

with military honours, the funeral taking place on Wednesday.

Capt. Michie was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, 35 years ago, and came out to Canada and settled at Fergus when about 20 years of age. On the death of his uncle, James Michie, seven years ago, he came to Toronto, and with his brother went into the business in which he was engaged at the time of his death. He was a member of the Board of Trade, the St. Andrew's Society, the National Club, and the Argonaut Rowing Club. He was a popular officer in the Royal Grenadiers, and served in that battalion through the North-West Rebellion. The vicissitudes of that campaign impaired Mr. Michie's constitution, and it is believed his death has been hastened many years as a result.

Deceased was a very popular man amongst his employees. The general public knew him as a whole-souled gentleman, who never let a deserving case of charity leave him empty handed. In conjunction with his brother, George S. Michie, he endowed Victoria University to the amount of \$500.

VETERANS OF RIDGEWAY.

With the object of celebrating in a fitting manner the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fenian Raid, a meeting of those who took part as members of the militia corps was held on Monday evening, 5th inst., at Upper Canada College.

Among other proposals was one to hold a parade to and demonstration in Queen's Park, on June 2nd, and to place on the Volunteers' Monument a copper plate with the names of those who fell at Ridgeway inscribed thereon. A committee was then appointed to elaborate a scheme and report at the next meeting on the 18th May. The meeting then organized an association to be known as "The Veterans of '66," with the following officers:—President, Lt.-Col. Otter; Treasurer, Capt. G. M. Adam; Secretary, Lt. Fahey.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The strength of the parade Wednesday, 29th April, was 528, exclusive of K Company and 70 recruits. Previous to marching out Lt.-Col. Hamilton briefly addressed the men, and stated that owing to the scheme of Lt.-Col. Otter being impracticable for the present, the officers were of the opinion that the next best thing would be a trip across the lake to Niagara, and hoped that the regiment would uphold its reputation on this trip as they had done in the past. Column of route was then formed and the regiment marched to Wellington street, where, after a few battalion movements were practised, company drill was indulged in for the remainder of the evening.

After the parade the Colonel invited shooting representatives from the different companies for the object of discussing the proposed rifle ranges. He stated that there were three spoken of and he would suggest that the men go and see for themselves, as, no doubt, anything like unanimity among the shooting men of the battalion would tend to influence those looking after the interests of the volunteers. The three ranges were: 1st, at Mount Dennis, the location of which was fully described in these columns a few weeks ago; 2nd, at Hogg's Hollow, about six miles up Yonge street, Toronto Street Railway and Electric Railway running within half a mile of the range; 3rd, Port Credit, or one and one-half miles this side of Port Credit, reached by Grand Trunk Railroad suburban trains. A party went out to inspect the Hogg's Hollow range, and, judging from their report the remark of the man who fell out of the balloon is quite applicable. It is crossed some three or four times by a branch of the Don and is anything but flat, hills and mounds being in abundance. As regards the Port Credit range, a native remarked a short time ago that as there was always lots of boating going on, the same objections as are raised to the present one would be raised out there. Some say that Toronto is getting too populous for an inland range,

but those in the immediate vicinity of Mount Dennis do not think so, as I am led to believe that about 200 people residing all around there have signed a petition praying for the location of the range at that place.

Rifle practice started Saturday last and about 300 members of the different regiments and associations were up. No less than five members of this year's Bisley Team were present, namely, Lt. Knifton, Lt. Cartwright, Staff-Sgt. McVittie, Staff-Sgt. Mitchell and Pte. Windatt.

BREECH BLOCK.

THE LATE CAPT. MACKAY.

Capt. W. G. Stairs, Welsh Regiment, has written to the *Montreal Gazette* the following tribute to the memory of his late comrade:—

Will you allow me, as an old comrade of the late Capt. Huntley Brodie Mackay, Royal Engineers, an old Montreal boy, to write these few lines to express on behalf of his Canadian brother officers in the Imperial service the deep sympathy we feel for his relatives and friends in Montreal and other Canadian towns at the loss of a man who has been such an honour to his Queen and to Canada.

As soldiers we all feel proud to remember that we have been trained up through the same ranks at Kingston as Capt. Mackay was; and as Canadians we have watched his career in the army, in South, West and East Africa, with pride, and have felt that the honour of our country was in the hands of one that would uphold it, come what may.

Brave, manly, and a keen and brilliant soldier, he has been cut down in the very prime of life by the deadly fever of Africa, far away from his home and friends.

The loss to Canada is one that will not easily be replaced; but his friends have the one consolation that throughout his life and up to the very day of his death at Mombasa he upheld the watchwords of his old college—"Truth, Duty, Valor."

MONTREAL RIFLE RANGERS.

On Thursday last the survivors of the old Montreal Rifle Rangers met in the City Club and sat down to their annual dinner. It is needless to say that the veterans enjoyed the reunion. Their first captain—now Lt.-Col. Lyman—was in the chair, and there were thirteen other stalwart members at the table. The Rangers form an historical group in Canadian military history, and were organized in 1854, before the volunteers of Great Britain were organized under the law which governed and united them afterwards. The Rangers contributed many officers to the Montreal volunteer force, organized afterwards. Old-time Montreal residents remember with pleasure what a stirring lot of young men they were in the day of their organization as active volunteers. The absent members who have passed over to the silent majority outnumber the members alive to-day, and their memory was duly honoured.

The company's pay-roll for 1856 was handed round the table for inspection, and proved quite interesting, with its long array of signatures, mostly now of absentees. It bears the names of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and 64 of the privates of the old corps, and the sum total on the list is £162 10s.

Of equal interest was a very neat *reprint*, in pamphlet form, entitled "Rules and Regulations of the 1st Volunteer Militia Rifle Company of Montreal (Montreal Rifle Rangers), adopted 16th May, 1856." Following the Rules is a list of the members of the corps at that date, the names of deceased being marked with an asterisk.

The following is a list of the Rangers present at the dinner:—Captain Theodore Lyman (Lt.-Colonel), Ensign J. W. Hanson (Lt.-Colonel), T. F. Blackwood (Captain), Wm. Farrell (Captain), R. G. Starke (Lieutenant), George W. Stephens (Lieutenant), Robert Forsyth, Robert L. Gault, William Haldimand, James Maclean, Malcolm Morison, Richard Thomas, Walter Wilby, J. H. Wood.