

ston, where he has resided ever since. He has been band-master of the 14th P.W.O.R. during his residence there, and the band, under his leadership, had attained a high pitch of excellence. His popularity among "his boys," as he loved to call the bandsmen, was phenomenal, and they feel as if they had lost a father. At Peterborough last Queen's birthday a gentleman came into a room in which Mr. Carey and a number of others were sitting, and asked for the band-master of the 14th. A member of the band immediately replied, designating Mr. Carey, "We have no master, but this is our father."

A year ago the band presented him with a life-sized crayon portrait of himself. The occurrence greatly touched him, and his emotion almost prevented him from replying. It is pathetic to note that his last words, spoken shortly before his death were "Tell my boys I will be with them to-morrow night."

His last musical composition was a splendid arrangement of the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee." It was played, under his leadership, in St. George's Cathedral on the occasion of the last annual church parade of the Rifles, and was repeated, with great success, when the band visited Watertown recently.

He was considered one of the finest band-masters in Canada. His son is now band-master of A Battery, Kingston. The deceased played before Her Majesty at Osborne Castle and was called to her presence and a short conversation indulged in. He was a man of fine military appearance.

TORONTO.

The efficiency competition between the city regiments of No. 2 District has been brought to a close, and everything is over except the shooting and incidentally the result.

The competition this year has been unusually keen, and in some cases, notably the burnishing up of arms and cleaning of armouries, the keenness seems to have been carried to excess and to the verge of absurdity. As if a highly polished lot of accoutrements, nicely arranged in a new, well built, and roomy armoury could decide what sort of marksmen or drills the owners were, or whether it would not bear evidence on the face of it, that unless this state of things was arrived at by hiring help from outside that if the men spent the same time in actual drill, they and their regiment could not help but be benefited by it.

I am told that the Grenadiers are not in the competition this year and certainly did not attempt to qualify as regards marksmanship. This is to be regretted, because in a competition of this kind the more the merrier and more to enter simply means that more have profited by the instruction imparted, and little though it may be, it still might be of the greatest advantage on some future occasion.

Quite considerable discussion has been caused among graduates and under graduates of the 'Varsity regarding the articles that have appeared in both the *Mail* and *Empire* regarding the taking away of "K" Co. from the 'Varsity and making it the same as the other companies of the regiment.

The proposed move has, I believe, aroused considerable feeling against the idea, but as these are merely on the grounds of sentiment, it is not very likely that they will have much weight in deciding the matter. Certainly one of two courses will be adopted and the 'Varsity people will be given the choice of either making it a good company, equal to the "K" company of past years or else dropping out altogether. I have reason to believe that the Faculty are indifferent on the matter, or if they do take any interest in the matter it is not of such a nature as to prove a remedy.

In the olden days "K" company has held and some times more than held its own and could look with pride on the men it turned out, and who at this present day are holding their positions as officers with credit to themselves and to the old company. It is said that the Queen's Own and incidentally "K" company furnish more officers to the Canadian militia by a good deal than any other regiment. The benefit of this to the regiment I fail to see. The Queen's Own do not require any advertising, and nothing could hurt the regiment more than by some of the present class of "K" company when they return home taking out commissions on

the strength of what they learned in "K" company. This is not intended as a reflection on the men themselves but on the kind of soldiers they make, and the reason is plain when I say that they do not give the time necessary to get up their work; they are not available more than half of the season, owing to lectures and exams., &c., interfering with the drill nights, and if they went home and put into practice the theories and ideas they were imbued with whilst attending Varsity, the effect on the discipline of all with whom they came in contact with would be disastrous. All honour to old "K" Co.'y and to the men it turned out; and the same men who made for it the reputation of being the best company in Canada and who were with it in '66 when they were the last to leave the field, will join me in stating that if there is not enough stamina in the 'Varsity men to keep up the standard of the Company, let it drop for good rather than let its glorious record be tarnished after so many years and such an eventful history.

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The 48th Highlanders guard of honour furnished to His Excellency the Governor-General at St. Andrew's Society ball on the night of 31st October, was the first in the history of the regiment. The guard was under the command of Capt. Robertson, Lieuts. Donald and McLean, with Lieut. Ramsay in charge of the colours. Reaching the pavillion, strange to relate, the guard were taken into the ball-room and lined a passage way from the entrance to the dias, the ranks facing inwards. In his manner the Vice-regal party were received with the general salute, the National Anthem being played by the band of the Queen's Own. In the past the guards of honour have been drawn up outside whatever building the party in whose honour the guard was present happened to be going to, and as a general rule it seemed to be a general salute, a brief rest and a march home.

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The Q. O. R. Amateur Athletic Association held their annual meeting at the Q. O. R. Sergeants' Mess on Thursday evening the 1st December. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary President—Lieut.-Col. Hamilton.

President—Capt. J. C. McGee.

Vice-President—Colour-Sergt. Lennox.

Captain—Sergt.-Major George.

Secretary—Sergt. J. G. Langton.

Treasurer—Sergt. J. E. Collins.

Committee—Lieut. Barker, Sergeants. Westman, Agar, Blair, Color-Sergt. Boyd, Ptes. Macdonald, McKenzie, Stovel, Corp. Cramp Norrie.

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Capt. Lee has donated a very handsome trophy for competition at hockey between the different companies, and the interest promises to be very general.

BREECH BLOCK.

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The annual rifle match of No. 6 Co., 12th Battalion, Y. R., was held on the new Lake Shore Range, November 10th. Prizes to the amount of \$80 were presented. Scores in the Battalion match to count. Ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards; seven shots at each range. 200 yards, position kneeling; 400 and 500 any, with head to target. Snider rifle. A strong fishtail wind prevailed, which prevented any very large scores being made.

Lieut. A. Elliott	-	-	-	-	-	86
Lieut. F. Brown	-	-	-	-	-	83
Pte. Baylis	-	-	-	-	-	79
St.-Sergt. Davidson	-	-	-	-	-	78
Cpl. Hammon	-	-	-	-	-	78
P. Sergt. Fairbairn	-	-	-	-	-	77
Sergt. Low	-	-	-	-	-	72
Sergt. Taylor	-	-	-	-	-	60
Sergt. Fawcett	-	-	-	-	-	59
Lieut. Col. Wayling	-	-	-	-	-	57
Pte. A. Gadsby	-	-	-	-	-	57
Cpl. W. Gadsby	-	-	-	-	-	50
Cpl. Jay	-	-	-	-	-	40
Pte. Hawkes	-	-	-	-	-	40
Pte. Long	-	-	-	-	-	35
Pte. Nicklin	-	-	-	-	-	29
Pte. Thompson	-	-	-	-	-	27
Col.-Sergt. McBryne	-	-	-	-	-	27