

News of the Service.

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TORONTO.

The annual reunion of "G" Company, 48th Highlanders, held last evening at Webb's restaurant, was one of the happiest in the annals of such functions in Toronto. The characteristic esprit de corps of the company brought every man out. Every seat was filled, and every man did his duty. In the chair was Capt. Hunter, the officer in command of the company, supported by officers of the 48th and other regiments. Among those invited, many of whom attended, were:—Lieut.-Col. Davidson, Lt.-Col. Otter, Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, Lt.-Col. Mason, Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Major Buchan, Major Crosby, Major Macdonald, Capt. Macdougall, Surgeons Stuart and Dams, Major Orchard, Mr. Marvin, Captain and Lieutenant Macgillivray, Lieutenant Ramsay, Mr. A. M. Burns, and Alexander Fraser. Following are the names with rank of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the company:

Roll of "G" Company, 48th Highlanders.

Captain C. A. Hunter, Lieutenant G. M. Ross, 2nd Lieutenant J. H. Mitchell, Col. Sergt. J. K. B. Turner, Sergt. Wm. Davidson, Sergt. Geo. Bailey, Lance-Sergt. C. H. Forsyth, Corp. G. Marlborough, Corp. O. H. Phillips, Lance Corp. John Barber; Privates Henry Bailey, S. C. Baker, Wm. Coult, George Dewar, William Evans, Jas. Foley, Culbert Fisher, A. Grant, James Hamilton, S. H. Hunter, William Hendren, A. J. Kemish, Ernest May, Joseph Marlborough, A. Millard, C. J. Merry, N. McLeod, E. M. Hugh, George McLennan, J. C. McIntosh, W. D. McIntosh, William Pigeon, E. J. Reed, J. G. Readman, Fred. Stainburn, James Stevens, James Stewart, William Westall; Staff-Sergt. J. H. Matheson, Bugl-Major Robertson, Sgt. McKim, Piper Murray.

Dinner Committee—Corp. Marlborough, Corp. Phillips, Lance-Corp. Barber.

"Dream not with the rising sun

Bugs here shall sound the reveille."

—Sir Walter Scott.

TOAST LIST.

"Der jungere Uhlanen
Sit round, mit open mouth,
While Britmann tell dem stories
Of fightin' in the South,
Und gib dem moral lessons
How, before der battle pops,
Take a little pray'r to Himmel,
Und a goot long drink of Schnapps."

—Hans Breitmann's Ballads.

The Queen—

"And the Queen—Heaven bless her!"

—Ingoldsby Legends

The Canadian Militia—

"United to a man in defence of their homes,

Their Queen, their country."

—Rev. Dr. McCann.

Our Commanding Officer and Staff—

"And the officers of the regiment I was in."

Was officers—gran' men."

—The God from the Machine.

Sister Corps—

"Then here's a haun', my trusty frien';
An gie's a haun' o' thine."

—Auld Lang Syne.

Our Guests—

"If they w'r forgotten, there would indeed be a blank."

—Macbeth.

The Ladies—

"Our vicar, he calls it damnation to sip
The ripe, ruddy dew of a woman's dear lip,

Says Beelzebub lurks in her kerchief so sly,
And Apollyn shoots darts from her merry black eye.

Yet whoop, Jo k-kiss Gillian the quicker,
Till she bloom like a rose, and a fig for the vicar!"

—The Lady of the Lake.

"Some wee short hour ayont the twal."

—Burns.

"Here is the scroll of every man's name."

—Midsummer Night's Dream.

"All braves in arms, well trained to wield

The heavy halberd, brand and shield."

—The Lady of the Lake.

The menu was admirable, the ingenuity and skill of the caterer having been put under severe tribute. The card on which the good things provided were set forth was most neatly gotten up, being indeed a work of art. The toast list was as follows:

"The Queen," "The Governor General," and "Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario" having been duly honored, letters of apology from absence were read from a number of officers and friends whose engagements prevented them from being present, and all of whom expressed their good wishes for "C" Company. For "The Commanding Officer and Staff," Surgeon Dame responded. He assured the company that the health of the staff was excellent. The ambulance stores were well supplied with all the necessities requisite for bracing up any of the men or officers who might linger long over the feast, or who endured hardships in the service of their country. (Cheers). "Sister Corps" was coupled with the name of Mr. A. M. Burns, of the "Queen's Own." He said the most friendly feeling had always existed between the Queen's Own, the premier corps of Ontario, and the gallant Highlanders, of which "G" Company was a bright gem. He endorsed to the fullest extent the good advice given to the Company by Capt. Hunter, that each man should take a pride in his company, and as an old campaigner he would express the hope that it would always be up to "G." "The Guests" was responded to by Mr. Alexander Fraser in a brief Gaelic speech, and "The Ladies" by Lieut. Ramsay, "A" Company, and Pte. Bailey, "G" Company. Songs were given by Messrs. Fule, Burns, Capt. Hunter, Lieut. Ramsay, Major Orchard, Dr. Dame, Lieut. Mitchell, Staff-Sergt. Matheson, and Col.-Sgt. Turner. Highland dances were given by Pipers Murray and Trenholm; selections on the guitar and piano by Messrs. Newton and Forbes. The evening was most pleasantly spent, and the company dispersed after two o'clock this morning.—Mail, Feb. 1st.

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The second assembly given under the auspices of the Royal Grenadiers was held in Webb's assembly rooms last evening, and proved a brilliant affair. The band of the regiment, under the direction of Bandmaster Waldron, did itself proud.

The supper was an ideal one from an epicure's point of view. The dresses of the ladies were remarkable for their exquisite beauty. Mrs. George Tait Blackstock wore a gown from Paris which riveted the attention of the ladies during the evening. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was also attired in a modiste's dream.

Amongst those to whom complimentary invitations were sent were: His Excellency the Governor General and Countess of Aberdeen, the Right Hon. the Earl of Ava, Mr. A. J. L. Gordon, C.M.G.; Capt. G. P. Kindersley, A.D.C.; Capt. B. B. C. Urquhart, A.D.C.; Col. Sir Casimir S. Gzowski, Major General and Mrs. Herbert, Capt. Streatfield, A.D.C.; His Honor the Lieut. Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Miss Kirkpatrick, Capt. A. T. Kirkpatrick, Lt. Col. Otter, D.A.G., and Mrs. Otter.

The invited guests were: Arthur L. Armstrong, A. J. Arnold, C. L. Benedict, Capt. Geo. Broughall, W. E. Burritt, Capt. George Brooks, A. J. Boyd, Alfred Boddy, Mr. Burns, Fred. Campbell, J. F. Canniff, V. T. Cronyn, Dr. F. Capon, Mr. Adolphe Caron, W. Cowan, John Dyas, Capt. Duncan Donald, R. C. Donald, Mr. F. B. Dallam, Gwyn Francis, George D. Fisher, H. F. Gault, H. G. Gates, A. E. Grasett, Geo. W. Grote, J. Castell Hopkins, Capt. A. M. Irving, H. V. Knight, Arthur Knowlton, W. L. M. Lindsay, J. Lalor, J. H. Laurie, Dr. J. C. Meyers, George S. Morrice, A. C. Macdonell, J. F. Mallon, D. A. Merrick, W. J. McWhinney, Dr. George R. McDonagh, J. W. McCullough, Lighthouse McCarthy, G. F. McGuire, H. E. Nunn, Col. and Miss Newbigging, H. R. O'Reilly, Dr. George A. Peters, Dr. W. H. Pepler, F. J. Roche, J. Y. Reid, E. G. Rykert, Bernard Ryan, George H. Roberts, Frank H. Russell, Hector Read, W. A. Sherwood, Dr. C. E. Stacey, F. W. Strowger, C. C. Smith, Grayson Smith, W. R. Strickland, Capt. A. E. S. Thompson, Dr. Charles Trow, Dr. Charles Temple, Mr. J. D. A. Tripp, Mr. John D. Thompson, E. Wragge, jr., Harvey A. Willis.

Others present were:

A—Miss M. Attrill, Miss Arthurs, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Armour, Miss Nora Armour, Mrs. H. D. P. Armstrong.

B—E. H. Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brousse, Miss Brousse, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Blackstock, Miss Bell, Major and Mrs. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Brush, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Beatty, Mrs. Hume Brown, Mrs. R. S. Brown, Miss Badgerow, Mrs. C. Briggs, Mrs. C. W. Bunting, Miss Beith, Miss Benson, Mr. W. A. Bog, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beardmore, Miss Brodie (Port Hope), Mrs. George Bosworth.

C—C. Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Croil, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. V. Chadwick, Miss Kathleen Chadwick, Miss Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cox, Mrs. F. C. Cox, Mrs. Alexander Cameron, Mrs. A. B. Cameron, Miss Maud Chittock, the Misses Mortimer Clarke, Miss Castle, Miss Capon, Mrs. David Creighton, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Cawturn, Mr. A. D. Crooks, Miss Cope, Miss G. Cope, Miss Coleman, Miss Campbell, Mr. E. A. E. Chadwick, Miss Mary Cooper, Mr. F. G. Cox.

D—Lt. Col. G. T. and Mrs. Denison, Arthur R. and Mrs. Denison, Mrs. A. E. Denison, W. Homer and the Misses Dixon, Mr.