

at 500 yards, 33 out of the 35 points possible, this score not being surpassed by any member of the four teams.

4. Capt. S. Maynard Rogers, of the 43rd Battalion Ottawa and Carleton Rifles, in 1889 made his first appearance at Wimbledon, and it was no small compliment to his ability, therefore, to award him a place in the eight. The result showed the choice to have been wise. His comrades report Capt. Rogers to have been the life of the party from beginning to end of the trip, an assertion which none who have had the opportunity of campaigning with him upon the Canadian ranges will be disposed to gainsay. He has had a taste of more serious campaigning, however, having been one of those to volunteer for the company of Sharpshooters raised by Capt. Todd in Ottawa for service in the North-West in 1885.

5. Lieut. J. A. Wilson, of the 33rd Battalion, Seaforth, belongs to a family remarkable for the shooting qualities of its members, three of whom have served on our Wimbledon teams. This was his first appearance, but he too was thought worthy of a place in the Kolapore eight, and creditably acquitted himself in the contest. He has won a place on next year's team.

6. Major B. A. Weston, of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, Halifax, is the widely known Secretary of the Nova Scotia Provincial Rifle Association—one of the most wide-awake organizations in Canada. He has been three times on the team as a competitor, and in 1883 went as Adjutant. He has an enviable reputation as a reliable team shot.

7. Staff-Sergt. Thos. Mitchell, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, belongs to the shooting family *par excellence* of the Dominion. There are five brothers, all crack shots, and for years they have won places on the team with the regularity of clockwork. In 1881 Thos. Mitchell was one of the victorious Canadian eight, and there were three Mitchells on the team that year. He has won a place on the Bisley team for 1891.

8. Staff-Sergt. R. McVittie, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, is a rifleman famed the world over, his distinction having been earned as Pte. McVittie of the 1st Dumfries, which he left only a few years ago to come to Canada. His score of 102 out of the h. p. of 105 was the record when he left the Old Country, and he had then shot in the final stage of the Queen's eight times—oftener than anyone else. Though well up in years he retains much if not all of his old-time skill, and this year again distinguished himself at the Dominion matches by winning a place on the team for Bisley in 1891.

A notice of the Kolapore contest of 1889 would be incomplete without a word in reference to the Adjutant of the Canadian team, Major (then Capt.) John Hood, of the Fifth Royal Scots, Montreal. This officer has made quite a reputation for himself as a "coach," and it is reasonable to assume that the assistance the Adjutant was able to give to the competitors was of more value to them than the three points by which they won their victory; and such being the case Major Hood is entitled to a fair share of the honour attaching to the event.

### Regimental and Other News.

The Victoria Rifles have in contemplation for the near future another grand bazaar, in aid of the Armoury fund.

Plans have been prepared for a substantial armoury and club house building, which the Government are being urged to assist in erecting, for the 57th Battalion at Peterborough. The present armouries, in connection with the drill hall, are quite unfit for use in the wet weather of the spring and fall.

Capt. John Ker, Quartermaster of the 53rd Battalion from 1865 until 1880, when he retired with his present rank, last week left Sherbrooke for England, his boyhood's home, where he will spend the remainder of his days. He served with the Canadian Volunteers in 1837 and 1838, and took part in the Battle of the Windmill. At the time of the Trent affair, in 1860, he joined the Sherbrooke Cavalry as Quartermaster and served with them until in 1865 he was transferred to the 53rd.

The Ottawa *Evening Journal* of Saturday last had an able editorial article advocating that the 43rd Battalion be placed on the footing of a city corps, instead of a rural corps as at present. Four of the six companies are now in the city and suburbs, but it is found difficult to recruit them with a desirable class of city young men, as the latter cannot spare the time to drill in camp. It is forcibly urged that the establishment of another city corps than the Guards in Ottawa, would create a healthy rivalry, which would be greatly to the advantage of volunteering at the Capital.

The annual drill of the 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke, having been completed recently, the corps was inspected by Lt.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and Lt.-Col. Pope, B.M. The men were carefully inspected in

line, the clothing, arms, and accoutrements being carefully examined. The Battalion then formed and marched past at the quick, in column and quarter column, also at the double. Forming line Major Worthington and Captain Fraser put the corps through several movements, after which the companies were formed for the attack drill by Lt.-Col. Morehouse. The men presented a fine appearance and performed the various movements with much steadiness and in good style, and were complimented by Col. Houghton through Col. Morehouse for their soldierly appearance and general proficiency. The prizes for firing were presented at the drill shed in the evening and the N. C. officers were put through the "physical drill" by Sergt.-Major Phillips to music by the band, which was highly enjoyed by the large audience present. No. 4 Co., Capt. Rawson, again won the bugle this year for having the twenty highest shots. Sergt. Bloomfield won the staff officer's prize for the best shot in the Batt., barring the officers. Company medals were also presented for shooting, and after a few words to the men by Col. Houghton an hour was spent in a pleasant dance. The officers were fortunate in securing Sergt.-Major Phillips as instructor as he is an excellent drill and greatly admired by the men. The N. C. officers presented him with a handsome meerschaum pipe, much to his surprise, the presentation being made by Colour Sergeants McAllister and Goodwin on behalf of their brother non-coms. Thus ended the drill and presentation of prizes for 1890.

### Toronto.

The annual muster roll call of the Royal Grenadiers was held last Thursday night, when 418 officers, non-commissioned officers and men answered their names. Lieut.-Col. Gray, brigade-major, took the place of the district paymaster Lieut.-Col. Dawson, A.D.C., was in command. A regimental parade was announced for the following Tuesday evening for the purpose of practising the attack. Haversacks will be served out that evening for Thanksgiving day parade. Each man will carry his own rations, but the Quartermaster will arrange for a supply of tea and coffee. The arrangements are being kept secret, as if the exact location of the battlefield were known the crowd would interfere with the operations.

Mr. John I. Davidson, president of the board of trade, who retired from the command of A company, Royal Grenadiers, last spring, gave a dinner to his company at Webb's last week. There were about fifty present, including his successor, Capt. John D. Hay, and Mr. W. G. A. Lambe, who recently retired from the same company. During the evening Capt. Davidson was presented with a beautifully illuminated and bound address, expressing the esteem of the company for him, and their regret at his retirement. One of the scenes in the address is a very good painting of the Garrison Common with a number of men at target practice. The frontispiece is one of the handsomest of its kind ever executed in the city, and the illumination all through is a perfect work of art. Capt. Davidson made a feeling reply, expressing regret that pressure of business and his duties as president of the board of trade compelled him to retire. He would always, he said, take as deep an interest in the regiment as when he was in it. If it should become necessary he would shoulder his musket and go forth in the service of his country again.

### QUEEN'S OWN SERGEANTS' MESS SMOKING CONCERT.

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| Overture .....                | Mr. Carkeek.  |
| Song .....                    | Mr. Clements.   |
| Boxing .....                  | Paul Patillo and Billy Bittle.                                  |
| Clarinet Solo .....           | Mr. Wallace.  |
| Song .....                    | "Invitation," Mr. Riggs.  |
| Duel .....                    | Staff-Sergt. Donnelly and Col-Sergt Cooper.                     |
| Song .....                    | "Let Me Like a Soldier Fall," Mr. Dent.                         |
| Hand Bell Ringers .....       | Selections from Norma..... Toronto Hand Bell Ringers.           |
| Change Act .....              | Prof. Reid.   |
| Boxing .....                  | Charley McDowell and "Chuck" Jackman.                           |
| Song .....                    | Mr. Braham.   |
| Song and Dance .....          | (By Request)..... Mr. Riggs.                                    |
| Ballet and Grand Finale ..... | Mme. Donnelly, Mme. Cooper, Mlle. Pearson, Cauldwell and Burns. |

By long odds the most successful smoking concert ever held in Toronto, was tendered by the Mess to their many friends last Thursday evening at their rooms. About 250 were present and the capacity of the quarters was taxed to its utmost. Among those present were Lt.-Col. Miller, Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Major Vidal, I.S.C., Capt. McGee, Lieutenants Knifton, Miller, representatives from the Sergeants' Mess of "C" School and of the Grenadiers. The concert opened sharp on time with an overture by Mr. Carkeek. Criticism on this well known player is out of place, his reputation being well known all over the Dominion. The set-to between Patillo and Bittle, while not very fast or furious, was very interesting and all the scientific points were loudly applauded. Mr. Wallace proved himself a master of the clarinet, and very justly was recalled, the accompaniment by Mr. Carkeek being specially commented on. Mr. Riggs at once became popular, and his description of a "Smoking Concert" given by the European Powers was exceedingly