

Regimental and Other News.

The Belleville *Ontario* is responsible for the following: "A Toronto Colonel has long refused to rise in the Anglican church when the clergy enters the church. Recently he took his regiment to service and gave orders to his men that they were to remain seated on the entry of the choir and clergy. Somehow the rector got wind of the Colonel's tactics. A word to the organist and to the astonishment of the gallant Colonel he found himself and his battalion glued to their seats by his own order while every other mother's son in the congregation rose to his feet as the choir and clergy entered to the familiar strains of 'God Save the Queen.'"

The Berlin, Ont., *Telegraph* contains a very complimentary notice of a concert recently held under the auspices of the band of the 29th Battalion, including these sentences: "We cannot close without complimenting Mr. Heinicke, the leader. He has certainly brought the band up to a very proficient state and takes much pains with the boys. We understand this concert is to be repeated in Galt under the patronage of the officers of the 29th Battalion, who will, no doubt, feel proud of having the crack band of the Brigade." The same paper states that the Berlin Musical Society are making arrangements to have the 13th Battalion and Royal Grenadiers to that town during next May, as well as the 29th Battalion. A plot of land of about two hundred acres will be secured for drilling, etc.

Toronto.

The members of G company, Q. O. R., held the second of their series of smoking concerts on Tuesday evening in their handsome quarters in the new arcade building on Yonge street, and the event proved to be in every way a great success. Mr. Acheson, one of the popular members of the company, presided, and on his right sat Capt. Bennett, the popular commanding officer of the company, and Capt. Macdonald, the adjutant of the regiment. The programme, which was made up of songs, recitations, banjo solos, etc., was contributed to by Messrs. Fairweather, Wm. Kain, E. J. Ebbles, Stephen Jarvis, J. B. Mundie, H. Hall, Norrie Mills and A. Acheson, with Mr. L. T. Carlisle as piano accompanist. A popular feature of the evening also was an exhibition of mind reading by Mr. Jno. Miller who proved himself to be a mind reader of no mean ability. The boys enjoyed themselves immensely and the evening passed off without a hitch. The company expressed publicly through their captain, Mr. Bennett, the loss they were about to sustain by the removal of Corporal Baynes-Reed and Pte. Molson, of the Molsons Bank, to Winnipeg and Trenton respectively. The former gentleman has been connected with the Q. O. R. for a number of years and his present commanding officer complimented him highly on the many sterling qualities he possesses as a volunteer and defender of his country. Mr. Molson has also done himself credit during the comparatively short time he has been connected with the company.

Major Sankey will deliver a lecture on rifle shooting to the members of the company on Tuesday next, and Capt. Macdonald also has promised to discourse on a popular military subject during the early part of the winter.

Hamilton.

The final stage of the Company Competition took place at the Drill Shed on Friday evening, 21st November, Captain McDougall, of "C" Co., I.S.C., and Captain Mutton, Q.O.R., acting as judges. Five companies out of eight competed in the presence of a large number of spectators.

It was about eleven o'clock when the drill was completed and the battalion was formed up in quarter column to hear the result. A great deal of interest was naturally taken in the result, as the competition comprised all the work done during the year.

Colonel Gibson explained the nature of the competition, and gave the results:—

- First Prize, \$40—"D" Company, Capt. Ross, Lieut. Witton.
- Second Prize, \$30—"B" Company, Capt. Bowman, Lieut. Powis.
- Third Prize, \$20—"F" Company, Capt. Tidswell, Lieut. Fearman, 2nd-Lieut. Laidlaw.
- Fourth Prize, \$10—"C" Company, Capt. Zealand, Lieut. Osborne.

The following is a detailed statement of the result:—

	A.	B.	C.	D.	F.
Armories.....	87	87	83	93	93
Class firing.....	119	140	127	146	121
Attendance.....	170	221	187	250	173
Drill competition.....	315	468	351	467	478
Written examinations.....	80	75	73	100	82
Field day.....	75	78	75	80	75
Totals.....	848	1,069	896	1,136	1,022

Captain Mutton was requested to address the battalion. He said that during ten years he had known the battalion, it had never been in

as efficient a condition as it was now. He referred to the way that F company had drilled and congratulated the officers. C company was at a disadvantage owing to the absence of its subalterns. The figures speak for themselves, he said, and you should feel you have made a great deal of progress during the year. I am satisfied that every one here must see a marked improvement in the battalion. (Applause.)

The drill of the 13th Battalion may be said to be over for this year, and it has been a year of great success as far as the 13th is concerned. The last battalion parade was held last Friday, about 200 being present, Lt. Col. J. M. Gibson being in command. After being put through several movements by the Commanding Officer and Major McLaren the battalion was dismissed about nine o'clock in order that the winter caps and mitts could be served out. Captain Ross was acting adjutant.

Lieut. Carpenter, A company, I. S. C., dropped in for a few minutes to see how his old regiment was getting on.

D company, Capt. Ross, visited the Y. M. C. A. last week and spent a very pleasant evening there. Capt. Stoneman's company is going to do likewise on Friday evening next.

Belleville.

The officers of the 15th Battalion gave a grand banquet at their quarters on Church street last week. The spread was prepared by the popular caterer Harry Webb, of Toronto, and it was the most elaborate ever laid before the *elite* of Belleville municipality. The officers mess rooms were inadequate to accommodate more than the officers of the battalion and members of the mess. The officers of the battalion deserve great credit for the management of the affair and the Cabinet Ministers and visitors who were present will carry away a lasting memory of the courtesy with which they were received and entertained.

Lieut.-Col. Lazier presided, having on his immediate right Sir A. P. Caron and H. Corby, M.P., and on his left Hon. Mackenzie Bowell and Lieut.-Col. Brown, whilst amongst others present were Hon. John Haggart, C. H. Mackintosh, M.P., H. Wood, M.P., W. H. Biggar, M.P.P., Lieut. Col. Robertson, Major R. E. Lazier, Capt. Robertson, Wills, Ponton, Donald, Lazier, Halliwell, Merrill, Pope and Strange, Lieuts. Overell, Clapp, Lazier and Vertmilyea, Chaplain Maclean, Paymaster Biggar, Rev. S. Daw, Dr. Cook, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Eakins, Messrs. J. T. Warrington, D. M. Waters, U. E. Thompson, B. Mathison, T. S. Carman, Thos. Ritchie, A. Gillen, J. P. C. Phillips, J. D. Clarke and Wm. Webster.

After Chaplain Maclean had pronounced grace the health of the Queen was loyally drunk, followed by singing the national anthem. Col. Lazier in a few words welcomed the visitors to their new quarters. He reviewed the history of the militia of Belleville with its many drawbacks, and when he resumed his seat the gallant Colonel was loudly cheered. In response to the toast to the good health of the Cabinet Ministers Sir A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia, took occasion to compliment the officers and members of the battalion on their fine drill shed, which was second to none in Canada. He conferred a compliment on H. Corby, M.P., for the persistent manner in which he had championed their cause at Ottawa. He stated that Mr. Corby was in his office morning, noon and night, and the speaker had finally come to the conclusion that there was only one way to get rid of the member and that was by acceding to his request and recommending a grant of \$10,000 towards the Belleville drill shed. (Great laughter.) He thought they had been economical in their expenditure and had spent their grant to the best possible advantage. He spoke honestly when he said that Belleville could boast of one of the finest and most replete drill sheds in Canada. (Applause.)

Hon. M. Bowell, Minister of Customs, also paid a high tribute to Mr. Corby for his untiring efforts to secure a grant from the Government. He had succeeded, and to him was largely due the credit of erecting one of the finest battalion quarters in Ontario.

Following Mr. Bowell Hon. Mr. Haggart, Postmaster General, gave a short address and was followed by Charles Mackintosh, M.P., for Ottawa, who concluded by proposing the toast of Col. Lazier, who had been indefatigable in his efforts to promote the best interests of the battalion. The colonel in response thanked the assembly for their feeling and said that while he held the proud position which he now held in Her Majesty's service he would ever remain loyal and stand at his post of duty when called upon to defend the liberty of his country. (Great cheers.) He was proud of the new quarters, to the accomplishment of which he had spent the best forces of his life, and now that it was an established fact he felt that the object of his life had been attained, and it was only left for him to enjoy the fruits of his labours. He would not have the impression go abroad that to him entirely was due the erection of the drill shed, for there were those officers and citizens who had worked hard and faithfully in the accomplishment of this end. (Applause.)

At midnight, accompanied by the Minister of Militia, the guests