

Miss Macpherson, "Mrs. Millitant;" Cadet Strickland, "Potter;" Cadet Heneker, "Mr. Militant;" Cadet B. H. Armstrong, "Captain Charles." The characters were well sustained, and the many ridiculous situations provoked much merriment. In the course of the production both of the ladies taking part were made the recipients of beautiful bouquets. It was announced by John McIntyre, Q. C., that the opera Pinafore would be repeated on Tuesday night in aid of the Marsh fund.

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The 14th P. W. O. Rifles had an excellent turnout at battalion drill on 8th inst. Majors Galloway and Skinner put the men through their facings, and Colonel Smith expressed pleasure at the excellent showing they made. Every company was strong, but No. 2 and No. 3, were slightly ahead and were consequently entitled to the place of honour in the march past. The Drill Shed was so crowded that the leading company was forced to march past in somewhat disorganized shape. During the evening the band played a number of fine selections which were highly appreciated by the large crowd present.

At a meeting of the officers after drill the adjutant was instructed to communicate with the officers of the Victoria Rifles, Montreal, to ascertain the exact time of their visit to Kingston and the duration of their stay that proper arrangements may be made to receive them.

TORONTO.

The new Lake Shore Ranges are at this early stage of the game a huge success, and the prediction that the removal of the ranges to such a distance from the city would prove a dismal failure, seems a long way from being realized. There has been an exceptionally large crowd out at the practices held this year and as the season advances and the early closing begins it is safe to say that the accommodation will be taxed to the utmost.

The buildings in connection with the ranges, i.e., caretaker's cottage, association offices and a large shelter are almost completed and before the end of the present month about 150 lockers will be ready for use. Nothing as yet has been done regarding the long ranges, but it is hoped that the city will soon push this forward and finish what seems in every way to be as complete a range as any one would wish to shoot over.

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The first practice day of the season brought out a very severe General Order, one by which a member of the Queen's Own has been debarred from using the ranges until further orders.

It seems that some members of the different regiments, after completing their scores, went down to the railway track to await the arrival of the train to convey them back to the city. Having some little time to wait, some of the number, seemingly intent on convincing everyone around that they were not yet capable of looking after themselves, commenced the insane and idiotic practice of firing at crows, or in fact any object that took their fancy. This was not checked, as the G. O. says it should have been by the N.C.O.'s, who were standing near, and it went on at intervals for quite a while. Shortly after the arrival of some of the officers, a recruit of the Queen's Own, who was out for his first practice, thought that he too would have a finger in this sport, and slipping a cartridge in his rifle raised it and fired at some crows flying near by. It resulted disastrously for him, and being debarred from the ranges until further orders will teach him a lesson and be a forcible example of the punishment meted out as a result of such unsoldierlike proceedings. It was no doubt a big surprise to the young fellow who followed the example set him by older men, and reflects not only on his regiment but on the others as well, because it seems some of all had a hand in it, and even if they did not there were at least some present who had the authority, which should have been used immediately after the first shot had been fired.

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Speaking of unions, it seems a great pity that there could not be some unity among the bandmasters of the different regiments in the matter of taking men from one band before they have served the time they are sworn in for.

It has always been a difficult matter to convince bandmen that there is as much discipline for them as for the rest of the members of their regiment. As it stands at present, some of them if they think that they have the slightest grievance (and very often it consists in them not getting their own way) they leave one band and are immediately accepted and uniformed as bandmen of one of the other regiments. Without making any invidious distinction, one could pretty nearly say that they are all to blame in the matter and it rests with the bandmasters to see that in future any applicants from other bands are provided with a proper discharge, thus stopping at once any chance of encouraging this decidedly evil practice.

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A new Guide and Score Register, specially adapted for the Martini-Henri rifle, has just been completed by Staff Sergt. McVittie of the 10th Royal Grenadiers. It is bristling with hints and advices founded on the long shooting experience of the author, and promises to occupy the shooting bag of most of the Canadian rifle shots.

A new departure is the increased size of the 200 yds target enabling the shots to be marked more clearly than in the other registers, and also a dial for marking the direction of the wind at each range. It is printed on toned paper of a shade that will not cause any glare, and is purchasable at a lower price than those printed in Great Britain.

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The veterans of "'66" held their annual meeting on Thursday evening, 11th May, in the Q.O.R. Sergeants' Mess room, Col. Dunn acting as chairman.

It was decided to decorate the volunteer monument in Queen's Park on June 2nd, and to invite the drill corps of the schools to be present.

The annual re-union will be held in the Mess room of the Sergeants of the Q.O.R. on the above date.

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It is no longer necessary to spend a whole afternoon and part of the evening on the range before a practice can be completed; on the contrary a man could fire two, or if he liked, three complete scores before the last train leaves. The last train from the city leaves at 2.50, and returning leaves the ranges about 7 o'clock. The majority are, however through in time to catch the train at 5.03 p.m., landing them at the Union Station at 5.30.

The rate for members of the different regiments and associations is 15c the round trip.

The Q.O.R. members pay this rate but all classes obtain their ammunition free.

The Grenadiers and 48th Highlanders have reduced their tickets to 10c but those not entitled to service ammunition have to buy it.

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The latest phase in the new Drill Hall is a strike of the men employed as stone masons and laborers, which has resulted in a general stoppage of the work.

They were getting 20 cents an hour and struck for 21 cents. Their demand was promptly refused by Major Stewart, the contractor, mainly, I believe, on account of the attitude they assumed, and as a result all the union men have left the work. Major Stewart states that he can get all the men he wants at the lower rate and declines to treat with the strikers any further. As the contract expires about the 20th of November, it is to be hoped that his expectations of getting the necessary men and of completing the work will be realized, as the prospects of another winter without a decent roof to cover them is not very pleasant for the volunteers of Toronto to contemplate.

BREECH-BLOCK.

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The ex-members of the 10th Royal Grenadiers Association held their second Annual Dinner at the St. Charles Restaurant on Tuesday evening, May 9th, the eighth anniversary of the first days fighting at Batoche. Ex-Sergeant Smedly, an old '66 man, occupied the chair, and discharged the duties in a most satisfactory manner, while Mr. H. Allan looked after the reception of the guests and seemed to be anywhere and everywhere at the same time.

The menu included such rare delicacies as "Frog Lake white fish," "Yokeshire Pudding by company cooks," "Fort Pitt corned beef," "Gopher legs," "Mashed beans, 1885 brand," and "Hard Tack fried in grease." In doing justice