

## G COMPANY.

Corp. Richmond.....	Forwards	Pte. Miller
Pte. Champ.....		Pte. Weedon
Pte. Birch.....		Pte. Scott
Pte. Bell.....		
Sergt. Francis.....	Backs	Pte. Kilgour
		Pte. Witthum
Pte. Sey.....	Quarter-back	Pte. McDermott
Pte. McKenzie.....	Goal	Pte. Krug

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The adjourned annual meeting of the Sergeants Mess, held after parade, was well attended. Sergt. Healy acted as chairman. The annual reports were presented at the last meeting, and the principal business was the election of officers which resulted as follows :

President—Color-Sergt. Healy.

Vice-President—Staff-Sergt. Barnard.

Secretary—Staff-Sergt. Mills.

Treasurer—Staff-Sergt. Bismarck.

Executive Committee—Sergt. McNeilly, Sergt. Atkinson, Color-Sergt. Skedden.

The annual mess dinner will be held on February 1st, and is expected to be a very pleasant affair. The sergeants have now very comfortable quarters, almost as well fitted as those of the staff.

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There was a fair turn-out of the members of D Company at the annual meeting held in the band room on 17th Jan. Capt. Ross was in the chair. Considerable interest was evinced in the business of the evening, and the discussions were very animated. Secretary Charles Sutherland presented a report, which showed the companies to be in good condition both numerically and financially, there being nearly \$150 in the treasury.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

President—Capt. Ross (re-elected).

First Vice-President—Lieut. Fearman (re-elected).

Second Vice-President—Sergt. Kidner.

Secretary—Pte. Reynolds.

Armory Committee—Corp. McLennan, Ptes. Weston and G. Taylor.

Recruiting Committee—Ptes. Patton, D. Campbell, Ogilvie, Davies and McElwaine.

Rifle Committee—Capt. Ross, Sergt. Marris, Ptes. McKendsey, Davies and Miller.

Auditors—Lieut. King and Sergt. Kidner.

It was decided to hold an "At Home" in the Drill Hall, instead of a dinner, and an efficient committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the event, which the men intend shall be a very elaborate affair.

After votes of thanks to retiring officers, the secretary was instructed to send to Major McLaren a letter of thanks for his kindness in presenting D Company with a silver shield for efficiency in the recent competition.

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There was an unusually large attendance at the weekly drill of the right half battalion of the Thirteenth on 20th inst, no doubt caused to some extent by the rumor that the Hamilton red coats had won the trophy competed for by all the battalions of this military district, and had out-classed even the "crack" Toronto regiments. "A" company paraded 47 strong. Major McLaren was in command and the men were put through the preliminary drill and points and guards by numbers, of bayonet exercise. The next on the programme was manual in review order, followed by battalion drill. Much more steadiness and precision was observable in the ranks than at former drills, and the men are rapidly getting back to the work of last fall.

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After parade a game of hockey was played between teams representing Companies C and D, made up as follows :

Company C—Pte. Mitchell, Corp. Gibson, Pte. Thompson, Pte. Cook, forwards ; Pte. Galvin, coverpoint ; Color-Sergt. Hallford (captain), back ; Corp. Cripps, goal.

Company D—Ptes. D. Campbell, R. Campbell, A. Castell, D. Ogilvy, forwards ; Sergt. Kidner, cover point ; Pte. McKendsey, point ; Pte. McIlwain, goal.

Referee—Lieut. Powis.

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## F COMPANY.

"A" Company Thirteenth battalion, held its annual dinner on 20th inst., after parade, and engaged in a general jubilation. All the staff officers of the regiment were invited as well as a number of former members of the company, who belonged to it twenty-five years ago. Among the guests present were Major Moore, Major McLaren, Major O'Reilly, Capt. Moore, Chaplain Forneret, Surgeon Rennie, John Alexander, J. McArthur, F. Armstrong, Instructor Athawes, and others. Major Stoneman presided and made an excellent host, the vice-chairs being Color-Sergt. Parkhill and Sergt. Coddington. The dinner was held at the Dominion Hotel, and the large dining room was beautifully decorated with flags and hung with pictures from the company armory.

The menu provided for the enthusiastic, but hungry red coats was an excellent one and the attack on the good things was sustained for some time.

The first toast was, of course, "The Queen," and it was royally honored. The chairman then announced the toast of "Lieut.-Col. Gibson and Staff," coupled with the names of Major Moore, Major McLaren, Chaplain Forneret and Surgeon Rennie.

In responding to this toast, Major Moore did so with unusual pleasure, because 23 years ago last night he was made Captain of old No. 2 Company, and on Jan. 20th, 1875, he was made a Major of the battalion. In the course of his remarks he made interesting references to the early days of the battalion and he was frequently interrupted by laughter and applause. As the Major took his seat Col. Gibson was announced and as the Commanding Officer proceeded to the head of the table he was greeted with prolonged cheers. Of course he was called on for a speech, and equally as a matter of course, he made a good one. Briefly sketching his connection with the battalion from the time he enlisted in 1863, on to his being made captain of "A," or as it was then called, No. 1 Company, in 1866, and through all the years of his occupying that position until promoted in 1881, he told in graphic language of the work of the old warriors who were the honored guests of "A" Company last night. Referring to the announcement that the battalion had won the Gzowski cup he hoped it was true, as he had long believed the battalion fairly entitled to it. (Laughter and cheers.) "But boys," he continued, "don't forget that to hold that cup, as we certainly should do for some time to come, will entail the hardest kind of application to drill, the greatest of care and attention in the matter of keeping arms, accoutrements, and, above all, the battalion roll call well up to the mark. There is grand material among the young men of Hamilton for a magnificent regiment, and each member of the Thirteenth should see to it that he is not the man to shirk his duty.

The other toasts on the list were as follows :

"Our Country—Canada." Responded to by Sergt. Moore.

"Officers of A Company." Responses by Major Stoneman and Lieut. Herring.

"Non-Com. Officers, A Company." Responded to by Sergts. Parkhill and Coddington, and Corps. Moore, Shuttleworth and Allen.

"Our Guests." Responses by Major O'Reilly, Sergts. J. Alexander, McArthur, Corp. Fergie Armstrong and Capt. Tidswell.

"The Press."

"The Ladies."

Not by any means the least enjoyable feature of the evening was the music. Songs were sung by Corp. Allen, Ptes. Brown, Harvey, Sam, Woods, Sergt. Athawes and Sergt.-Major Huggins. Bandman Jos. Devine gave several piano solos and accompanied the vocalists. Other instrumental music was furnished by Messrs. Taylor, Smith, Davis and Dewar, and Major Stoneman gave recitations.

Letters of regret were received from Judge Robb (Simcoe), formerly Sergeant of old No. 1 ; Alex. Turner (Lieutenant), Lieut. Lester, Capt. Ross, and Surgeon Griffin and Staff-Sergt. Omand.

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At the weekly parade of the left-half battalion on the 24th inst., the turn-out at the Drill Hall was quite small, only 72 men being on parade. Major Stuart was in command. The half battalion divided into two companies after the roll-call, Sergt. Athawes, Capt. Mewburn and Capt. Osborne drilling No. 1, and Capt. Moore and Lieut. Laidlaw No. 2. About