

include ten horses as required by the regulations. This is a step towards placing the battery on a service footing, and in case of emergency, if the corps were called out, the work of preparation will be greatly lessened. The battery now, more than any other Canadian corps, approaches in organization the British batteries.

There is very little room for the horses at the Tete du Pont stables and the officers horses are quartered in the cavalry stables, which are full also.

Kingston will, in a probability, be able to boast of a company of "red-coats." For some time past efforts have been made to accomplish this object and it now appears that the work has not been in vain. The new company will replace the Barriemfield company of the 47th batt. and will be designated "C" Company, 47th Frontenac infantry. Capt. James Byrne, of the Barriemfield company, is to retire and the command of the new city company has been offered to Ald. (Dr.) Curtis. The names of several prominent citizens have been mentioned in connection with the two junior commissions in the company and recruiting will be begun as soon as the necessary initiatory steps have been taken. Dr. Curtis served throughout the American civil war, as surgeon in a northern regiment, and will make an excellent officer. He will accept the command of the new company, on certain conditions.

The officers of the 14th battalion, P.W. O.R., held their annual meeting on the 4th inst., when all were present except Major Shannon and the officers on leave. The pay-master read his financial statement, showing the regimental finances to be in a satisfactory condition. The different regimental committees for next year were struck, and the arrangements and preparations for the next annual training were thoroughly discussed.

Immediately after the annual meeting the members of the 14th club, met to elect officers for the coming year, and to hear the reports brought down for their information. The secretary's report was quite satisfactory, and that presented by the treasurer showed a credit balance of funds amounting to \$90. Under the act of incorporation, four directors were then chosen by ballot, and the election of officers for 1896 was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Lt-Col H. R. Smith; vice-president and chairman of committee, Major J. S. Skinner; treasurer, Capt. Sinclair; secretary, Lieut. W. H. Macnee.

Sergeant-Major Morgans was pleasantly surprised yesterday, when Major-Gen. Gascoigne visited the military college, to discover that the new commander-in-chief of the Canadian forces was an old acquaintance of his, having commanded the company of the Scots' Guards to which Sergt.-Major Morgans was attached during the earlier years of his term of service in the imperial army. The major-general cordially shook hands with the sergeant-major, and expressed his pleasure at so unexpectedly meeting an old comrade.

A committee of officers of the 14th battalion, consisting of Lieut. A. B. Cunningham, Lieut. E. Strange and Lieut. R. Sutherland was appointed recently for the purpose of making necessary arrangements for the entering of a team of officers of their battalion in the military hockey league about to be formed. The league will consist of teams from the R. M.C., "A" battery, Royal Scots and Victoria's Montreal, and 43rd and Foot Guards, Ottawa.

Driver Priest, a deserter from "A" battery, who gave himself up to the authorities last week, has been discharged from the service.

Major I. W. Shannon, 14th Batt., was banquetted at the British American hotel recently by a number of his friends.

Lieut. C. M. Strange, 14th Batt., was in town last week, and attended the reception to the General.

Capt. Lee, R. A., R.M.C., will repeat his lecture on the "Battle of Waterloo," in the city hall here, on Monday evening, 16th inst., for the benefit of the 14th battalion fund.

VEDETTE.

## Guelph.

### Band Concert by the Band of the 30th.

The drill hall was well filled on Friday evening by a select and appreciative audience to listen to another of the delightful programmes rendered under the auspices of the 30th Battalion Band. These concerts are growing in popularity, as is evidenced by the increasing attendance. The band is making rapid strides of improvement under the able direction of J. Wyatt Tyendell. Their selections of last evening were all of a high class order and they acquitted themselves in a brilliant manner. The Tyrol-hedne—Sunrise on the Mountain, descriptive—in which Mr. Hindmarsh played a cornet obligato, was especially good. Fanfare. The Adjutant, a piece composed by Mr. J. Wyatt Trendell, and dedicated to Lieut. and Adjutant Wideman, introducing the bugle corps of the 30th Wellington Rifles, was also well rendered and received. Mr. Joseph A. Mackintosh gave a descriptive song entitled "Don't Burn the Cabin Down," which was received with a rapturous encore, to which he responded with equal effect. This even did not satisfy the audience and he sang the song entitled "Playmates were we." Mr. Mackintosh is an excellent singer and it is hoped this occasion will not be the last to which he will lend his assistance. The recitation by Miss Hazelton, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," with band accompaniment was perhaps the best item on the programme. So realistic was the performance that one would actually think he was in the midst of the battlefield. Miss Hazelton's spirited rendering on the lines aroused much enthusiasm. A hearty encore followed the rendition of Miss Kate Green's solo and she responded with equal effect. Her accompaniment was played by Miss Taylor, who is an accomplished piano artist. A selection by the Silver Creek orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Eddie Sleenan, was an item inferior in no respect to any other on the programme. Their music was difficult, but they were equal to the difficulty and their efforts were awarded with a hearty encore.—*The Guelph Herald*

## Fredericton.

The minstrel troupe of No. 4 Co. R. R. C. I. gave a performance in the city hall on the evening of the 29th of November. The audience was an appreciative one, and among those present were Lieut.-Col. Maunswell, D.A.G., and the officers of No. 4 Regimental Depot. The circle numbered twenty-one, with six end men, and Pte. J. Taylor as interlocutor. The programme was as follows: Opening chorus, "Wake, Dinah, Wake," by the company; overture, orchestra; song, "The Storm Fiend," Pte. G. F. Wright; "The Nigger and the Coon," Corp. Bayers; "And the Band Played On," Pte. J. E. Baugh; "Malinda Is Engaged to a Coon," Pte. F. Clinton; "She Left the Man Who Loved her," Pte. J. Taylor. Instrumental performance by the Chequer-Board Avenue Quartette, consisting of Corp. Paschke (auto-harp), Pte. Clinton and Pte. Morash (har-

monica), and Pte. Baugh (banjo); finale, the company. Selection, orchestra; stump speech, Corp. Bayers; Indian club swinging, Percy Gunn; physical drill and bayonet exercise, Corp. Paschke, Corp. Ross, and Pte. McCuish; euphonium solo, Pte. F. Clinton; descriptive song, Pte. J. E. Baugh; clog dancing, Sergt. Naufts and Pte. MacNeil; selection, the orchestra. The performance concluded with an amusing slide-splitting farce, entitled "A Slippery Day," in which Corp. Bayers, Corp. Paschke, Ptes. Taylor, Baugh, Murphy, Wright, and McCuish took part. The local papers are unanimous in saying that the performance would contest favorably with any of the travelling combinations that visit the city, the singing throughout being of an exceptionally high order.

## Toronto.

The size of the classes of the Queen's Own now drilling for corporal's certificates seems to be in a great measure accounted for by the difference in their present quarters as compared with the old shed in rear of the city hall. The classes will continue on until February, when the examination will be held. Sergt. Instr. Butcher and Sergt. Campbell of No. 2 Co., R. C.R.I., are doing the duty of instructors.

At the time of writing the only alley being actively engaged is that belonging to the 40th Highlanders, and whilst perhaps it is owing to their new fangledness, I am inclined to think that they are in a better position to enjoy all the good things provided for their amusement on account of having none of the dissensions in their midst that are tearing the vitals of one of the other regiments. The masterly inactivity hitherto displayed and for which no reason can be tendered, might just as well as not be discarded and steps taken to grant the use of the alleys to those for whom they were intended.

The D. A. G. has granted permission to the members of Queen's Own Revolver Association to use one of the alleys set apart as rifle galleries. As nothing has been done towards fitting these up, a temporary shed has been built, and which will enable practice to be held about the 15th inst. Providing the ranges can be made satisfactory, a series of matches are spoken of and, in fact, promised by a team from the Manhattan Athletic Club of New York.

At the time of writing the condition of Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison has certainly not changed for the better, and still excites the gravest fears by his medical attendants. It is the sincere wish of his many friends, civilian and military, that a speedy and complete return to health may be what the future has in store for the military member of West Toronto.

As a general rule it is pretty safe betting to stick to the old maxim of counting chickens prior to the hatching of same. Still, it is no crime to anticipate and build castles in the air. At this same building it is perfectly certain that certain members of the Reform party have labored long and often and of late perhaps oftener than ever. Some very funny stories are going the rounds for the past few moons, but as many of them do not savor of any interest to the militia, they will not be worth repeating. It seems, so the story goes, that these would-be partakers of the spoils of office have things pretty well divided up, and if the expectations of these same workers-for-so-long-without-reward are realized