lieut. Forester, Dr. Murray, Lieut. Wyatt, Lieut. Barker, Sergt.-Maj. George and Col.-Sergt. Pearcy.

The absence of the company elephant and other features of this company were conspicuous by their absence due to the recent conflagration to which they fell a prey.

A large sign behind the popular com-

manding officer of I. Co. bore the words, "Our Father" and fully exemplified the great bond of friendship that exists between all the members.

The only time during the evening's entertainment that the fun seemed checked was when Major Murray alluded to the company as Crean's Dandies, and in a way, which to some seemed ominous, hinted at his retirement from the company he commanded so creditably for such a long time.

The shock was rather sudden, and all expressed the hope that the remarks had been wrongly interpreted and that the opening of spring drill would contain better luck in store for No. 10 than the loss of its able commander and one of the most popular men in the regiment.

The smoker of the Sergeants' Mess of the G.G.F.G. held on Thursday evening the 7th inst., in Richmond Hall was very successful.

A goodly representation of officers and Non Com. from sister corps were present all of whom thoroughly enjoyed themselves and departed greatly indebted to their excellent hosts, Sergt.-Major Stretton and his fellow Sergeants.

The unexpected has happened and at last the result of the Gzowski cup competition is declared and the Mountaineers take the cup.

To the 13th Bn. the Q.O.R. will soon hand over the coveted trophy and it is safe to say that for a year at least, they will keep it secure from fire or flood.

## Quebec.

QUEBEC, 8th March 1895.

Mr. Kenneth J. R. Campbell, 6th Dragoon Guards, (Carabinieri) according to the London Times of the 21st February, has been awarded the Medal of the Royal Humane Society, in connection with saving a native from the Vice Consulate hulk in a river where crocodiles abound.

Mr. Campbell is the Deputy Commissioner and Vice-Consul of the Niger Coast Protectorate and has recently been here on leave and left the city on the 6th inst., for the purpose of returning to England.

The 8th Royal Rifles commenced their annual training on the 1st inst., and all hands are hard at work. The brass band has been re organized and from all accounts is doing very well.

Lieut. H. J. Lamb of the unattached list will be taken on the strength of the above corps for the period of their training and will be attached to letter "B" Company.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars have been issued their clothing, etc., and will commence their training in a few days.

Quite a number of changes have recently taken place in this corps, among which are mentioned that Captain Breakey of "A" Troop will become the Adjutant and will be succeeded by Lieut. R. E. W. Turner. It is stated that Messrs. Ashmead and L. Drum will take commis-