

cap. Wonder what the S. M. conveyed to the luckless individual to cause his absence ever since.

LECTURE ON RIFLE SHOOTING.

Last Monday night, the 21st inst., Lieut. M. S. Mercer gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Hints in Rifle Shooting" to G Company Queen's Own Rifles in the orderly room of the drill shed. It was intended mostly for the recruits and younger shots, but the older shots would do well to keep in mind many of the valuable suggestions thrown out. Nearly 50 members of the company were present (20 of these being recruits); this shows the interest taken in the company's welfare by all ranks. Mr. Mercer remarked that the subject of dieting and training would receive more attention in the future than it does at present by those who wished to become first class shots. He expressed a hope that something soon would be done towards getting new rifles throughout the regiment. In G Company there are only from 5 to 10 rifles that are fit to use, the remainder being useless to do even fair shooting with, and it is the same in every company. He made mention of the fact that the musketry instructors of the past were merely figureheads looking more to their own shooting than to the instructing of young shots, but that this year an instructor of musketry had been made who no doubt would do all in his power to help along the recruits. Talking about professionalism, he said there was too much selfishness on the part of a great many first class shots. The point to be aimed at gaining in each company should be the improving of every man and making the average shooting better year by year, instead of catering too much to good shots.

Captain Bennett gave an encouraging word or two to the recruits, also remarking that the lecture just given was worth a year's experience on the range to many of those present if the suggestions were carried out.

This company hopes to be able to improve its average shooting this year as much as it did in 1889, when the scores increased 300 per cent. over 1888. At one time the best shooting company in the regiment, the best shots dropped out, and we are now trying to work it up to the same position it held before, with new men, and will succeed if the rifle committee work as well as they did last season to instruct and get the members up to the ranges. Another thing, a man has to attend drill as well as be a good shot, or we don't want him.

Mr. Mercer has promised to give one or two more lectures on the same subject, as after occupying an hour and a half he found there was so much more to be said on the matter that it was impossible to give it all in one lecture.

THE REVOLVER.

Toronto, April 21st.—The Revolver Association lately formed in connection with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is already doing good work. Every man in the regiment owning a revolver is looking forward to the opening of the ranges. Several members have been practising for the last two or three Saturdays at the Woodbine Race Course. The following are some of the scores made last Saturday firing with Smith & Wesson's target revolver at 25 and 50 yards:—

25 yds.		50 yds.		25 yds.		50 yds.	
Ex-Staff Sergt. Walker....	34	32	Mr. A. Scott.....	32	29		
Musketry Instructor Harp..	33	30	Sergt. Sanson.....	33	27		

After the practice light refreshments were partaken of at the Woodbine Hotel. Next Saturday, the 26th inst., a match will be arranged for between members of the Association.

The officers of the regiment are going in strongly for revolver shooting, and with them taking the lead the Association is bound to succeed.

BARN DOOR.

THE GRENADIERS.

The Grenadiers had their usual weekly parade on Thursday evening last. They had a large parade and a good drill.

The recruits, about seventy in number, were put through their facings by Assistant Sergt.-Major Francis, Staff-Sergt. Curzon and Sergt. Rogers.

The following appointments and promotions have been made:—Staff-Sergt. Curzon to be Assistant Drill Instructor; Staff-Sergt. Mitchell to be Assistant Musketry Instructor; Privates D. McClinton, W. Farley, and N. McDonald, to be corporals; Lance-Corporals J. Parrington and D. Johnston, to be corporals provisionally; Privates R. Loughheed, E. Gray, F. McLinn, R. Doherty, T. Humphries, and W. D. McIntosh, to be lance-corporals.

The following were made corporals in the ambulance corps:—Privates Chas. Carter, A. E. Stevenson, H. Jackson, and H. J. Martin.

The Sergeants' Mess has secured rooms over 75 Adelaide street east, and will take possession at once.

Corporal Curtis, who has just completed his course at the R.S.I., was presented with his certificate on Thursday last.

The Rifle.

GUARDS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Guards Rifle Association was held in the orderly room, drill hall, after parade Friday evening. The meeting, which was presided over by Major Todd, the president, was well attended by representatives of all ranks, the following officers being also present: Captains Hodgins and Gray, Lieuts. White, Winter, Taylor, Fairweather and Roper.

Lieut. Winter, the secretary-treasurer, presented his report of the doings, of the association for the past year, and also a statement of the finances, which showed a balance in hand with which to commence the season of \$56.83. \$280.50 had been expended in prizes besides medals and articles in kind during the past year. Lord Dufferin generously continued the donation of his bronze medal. The following were elected the officers of the association for the present year. President, Major Todd (re-elected). Vice-president, Capt. Gray (re-elected). Secretary-treasurer, (after Lieut. Winter's declining re-election) Col.-Sergt. Maillieu. Company representatives on the executive committee—No. 1 Co., Corpl. Nutting and Pte. Gooding (re-elected); No. 2 Sgt. Short and Corpl. Brown; No. 3 Co., Col. Sergt. Heinrichs and Sergt. McRae; No. 4 Co., Sergt. Behan and Corpl. Carroll; No. 5 Co., Col.-Sergt. Thomas and Corpl. Esdale; No. 6 Co., Corporals Pegg and Hagan. Capt. Gray was unanimously chosen captain of the Guards' team. The question of entry in the new Dominion Rifle League met with favour, but was referred to the managing committee, as also the matter of arranging for weekly competitions. Votes of thanks were tendered the retiring secretary-treasurer and the officers of the association for their past services.

HALIFAX.

Capt. Hood, of the Royal Scots, Montreal, and Pte. Pringle, of the Queen's Own, Toronto, took part in a friendly shooting match with Halifax riflemen at Bedford range on Saturday, 12th inst. The wind was unfavourable for good scoring. The scores were as follows:—

200				500				600				Ttl.						
Capt. Bishop, 63rd...	26	30	29	85	Major Garrison, H.G.A....	32	29	20	81	Lieut. Flowers, H.G.A.	29	27	85	Capt. Harris, H.G.A....	22	26	28	76
Sergt. Elliott, 63rd...	27	29	28	84	Capt. Adams, H.G.A....	29	21	25	75	Capt. Hood, 5th R. S.	27	34	23	Pte. Pringle, Q.O.R....	26	32	15	73
Capt. Silver, 63rd....	28	25	30	83	Capt. Maxwell, H.G.A....	29	18	21	68									

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

This organization commenced its season's work on Rideau range last Saturday afternoon. The officers for 1890 are as follows:—President, Major H. F. Perley, Headquarters Staff; 1st vice-president, Dr. Geo. Hutchison; 2nd vice-president, Major A. P. Sherwood, 43rd Bn.; Committee—Major J. Wright, 43rd Bn.; Capt. H. H. Gray, G.G.F.G.; Mr. J. P. Nutting; secretary-treasurer, Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 43rd Bn. There are to be twenty competitions during the season, ten with Snider and ten with Martini. The Snider dates are the 19th April, 3rd, 17th and 31st May, 14th and 28th June, 12th and 26th July, 9th August and 27th September. The Martini competitions will be on the 26th April, 10th May, 7th and 21st June, 5th and 19th July, 2nd August, 13th and 20th September, and 4th October. All the competitions will be at Queen's ranges, except those of the 7th and 21st June, which will be at 800 and 900 yards. The membership is divided into three classes, and the prizes given in each class will be as follows:—Three entries and under nine, a silver tea spoon; nine entries and under fourteen, a silver dessert spoon or fork at the option of the winner; fourteen entries and over, a silver dessert spoon or fork and a tea spoon. When a member of the 2nd or 3rd class has won three spoons he shall pass into the next class. The number of spoons previously won by members of the 2nd and 3rd classes will be counted towards their promotion to the next class. A silver dessert spoon will be awarded to anyone making a highest possible score at any range. Aggregate prizes will be given in each class: Snider, for the highest aggregate of five scores; Martini, for the highest aggregate of four scores at Queen's ranges; grand aggregate, total of Snider and Martini aggregates. For the grand aggregate the prizes will be the D.R.A. silver and bronze medals, and the O.R.A. silver medal, one to each class, the winners to have choice in order of class. A member will remain eligible for the aggregate prizes in the class in which he commenced the season, although he may have passed out of it during the season; but should he win an aggregate prize in the higher class he will not be allowed to take the same prize in the lower. Entrance fee for each spoon competition, 25 cents; for the aggregates, 50 cents.

There were upwards of forty members present on Saturday. There was a strong variable wind, which made high scoring difficult with the Snider, and these were the figures:—

W. T. Mason (desert spoon 1st class), 84; Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson (tea spoon 1st class), 82; H. LeB. Ross (spoon 3rd class), 82; J. H.