

out, and a perfectly appointed officers' mess will be one of the features of the meeting. In the Gzowski matches the targets will be similar to those in use at the D. R. A. matches.

At the recent band tournament at Hamilton, although the 13th band did not compete, the bands of the Q.O.R. and Highlanders obtained the verdict in the two competitions open to first-class bands.

The 48th Highlanders were adjudged the best marching band, while the Q.O.R. obtained the verdict for the best playing.

In the bugle band competition, as was expected, the bugle band of the Q.O.R. had an easy thing of it, and returned to the city winners of both exents for which they had entered. The winning of the marching contest by the brass band of the 48th was no surprise to any who had seen their work in trooping the colors at the recent tournament, but their defeat of the Grenadiers in the competition for the best performance was a decided surprise to almost all. The improvement since Bandmaster Slatter took charge has been much marked. Still he would indeed have been termed a rash man who predicted that the Highlanders could defeat the Grenadiers. The cornet to be awarded to the band possessing the best cornet section was won by the Grenadiers, and as none of the contestants in the trombone competition were adjudged sufficiently proficient, by the rules of the competition, the band winning first place secured the instrument; thus making an extra prize for the Q.O.R. As one of the Hamilton papers remarked: "It was pretty hard to realize that any Toronto man could be found incapable of blowing his horn."

Although the tournament was not a success financially, great credit is due Bandmaster Robinson and the band of the 13th for the manner in which it was conducted.

There is something radically wrong with the shooting of the teams entered by the Toronto regiments in the Military League competition, as evidenced by the result of the series just published. For teams of 10 men the 13th of Hamilton win 1st place with 3,540 points, the scores of the Toronto corps being as follows:

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| Q. O. R. | - | - | - | - | - | 3,183 |
| 48th | - | - | - | - | - | 3,196 |
| Grenadiers | - | - | - | - | - | 3,358 |

For teams of 20 men the scores are:

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| Q. O. R. | - | - | - | - | - | 5,936 |
| 48th | - | - | - | - | - | 6,076 |
| Grenadiers | - | - | - | - | - | 6,468 |

The first place in this competition being won by the 45th Batt., with a score of 6,875.

The 48th Highlanders, the youngest of the three corps, had three teams entered, the other corps only two teams each.

It will, perhaps, be interesting to make some further comparison after the results of the O.R.A. and D.R.A. are published.

Considerable dissatisfaction exists among a great many rifle shots over the action of the Grand Trunk in only giving one train for the return trip from the ranges. In the past, those who went out about one o'clock could get through their shooting and return to the city in the neighborhood of 5 p.m., whereas now, no matter how early the first arrivals finish their allotted number of rounds they are compelled to wait until 5.32 before they can catch a train going cityward. It is certainly one of the causes of such a poor attendance at the practices, and as recruits are only given a limited number of rounds and restricted to certain ranges until a certain degree of proficiency is obtained, they have a lot of spare time on their hands. And if they do not want to wait till train time, which means about 7 o'clock before home is reached, they are forced to walk to Long Branch, a distance of two miles, and there take the electric railway, of course at additional expense.

There is a rumor that the electric line will be extended by next season, and, if such be the case, arrangements should be made

giving the company the benefit of the 10c. on each ticket now paid by the City and Exhibition Committee to the Grand Trunk.

It would take more time to reach the ranges, but the convenience of returning at any time is sufficient to offset the advantage the G. T.R. have in the short time used in making the outward trip, and the riflemen could also leave the city at any time instead of being compelled to catch the trains now leaving at 1 and 2 p.m.

The Carslake trophy, the blue ribbon of the Quebec Rifle Association matches, was won by the team of Royal Grenadiers, with a score of 481, the remaining team winners being:

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| Victoria Rifles | - | - | - | - | - | 475 |
| 13th Battalion | - | - | - | - | - | 472 |
| 43rd Rifles | - | - | - | - | - | 467 |
| 45th Battalion | - | - | - | - | - | 455 |

The ranges were 200, 400 and 600 yards, 7 shots standing at 200 yards, 7 at 400 yards, prone, and 10 at 600 yards, any position.

As the result was only known at the hour of going to press, the personnel of the team is a matter of conjecture, but the following is thought to be a fairly accurate guess:

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| Pte. J. H. Simpson | - | - | - | - | - | 98 |
| Pte. C. A. Wyndatt | - | - | - | - | - | 98 |
| Staff-Sergt. A. Bell | - | - | - | - | - | 97 |
| Pte. J. Bayles | - | - | - | - | - | 94 |
| Pte. H. J. Davidson | - | - | - | - | - | 94 |
| | | | | | | 481 |

The recruit class of the 48th Highlanders under Sergt. Hollinger, commenced work Friday evening. The regiment will begin its fall campaign on Sept. 11.

DOINGS AT HEADQUARTERS.



OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—The drill hall presented a more lively appearance than it has for some time on Thursday, July 30th, when the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Rifle Association took place. The marksmen, members, were out in force, with the result that the meeting passed off most satisfactorily. The chair was occupied by Col. Aylmer, A.G. The business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Hon. patron, Lord Aberdeen; patron, Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia; vice-patrons, Major-General Gascoigne, Col. Aylmer, A.G.; Hon. F. Clemow, W. Hutchison, M.P.; N. A. Belcourt, M.P.; Hon. E. H. Bronson, M.P.P.; Geo. O'Keefe, M.P.P.; Mayor Borthwick, J. W. McRae, W. A. Allan; president, John Manuel; vice-presidents, Lieut.-Col. Wright, Capt. R. Brown; executive committee: Major Jarvis, Capt. Hutchison, Capt. Watters, Capt. Roper and Mr. J. P. Robinson; sec-treas., Ald. Stewart; asst. sec-treas., R. J. Taylor, Esq.; auditor, Mr. J. P. Nutting.

The resignation of Mr. C. B. Pattee, who has been president for 13 years, was then read. As he stated in the letter that he would be unable to take the position again, it was accepted with much regret. Mr. Manuel, who recently made a handsome donation, was elected president. The dates for the annual matches were fixed for the 21st and 22nd of August.

Lieut.-Col. Hodgins, G.G.F.G., has been appointed executive officer for the Ontario rifle matches which take place on the 25th and 26th of August.

The following are the militia general orders which affect the Ottawa corps: Lieut. A. Leonard Forbes, G.G.F.G., has taken a special course Grade "A" certificate and is confirmed in his rank.