

ment, and the present condition of this butt is the only drawback from making the coming season a most successful one for all regiments.

Come gentlemen, press your claim. The party to the west of the range has no grounds for his complaint and a little pull on his side must give way to the right and justice on the side of the riflemen.

The Morris Tube Range in the Q.O.R. Sergeant's Mess was opened Monday evening, 11th inst., by a team match between teams captained by the president and vice-president of the mess. The ranges were 200 and 500 yards, and the match resulted in favor of the vice-president's team by 31 points.

A return match will be fired at an early date. Mr. Alex Muir, one of the honorary members of the mess, has donated a handsome trophy for competition between the members of the mess.

With a view of testing the light provided for the Drill Hall Range, Lt.-Col. Buchan had representatives from the city corps fire a few shots, on the evening of the 21st inst. The light not being altogether satisfactory, further test will be made after certain suggested changes are carried out.

The delay in fitting up the ranges, as well, in fact as the Drill Hall, is the subject of adverse comment on the part of all ranks, and the feeling is not altogether unlikely to cost the present administration not a few supporters for the exasperating policy they are displaying—in fact one might term it extreme indifference.

The spring drill of the city regiments starts the last week in March, and the probabilities are that the same drill will finish long before any of these regiments take possession. If the contractor was compelled to put a larger staff of men on, in place of spinning out the work with a few, all this could have been remedied.

The annual gathering of "R" Co Q. O. R., took place Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., in St. Georges' Hall, and was thoroughly enjoyable.

The stiff formal dinner was dispensed with in favor of a more free and easy card party, concert and supper, and the result proved the wise decision of the committee. Capt. Rennie was the recipient during the evening of many compliments at the standing of the company in the recent competition.

B Co. Royal Grenadiers (Capt Cameron and Lt. Boyd) wins the Cumberland cup for the season of 1894, with D Co. (Capt. Stenson and Lieut. Mason) holding second place.

Last post has sounded, the result of the efficient competition has been announced, and with the sounding of lights out closes the final stage of the greatest farce the force of this or any other district has ever been regaled with.

To the 13th Bn. of Hamilton falls the trophy for the year of 1894 and without a

doubt the elapsing of nearly a quarter of the year of 1895, mars in a great measure the intoxicating pleasure of being named as the leading regiment of the 2nd Military District.

The 13th Bn. have honestly won hearty congratulations for the hard work done by their regiment last year, but I feel safe in saying that no one desires to cheapen their victory or lessen his congratulation when he says that winning the Gzowski or any similar cup does not by any means determine the position of any regiment in the service.

No sane person will admit the inferiority of the Queen's Own to any regiment in Canada, and no regiments will give voice to the fact that the Q.O.R. are the crack corps of the Dominion quicker than their old friends, and for the season of 1894 more successful competitors, the 13th of Hamilton and the Victoria Rifles of Montreal.

The Q.O.R. stand to-day with a record parade of 757 of all ranks, fully equipped in officers, brass band over 40, bugle band 30, Pioneers Corp. 10, Ambulance 20, Signal Corp. 10 and a Cyclist corp of 22, and yet as in the whole competition this strength appears to have been a weakness, as it certainly did not seem to favor them in the recent inspections. No one blames the inspecting officers, but all admit that an analysis of the figures, forcibly reminds one of the close and capable manner in which their work was performed.

The trouble lies nearer headquarters, and while the whole system could be no doubt changed, the more satisfactory way would be to withdraw the trophy which is constantly being derided, although given with the best intent by one of the staunchest friends of the Canadian Militia.

The pressure to keep pace with the terms of this competition is too high and will yet effect, in fact is seriously affecting all the regiments striving to carry out the conditions. Instead of men taking a pleasure in their work and regarding a drill as a relaxation, they now look upon it as an extra part of their daily toil and at the first opportunity sever their connection with the regiment in which, under different conditions, they would become long and just as efficient members.

The time is now ripe for a discontinuance of the competition as both the Q. O.R. and 13th have won the cup twice.

The recent article in Athletic Life reflecting so unfairly and unjustly on the Grenadiers, has redounded with great force on the head of the rash writer, as a late issue of the Toronto Star publishes a statement to the effect that such an article, although ample apology has been tendered, has been the cause of the author's resignation from a prominent position in the leading athletic club of the Dominion.

Neither the writer nor the paper have come out of the affair with any credit.

## Quebec.

QUEBEC, 23rd March 1895.

The Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia and Defence and Col. C. E. Panet the Deputy Minister, arrived in the city this week and are stopping at the Garrison Club.

Mr. Francis Joseph Dixon, U. L., of Toronto, President of the Royal Military College Club, is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Captain Ernest F. Wurtele, R.L.

On the 12th inst., Lieut.-Col. J. F. Wilson and Captain R. W. Rutherford of the Royal Canadian Artillery, who are shortly to leave for England, were entertained at a banquet at the Union Club.

There were from thirty-five to forty in attendance, presided over by Mr. Ulric Tessier, the vice-president of the club. The decorations were very pretty and the music supplied by the band of the Royal Canadian Artillery. After the toast of the Queen, the chairman proposed that of "Our Guests" which was received with loud applause.

Suitable replies were made by Lieut.-Col. Wilson and Captain Rutherford. After a number of speeches the dinner was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The R. C. A. hockey-team were defeated by the Crescents on the evening of the 16th inst., by 7 goals to 2.

Garrison Sergt.-Major Lyndon, of the R.C.A. has again resumed duty after a spell of illness.

Electric light has been introduced into the Barrack of "B" Field Battery R. C. A., and it is anticipated that it will be taken into general use at the Citadel in the near future.

On Monday evening the 18th inst., the Non-Commissioned officers and men of "B" Field Battery R.C.A., gave a ball in their quarters in d'Auteuil street. The occasion being as a farewell to Lieut.-Col. Wilson and Sergt. Slade before their departure for an instructional tour to England and in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Refreshments were served at 12:30 and dancing kept up till an early hour. The committee are deserving of much praise for the success of the ball and who were indefatigable in their efforts to please their friends both military and civil. The committee consisted of Sergt.-Major O'Grady, chairman; Sergt. Slade, Sergt. Morgan, Sergt. Costin, Corp. Simpson, Drivers Lamothe, Reade, Shannahan, Seeves, McMahon, Watson and Johnson.

The 8th Royal Rifles are steadily at work with their annual training. The muster last evening was not large, averaging about ten files per company. In addition to which the brass and bugle bands were in attendance.

The R.C.A. are giving a grand variety concert on Monday at the Academy of Music.

Mr. A. A. Bartlett, of the Prince Edward Island Brigade of Garrison Artillery is taking a special course of instruction at the Citadel. PATROL.