

The papers this morning convey news that will prove a great surprise to many throughout the Dominion.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson, the popular commander of the 13th Battalion of Hamilton, has expressed a desire to retire from the command of the battalion with which he has been identified since 1866.

As a recognition of his long service in the militia, and his hard and painstaking work on behalf of the shooting interests of the riflemen of the Dominion, he has been allowed to retire but will retain the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the active militia.

The loss of their able commander will be a serious one to the battalion, and no place will he be missed more than on the rifle range, a place where the foundation was laid for the magnificent record the 13th hold to-day. Continued service since 1860 in the active militia, and since 1866 in the one regiment, is a record of which any man may be proud, and added to this the enviable position his regiment occupies to-day both as the holders of the Gzowski cup and the possession of the winner of the Queen's prize, of a certainty entitles him to any honor that can be bestowed upon him by the militia authorities.

Congratulations are now in order to Col. Moore, and that the regiment may prove as successful under his administration as it did under his predecessor is the hearty wish of the many friends of the 13th in Hogtown.

The sergeants mess of the Q.O.R. are now installed in their new quarters on Queen street opposite Osgoode Hall.

They are now in possession of the finest quarters of any sergeants mess in the Dominion, and look forward to as successful a future in their new home as the past proved to be in their old.

In all possibility a formal house warming will be given this month.

If the Gzowski cup depended upon the shooting of some of the companies, last Saturday's prospects for reducing that one-fourth of a point would be very blue for the Q.O.R.

Some of the companies fired their annual match as well as put in their efficiency returns on the 19th October, and in the teeth of a gale of wind that was almost strong enough to shave a man it is not to be wondered at that low scores were the prevailing ones.

Below are some of the scores of the different companies:

"A" COMPANY.

General match, five rounds, at 200 and 400 yards, and ten at 500 yards.

	Score.
1 Col-Sergt W H Meadows.....	68
2 Lieut Crooks.....	60
3 Pte C Jarvis.....	60
4 Pte F C Neal.....	58
5 Staff-Sergt Donnelly, G.M.....	58
6 Pte F Westman.....	56
7 Pte A N Skill.....	56
8 Pte C F Collett.....	55
9 Pte P G Blatchley.....	54
10 Corp R Dee.....	54
11 Pte E Westman.....	51
12 Gugl Cuthbert.....	48

Nursery match, decided by scores in the General match.

1 Pte A N Skill.....	56
2 Pte A McCulloch.....	47
3 Sergt A P McCollum.....	41
4 Pte J Kennedy.....	35
5 Pte J Randall.....	35
6 Pte A Ringham.....	33
7 Corp Blatchley.....	29
8 Pte McCausland.....	29

Standing match (consolation), five rounds at 100 yards.

1 Pte J Ledingham.....	21
2 Pte W Loriman.....	18
3 Pte F Baxter.....	17
4 Pte E B Cottell.....	17
5 Pte A H Grupe.....	17

Aggregate match, decided by score in Battalion match and Company, General and Standing matches.

1 Col-Sergt W H Meadows.....	162
2 Lieut A D Crooks.....	157
3 Staff-Sergt Donnelly.....	147

Ex-Members' match—

1 Ex-Col-Sergt J G McMaster.....	55
2 Ex-Pte John Smith.....	54

Section match—

Won by No. 4 section, commanded by Sergt G E Embrey.....	343
Next in order, No. 1 section.....	313

"G" COMPANY.

STANDING MATCH.

	Value.
1 Pte Cusack.....	\$ 6 00
2 Sergt Norrie.....	3 00
3 Pte Libby.....	2 00

NURSERY MATCH.

1 Pte Carrie.....	\$ 9 00
2 Pte Strange.....	6 00
3 Pte Neild.....	4 50
4 Corp Meredith.....	3 00
5 Pte F W Larter.....	1 50
6 Pte Keith.....	1 00

GENERAL MATCH.

1 Color-Sergt Worthy.....	\$20 00
2 Staff-Sergt Williams.....	18 00
3 Pte Champion.....	13 00
4 Pte McNaughton.....	12 00
5 Pte Baynes-Reed.....	8 50
6 Pte Libby.....	5 50
7 Pte Neild.....	5 00
8 Pte Mellway.....	4 00
9 Sergt Norrie.....	3 50
10 Pte Larter, A.C.....	3 00
11 Pte Cusack.....	3 00
12 Pte Keith.....	3 00
13 Pte Larter, F.W.....	3 00
14 Corp Meredith.....	2 50
15 Pte Rooke.....	2 50
16 Pte Carrie.....	2 00
17 Sergt Hills.....	1 25

AGGREGATE MATCH.

1 Color-Sergt Worthy.....	\$10 00
2 Staff-Sergt Williams.....	5 00

EX-MEMBERS' MATCH.

1 Capt Mercer.....	\$ 5 00
2 Ex-Pte Champion.....	1 50

"H" COMPANY.

Standing match, five rounds at 100 yards.

	Points.
1 Pte Ballard.....	18
2 Pte Teats.....	18
3 Sergt Small.....	18
4 Pte Rosebatch.....	18
5 Pte Matthews.....	17
6 Pte Milre.....	17
7 Pte Pemberton.....	16
8 Pte Thorne, A.S.....	15

General match, five rounds at 200 and 400 yards' ranges, and ten rounds at 500 yards.

	Points.
1 Sergt H C Small.....	60
2 Corp R W Hoskin.....	48
3 Sergt H D Hulme.....	47
4 Pte Matthews.....	46
5 Pte Pemberton.....	45
6 Pte Howland.....	45
7 Col-Sergt Darby.....	44
8 Corp Dixon.....	43
9 Pte D Hardy.....	41
10 Pte Milne.....	41

11 Pte Baliard.....	41
12 Pte Yeats.....	41
13 Pte Rosebatch.....	40
14 Pte D Harding.....	38
15 Pte Adam.....	37
16 Bandsman Crysdale.....	37
17 Pte Stephenson.....	33
18 Pte Tyner.....	32
19 Sergt Middleton.....	30
20 Pte A P Miller.....	28
21 Pte Rowland.....	27

Nursery match, decided by scores in General match.

	Points.
1 Pte Matthews.....	46
2 Pte A W Milne.....	41
3 Pte Adam.....	37
4 Bandsman Crysdale.....	37
5 Sergt E L Middleton.....	30
6 Pte Thos W McGaw.....	26
7 Pte W Hales.....	22

Range prizes, for highest individual scores at each range.

	Points.
200 yards—Sergt Small.....	20
400 yards—Corp Hoskin.....	22
500 yards—Col-Sergt Darby.....	26

Ex-members' match, ranges and rounds as in the General match.

	Points.
1 Col-Sergt Boyd.....	46
2 Pte D M Harman.....	37
3 Pte J D Dyas.....	27
4 Pte W J M Taylor.....	21

Company section match, open to five men from each section. Each member of the winning team was awarded a silver medal.

	Points.
1st—No. 2 Section.....	299
2nd—No. 3 Section.....	293
3rd—No. 1 Section.....	247
4th—No. 4 Section.....	219

"K" COMPANY.

GENERAL MATCH.

Five rounds at 200 and 400 yards; ten rounds at 500 yards.

\$25.00—Sergt A E Kirkpatrick.....	73
12.00—Pte J L Leask.....	70
9.00—Sergt H E Sampson.....	69
7.50—Sergt C L Foster.....	59
7.50—Pte R F Berthon.....	54
6.00—Col-Sergt J A Cooper.....	54
6.00—Pte A C Casselman.....	50
6.00—Pte A Ward.....	49
5.00—Pte S W Band.....	49
4.00—Pte H Whitt.....	48
2.50—Pte F E P McMain.....	48
2.50—Pte J W Payne.....	47

NURSERY MATCH.

Five shots at 200 and 400 yards.

\$6.00—Pte F E P McMain.....	30
4.00—Pte R F Berthon.....	28
3.00—Pte E A Laver.....	26
3.00—Pte J Docker.....	23
2.50—Pte H Witt.....	22
2.00—Pte G Ward.....	20
2.00—Pte E W Monkhouse.....	20

AMBULANCE CORPS.

The Ambulance Corps of the Queen's Own Rifles held their annual match at the ranges on Saturday, and in spite of the cold wind about half the corps braved it out, and some good scores resulted. The detachment prize falls to the lot of No. 4 stretcher, they beating No. 1 by 8 points, making a total of 116. No. 1 stretcher, 2nd, 108.

The Nursery match—200, 400 and 500 yards; seven shots at each range.

	Points.
1 Pte Ashton.....	44
2 Pte Stephenson.....	43
3 Corp Pringle.....	42
4 Corp Hathoway.....	40
5 Pte Bigg.....	27
6 Pte Chambers.....	26
7 Corp Murphy.....	25
7 Corp Hudson.....	24

GENERAL MATCH.

Same ranges and shots as in Nursery.

	Points.
1 Pte Parvis.....	56
2 Pte Ashton.....	44