

Regimental News.

A meeting of the field officers and captains of the Dufferin Rifles was held at Brantford last Thursday to discuss various matters of regimental concern. The question of putting in three days in camp at Niagara in June at the close of the brigade camp was discussed, and the feeling was unanimous that this should be done, especially as so many important changes have been made in the new drill. The scheme is to leave on Friday evening, 28th of June, and remain under canvas the following Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 1st of July, in company with the Queen's Own, Grenadiers and 13th Battalion. A deputation from the different regiments is to wait on the Minister of Militia for a grant to defray cost of transportation and subsistence.

On the 20th February—the occasion being the marriage of their popular brother officer—Lt.-Col. Blaine, Major Tucker, Surgeon Walker, Major Hartt, Capts. Magee, Edwards, Fraser and Thompson, Lieuts. Godard, Lordly, Sterling, Vroom, Manning, Cleveland, Hetherington, and Parks proceeded to the residence of Major Sturdee, and made the presentation of a silver tea service of seven pieces, on one of which, the salver, was engraved the following inscription: "Presented to Major and Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, by the Lieut.-Col. and officers of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers." Major Sturdee gracefully and feelingly acknowledged the presentation, after which luncheon was served and the customary round of toasts duly honoured.

THE PRINCE OF WALES RIFLES.

The annual meeting of the Prince of Wales Rifle Association was held on Tuesday evening, 12th inst. Major Butler presided, and was supported by Lieut. Lefebvre and Sergt.-Major Porteous. The committee's report submitted told that the membership of the association for the year was 246 all told, as against 249 the preceding year, and said: "Owing to the unfinished state of the new ranges at St. Luc the members of the association have been unable to obtain any practice this season, a state of things disheartening to the association, which urges upon its officers the necessity of their taking immediate action to impress upon the Government the necessity of having this range put in a serviceable condition with as little delay as possible." The association also "strongly recommends that a set of Morris tubes be provided, and that a range be fitted up in the drill hall, which would be of great assistance to young shots, enabling them to become acquainted with their rifle. Squads could be detained each night during annual drill for instruction in position and aiming drill, which would be of great benefit not only to the men themselves, but to the regiment in general." The treasurer's report showed the expenditure to have been \$78.91, leaving a balance of \$155.59. The chairman held that the Government should provide Morris tube-shooting facilities for the whole militia force in Montreal.

Before the election of officers was proceeded with, regret was expressed that the regiment, for which he had done so much, was about to lose the services of Lieut.-Col. Bond, and an alteration of the association's by-laws was effected by unanimous consent to allow of the popular colonel being elected honorary life president of the association, which was done amid enthusiasm. The active officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Major Butler; vice-president, Major Campbell; secretary-treasurer, Sergt. Elliott; committee, Capts. Godfrey, Hanson and Cook, Lieut. Lefebvre, Col.-Sergts. Ferguson and Ferry, Corp. Eberwein, and Potes, McAfee and Kough. Lieut. Abbott was elected captain of the shooting team, while the representatives to serve on the Provincial R. A. board this year will be Major Campbell and Lieut. Abbott.

Before adjourning, the meeting by resolution expressed its sense of cause for congratulation that its president, Lieut.-Col. Bond, had been selected last year to command the Canadian team at Wimbledon, and that his command had been so highly commended by the authorities.

CHATEAUGUAY'S MILITARY HISTORY.

At the second public meeting of the Chateaugay Literary and Historical Society held this week, Col. McEachren in the chair, Mr. W. D. Lighthall gave an instructive address on the battle of Chateaugay. He told how the two American Generals, Wilkinson and Hampton, invaded Canada in 1813, the former coming down the St. Lawrence and the latter coming across by Lake Champlain, intending to unite on Ile Perrot and capture Montreal. Col. De Salaberry fortified a position on the Chateaugay river about three miles below Ormstown, and sent his buglers into the woods to sound the advance from different points. There were less than 300 Canadians and about 7,000 Americans; but Hampton retired after considerable firing, deceived as to his enemy's strength. The only open field fighting was by Capt. Daly and his men, who defeated an attack in the rear. "Chrysler's Farm," on the St. Lawrence, settled Gen. Wilkinson. "The meaning of the battle of Chateaugay," said Mr. Lighthall, "is that, with a good cause and in defence of our home against wanton aggression, we can dare odds which would otherwise seem hopeless; that in the future, as in the past, it is the

spirits of men and not their material resources which count for success; that we need only be brave, just, and ready to die, and our country can never be conquered; and that we shall always be able to preserve ourselves free in our course of development towards our own idea of a nation."

Winnipeg.

On the 4th March "D" Co. of the 90th (Captain F. C. Campbell) gave their annual ball in the Oddfellows Hall, which was largely and fashionably attended and was a great success from every point of view.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 90th Rifles was held on the 14th February. At this the several committees for the year were appointed and the financial statement for the past year was laid before them. The following is a summary financial statement:

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance on hand from 1887.....	\$ 498 88
Grants from Government.....	685 00
Subscriptions from members of regiment	2,357 84
	\$3,541 72
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Band Account.....	\$ 816 80
Care of arms, etc.....	330 00
Class firing (prizes, etc.)	292 20
Company allowances (rifle shooting and drill instruction).....	619 80
Extra clothing and equipment.....	279 75
Printing, stationery and postage.....	45 70
Regimental drill instruction.....	100 00
Sundries.....	4 50
Bhalance on hand.....	1,052 97
	\$3,541 72

The regiment has now a good gymnasium, reading room, and a range for Morris tube firing. The new Infantry Drill Book came to hand from their London agents on the 1st of February, and since its arrival the adjutant, sergt.-major and drill instructors have been hard at work with the non. coms. at squad, company and skeleton battalion drill. The regiment feel very much disappointed at not having the two new companies gazetted yet, as it has always turned out considerable over its strength, and it is hoped that the Minister of Militia will see his way to authorize at an early date the additional strength. The regiment will commence its regular drill on the 18th inst., and hopes to complete its squad and company drill by the time it is warm enough to parade outside.

The Brookwood Site--A Lament.

(By E. B. A., in Volunteer Record.)

A desert wild, far, far away,
For rifle shooting has, they say,
Been chosen by the N. R. A. :
The Brookwood site.

Distant—remote from haunts of men,
It's name scarce known to human ken ;
The Council have adopted, then,
The Brookwood site.

No more at dear old Wimbledon
Will prizes there be lost or won ;
These things will next take place upon
The Brookwood site.

Who will care now to shoot for "Queen's,"
As we did ever since our teens,
When 'tis removed to other scenes—
The Brookwood site.

Of old we entered just for fun
For prizes which we never won ;
You take the tip, this won't be done—
The Brookwood site.

A long adieu to sound of drums,
To "See the Conquering Hero Comes,"
And memories of festive Mumm's—
The Brookwood site.

The days of "Cakes and Ale" are past ;
By N. R. A. the die is cast
In favour of—that common vast—
The Brookwood site.

The rank and file, on shooting bent,
Still like the "picnic element ;"
By these much money won't be spent --
The Brookwood site.

Distance, 'mongst other drawbacks are,
The sand will also help to bar,
While scrub and mirage tend to mar
The Brookwood site.

Some there are, we well know, whose
Motto's to shoot to win, not lose--
These, doubtless, it will suit to choose
The Brookwood site.

Take it from me, it is no cram,
For firmly I convinced am,
That shootists more or less will d —
The Brookwood site.