

Government, who should not fail to secure the services of highly trained cadets for our own permanent force, and in the civil service. This statement was loudly applauded. The speaker also thought that some modification might be made in the college course. The graduates of the college have distinguished themselves all over the world, and proved themselves worthy of occupying the highest posts. It was the duty of the ex-cadets to watch jealously over the welfare of the college, and assist in upholding the high position attained by that institution. The highest authorities in England agree in saying that the college course is superior theoretically and practically to that of Woolwich and Sandhurst. This is proved by the fact that young officers, who enter the Royal Engineers, invariably pass through Chatham in a shorter space of time than their Woolwich brethren. The General stated that he was of opinion that all staff appointments in Canada should be given to graduates of the Royal Military College. In support of his argument he would refer his hearers to the last paragraph in the regulations for the R.M.C., which although it had the force of an order in council, still was ignored entirely and was practically a dead letter. In conclusion, the General regretted that he could not, for various reasons, accept the honour tendered him of becoming honorary president of the club, and after thanking the members of the club for the courtesy done him he retired amid great applause.

Lt-Col. McGill, the genial staff adjutant of the R.M.C., was the next speaker, and by his bright and witty remarks kept the whole room in fits of laughter. He also furnished some valuable and interesting statistics in reference to the college.

Battalion Sergt.-Major Dumble said that all the cadets manifested the greatest interest in the club, and maintained in a neat little speech that he did not agree with those who said that the college was going down. On the contrary he thought the college was making great progress in the right direction.

Doctor R. T. Walkem, Q.C., proposed the toast of "The Royal Military College Club." He said that he had followed closely the career of the college since its foundation, sixteen years ago. It had been his privilege to know intimately the founder, a man who was universally esteemed by those who knew him, and the fruits of his labours were visible in the achievements of the graduates of the R. M. C., and the high position occupied by that institution. A great point in favour of the method of instruction at the college was that it caused cadets to form habits of self-reliance, which were simply invaluable to them in after life. It was our duty to endeavour to retain in the country as many of the cadets as possible, and not allow them to drift towards the republic to the south of us. This end would be attained by finding employment

for those who wished it. It was also the duty of the citizens of Kingston to do all they could to make the stay of the cadets in our midst as pleasant as possible, and with that end in view his house had always been opened to receive any of the cadets who wished to avail themselves of his hospitality. (Applause.) Dr. Walkem then called upon all to drink to the health of the club, coupling with it the names of Capt. Rivers and Denison.

Capt. Denison in replying gave an interesting sketch of the history of the club since its foundation in Toronto. He also drew attention to the brilliant victory gained by the club in obtaining a concession as to reduction of time from the Law Society of Ontario. The thanks of the club were due to the Hon. W. R. Meredith for the valuable assistance he rendered in this matter.

Capt. Rivers, spoke briefly, and pointed out the advantages to be gained by graduates joining the club directly they left college.

Mr. Fred. W. White proposed the toast of "Our Guests," which was replied to by Messrs. Day, Harris, Martin and Captain English.

"The Ladies'" health was proposed by Capt. Denison, Major Drennan responding.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with songs by Mr. Leonard and Lt-Col. McGill, and a most amusing story told by Mr. White in his inimitable style.

## TORONTO.

### THE HIGHLANDERS' FIRST CHURCH PARADE.

Lt-Col Davidson has decided to hold the first church parade of his regiment on the last Sunday in April. They will assemble in the Queen's Park at 3.30 p.m. and march by the shortest route to St. Andrews Church where the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell will preach. As the brass and reed band of the regiment has not yet been organized, the officers commanding the Queen's Own Rifles and the Royal Grenadiers have offered their fine bands to play alternately with the pipers.

A picture that has attracted quite a bit of attention has been displayed for the past few days in the window of Messrs. Crean & Rowan, King St. It is a large handsomely framed portrait of Major Gen. Herbert, C. B., taken by Mr. Jarvis of Ottawa and presented to the Military Institute by Major Manley R. G.

### TORONTO'S DRILL HALL.

A very glaring notice is just now displayed on nearly every bill board in the city, calling attention to the fact that in response to a requisition signed by a number of ratepayers, His Worship Mayor Fleming has called a meeting of those interested for Friday evening, 25th inst., at St. Andrew's Hall, the object

being to discuss the manner in which the contracts let are being carried out; in reality I would say to give a few agitators a chance to air their own particular views.

### Q. O. R. BUGLER'S REHEARSAL.

Last Wednesday evening a very jovial party of 73 gentlemen, attended at the invitation of Capt. Pellatt, to a preliminary rehearsal of part of the programme, intended to be given in Chicago next year. The Buglers paraded about 33 strong under Bugle-Major Swift and Bugle-Sergt. Woods, and received the guests with "The Salute," and immediately broke into a quickstep. After this, under Bugle-Sergt. Woods, the Buglers sounded all the calls used in a regimental parade. Under the direction of the Bugle Major about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of what is intended to be given at Chicago was given by the Bugles and Drums and considering the short practice the result is extremely creditable to all concerned and certainly the prestige of the Regiment will not suffer at the hands of the Buglers. This was followed by the drum accompaniment of "The Regimental" and Ninety-five. This finished the programme of the evening and speeches of congratulation on behalf of those present from Lt-Col. Hamilton, Capt. Pellatt and Mr. W. J. Barnes brought the proceedings to a close and all adjourned to the ante room where refreshments had been provided by Capt. Pellatt. The phonograph was present and captured some of the pieces of the programme.

BREECH-BLOCK.

## QUEBEC.

The Royal School of Cavalry and "B" Battery R. C. A. had a march out through the principal streets of the city on Friday the 18th instant, and as usual presented a fine appearance.

The "B" Battery Minstrel Troupe gave a very pleasant performance on Tuesday evening the 15th instant in the Citadel Theatre.

A Commanding Officer's Inspection of the 8th "Royal Rifles" took place on Friday evening the 18th instant. Lt-Col. Prower accompanied by Major G. E. A. Jones and Captain and Adjutant E. Montizambert made a careful inspection of the Pioneers, Bands and the several companies, after which the Battalion was put through a few movements by Lt-Col. Prower.

The following promotions were notified to the regiment.

To be Sergt Instructor of Musketry:—Sergt. Joseph Dewfall, from "E" Company.

To be Sergeant:—Corporal A. W. Hay "E" Company, vice Dewfall, promoted.

The 9th Battalion commenced their annual training on Monday evening the 14th instant.

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