

THE 13TH BATTALION OF HAMILTON.

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IF a Toronto man were asked to name the finest regiment among the many fine regiments comprising the Canadian Militia, his answer would probably be, the "Queen's Own" or the "Grens." or the "Kilties" according to his own predilections for one or other of these battalions. A Montrealer might

that the "13th Battalion of Hamilton is the first of all Canadian Militia regiments in everything, and that compared with their excellence the rest are nowhere."

Such is the unanimous opinion of Hamiltonians, and though it is naturally not fully shared in by people who do not



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say, the "Vics." or the "Royal Scots," and a Kingston resident would answer probably, that the "14th," if all things were equal, would head the list. But there can be no possible doubt what a Hamilton man would reply to the question, and as he answered he would marvel at the ignorance of the questioner in not knowing,

live in the "Ambitious City," everyone who knows anything of military matters is willing to concede that the 13th Battalion is a splendid specimen of the Canadian Militia, and that with citizen soldiers such as they are, Canada "shall not be ashamed when she speaks with her enemies in the gate."