

Queen's Own come to Hamilton and unofficially accepted the invitation, but some juniors officers set to work out of spite to find some excuse by which they might break the engagement and leave their officer in a very unpleasant position.

That they succeeded above their more sanguine expectations is apparent and it is to be hoped they are satisfied and happy. That is was pleasant news to the rank and file of the 14th that they were to go to London instead remaining at home to receive the Queen's Own was evident by the large parade on Friday night and there is no doubt that the 13th will go to London over 500 strong.

The 13th will leave here early Friday morning in heavy marching order, via the T. H. & B. (being the first excursion over this newly finished road) to Waterford thence by the M. Central through St. Thomas to London. The company agrees to land them in London in three and a half hours.

On Friday afternoon there will be a review, the 7th Fusiliers, the Dufferin Rifles and the 13th taking part, exhibitions of bayonets exercise and physical drill, and the 13th will troop the colors, after that there will a programme of sports.

On Friday and Saturday evenings the band will give concerts and it is proposed to have a fireworks display by Prof. Hand and a sham fight attack on a Citadel.

On Saturday the 13th will have route marching and field manouvres and will have the afternoon to themselves. On Sunday morning there will be a church parade.

The Thirteenth will be quartered in the exhibition building during its stay. The location is convenient to the railway and the grounds are very handsome. They will be the guests of the city while there. The Dufferin rifles of Brantford will also be there, but will return on Friday night.

The 13th turned out well for their weekly drill on Friday night, over 400 of all ranks being present. The attendance by companies being A 46, B 47, C 30, D 46, E 36, F 48, G 43, H 33.

Lieut. Col. Gibson marched the Battalion to Dundum park where on the fine level green they were put through a tough night's work, the Colonel being anxious that the regiment should make a splendid showing on its visit to London, forming square both from line and column on the double and wheeling in quarter column. Bayonet exercise, trooping the colors were all practiced, some being very well done.

It would make a marked improvement upon the appearance of the 13th were they to wear leggings, they would look smarter and more uniform, there would also be less complaint about clothing.

It is good to see "F Co." again coming to the front in attendance, they having the largest parade on Friday night.

If there is one tune to which the 13th can march well, it is "The Lass of Gowrie," a lively, spirited march, having plenty of brass in it, sounding from No. 1 company to No. 8. That is the right kind of marching music—something that can be heard from one end of the column to the other.

The band played a splendid new march

Friday evening at Dundum, "Illinois Battleship-Yule," which was recently sent to Bandmaster Robinson, from Chicago. It is a fine marching tune having plenty of brass in it to make it carry.

A pleasant event took place in F. Co.'s armory the other evening, when the members of non-coms. class first closed presented their instructor, Sgt.-Major Hugins with a handsome gold ring in appreciation of the pains he had taken to instruct them.

The Sgt.-Major was completely taken by surprise, but was soon able in his own pleasant way to thank them for their gift which he highly appreciated.

It is proposed that the field day and sham battle take place in Hamilton next Thanksgiving day.

Toronto.

The Long Branch Rifle Ranges were opened on Saturday the 4th May.

The attendance was very large and the delay, mainly due to the 200 yard range still remaining closed were very trying and discouraging.

A deputation composed of Lt. Col. Buchan, Lt. Col. Gibson, Major Hughes, Major Delamere, Major Macdonald and Major Bruce waited on the Minister of Militia on Wednesday the 8th May and fully represented the matter and the groundless case the property owner to the west of the range had. The result is awaited anxiously although all are unanimous in the feeling that the good judgment and desire of the Minister to render justice will soon remove this very troublesome grievance.

The latest of interest to volunteers, especially to those of ten years ago, is the serial story published in the columns of the Evening Telegram, it is entitled "The Sergeants Story," and written by a well known officer of one of the city regiments, who has contributed some very pleasant sketches under the name of Maxwell Drew, recalls many of the incidents and experiences of part of the contingent who left Toronto, on that well remembered day in March of 1885.

The visit of the Montreal Garrison Artillery to Toronto on 1st July next, is being looked forward to by many of the city volunteers with a great deal of pleasure. Although the parade season will be over here I fancy the visitors will not lack for attention on the part of the local soldiery.

I understand that the Sergt. Major and Sergeants of the Queens Own have written Sergt. Major Fellows, advising him that their quarters were at the disposal of himself and his brother Sergeants during their stay in the city.

The Q. O. R. Bicycle Club, are arranging for a road race open to company teams of 5 men each.

Every company will be represented and the competition will be keen.

A trip to Waterloo as a Military Cyclist Corps is under discussion, and if sanction be obtained, the regiment could furnish

a corps of about 100 counting Officers, non-coms and men.

In all probability other regiments will be represented at Waterloo by detachments, as several cyclist corps are being organized in western Ontario. All three regiments are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to their annual outing next 24th May.

The Q. O. R. leave Toronto on the evening of the 23rd, and will spend the 24th, 25th and 26th under canvas on the historic camp ground at Niagara.

The Grenadiers make one day trip to Collingwood and the 48th take the best trip of all by accepting the generous invitation of the Windsor townspeople for a three days visit.

All three regiments have been doing a little more battalion drill than on previous occasions and will as a result be in the best of trim to meet the expectations of those who have heard so much of Toronto's three Crack Corps.

The decision of the Queen's Own to go to Niagara instead of to Hamilton, has caused quite a little breeze in some quarters.

According to reports, the Q. O. R. expected to be the guests of the 13th and looked forward with pleasure to the meeting, but from later information it was found that the St. Georges Society of Hamilton were to be the entertainers and that an admission fee would be charged to witness the military program.

This did not suit the ideas of the Q. O. R. who strenuously objected, but as no compromise could be reached the trip was abandoned and arrangements made to go to Niagara.

The Hamilton Spectator worked itself into a perfect frenzy over the matter and goes into details to prove that it was altogether another reason that caused the cancelling of engagements.

Just how far the Spectator is correct with the little information makes it hard to say and I think that they have been loaded up the wrong way.

I was always of the opinion that the best of friendship existed between all ranks of these regiments and would have thought that a matter of this kind, which is altogether trivial, would cause the hard feeling, the correspondent to the Mail and Empire says exists in Hamilton to members of the Queen's Own.

Sergt. T. Westman with 71 out of 75 and Sergt. Instr. Donnelly with 70 have the highest individual scores so far on the Q. O. R. Sergt. Morris Range in the Bicycle Competition.

The Toronto Club last Friday evening was the scene of a very jovial gathering.

Lt. Col. Hamilton and the officers of the regiment tendered a kind of a farewell dinner to two of its olders officers, Major V. S. Sanker and Surgeon Joseph Leslie, who have recently retired from service with the regiment.

Both officers were very popular in the regiment and the regrets raised at their retirement by those present at the dinner simply re-echoed the sentiment of all the members of the regiment.