

present. During the offertory Mrs. Förneret sang "Light and Darkness." After the service the battalion and battery returned to the drill-hall, and after being complimented by Col. Gibson the parade was dismissed.

Owing to the May day fete in the drill-hall the battalion has had a rest from drill for a few days.

There is to be a grand band concert in the drill-hall by the combined bands of the Q. O. R. and 13th Battalion in aid of a fund for band instruments for the 13th band.

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THE ROYAL GRANADIERS.

The regular weekly route march of the Royal Grenadiers, last Thursday, was attended by 300 members of the regiment. Lieut.-Col. Dawson was in command. The battalion marched to Wellington street, where the men were exercised in company drill, the movements consisting principally of the different formations, from fours, to the front and rear. At the close of these manoeuvres the regiment resumed the line of march, proceeding down Yonge street to Front, thence to York, up York street to King, and eastward to the drill shed. Crowds witnessed the parade from the Rossin, Walker and Queen's hotels, and the battalion was loudly applauded by the spectators. Upon returning to the drill-shed the men were addressed by Lieut.-Col. Dawson, who informed them that rifle practice would begin at the Garrison ranges at 1.30 Saturday afternoon, and would continue on the same day during the season. Invitations has been received for the 24th May from Owen Sound and Belleville, but it appeared unlikely that the railways would be able to provide cars for the transportation of the regiment. If it is decided that the Grenadiers shall remain at home they will hold a parade on the morning of the Queen's birthday, and this demonstration will be followed by a dinner in the drill-shed. A church parade will be held to St. James' cathedral on Sunday next. During the route march Sergt.-Major Cox, assisted by Sergt. Rogers and Corporal Curtis, were employed in drilling recruits to the number of eighty. There are four classes. The senior class will join the ranks on Thursday next, and the others will follow weekly. The following appointment was made: To be Lance-Sergeant, provisionally, Corporal J. Hughes, "G" company.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

Considering the threatening aspect of the weather, an unusually large parade of the regiment was held last Wednesday evening. For a time it looked as if it was to be a night in the shed, but at last a venture was made, and the regiment, headed by both bands, marched to Wellington street, where review exercises were practised.

The following were contained in the orders of the evening:

No. 3. The officer commanding has been pleased to make the following promotions: "A" Co.—To be sergeant, Corpl. W. S. Duncan, vice McMaster, promoted.

No. 4. Sergt. Fuller is hereby placed on the supernumerary list of sergeants.

No. 5. Rifle practice will commence on Saturday next, May 3rd, at 1.30 p.m. Rules and regulations for rifle practice for season of 1890 will be distributed this evening after parade.

No. 6. Officers will do duty at the ranges as detailed hereunder: Officer of the week, Capt. Pellatt; next for duty, Capt. Murray; subaltern for the week, Lieut. Lee; next for duty, Lieut. Baird. Officers for duty are reminded of the necessity of being present at the hour named for practice to commence, and must remain on the ranges during the continuance of the shooting.

No. 7. Arrangements are being made for a lacrosse match in conjunction with other games to be held in Peterborough on the 24th May. All lacrosse players (members of the regiment) are requested to meet in "I" company armoury immediately after parade.

No. 8. The miniature regimental badge, in gold, silver or bronze, as authorized by the commanding officer to be worn in plain clothes, can be procured from Staff-Sergt. Ashall, No. 262 Yonge street.

No. 9. The plan of reserved seats for the entertainment on 12th May will be opened at Nordheimers' on Monday next at 10 a.m.

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GENERAL ORDERS.

No. 5. 2nd Bn. Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.—To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. Jno. Francis Crean, vice W. J. Nelson, resigned. To be lieutenant provisionally, Corpl. Edw. Lyall Morton, vice T. Coleman, promoted. Pte. Alan Frederick Matheson, vice J. W. Ross, appointed paymaster. Pte. James Gilchrist Burnham, vice T. C. Robineite, resigned.

Judging from the manner in which the seats were reserved Monday morning, "Life on a Troopship" promises to be very popular. The party who obtained the first check was down about 1 a.m. Evidently the text of the last church parade, "Young man, I say unto thee, arise!" was entirely forgotten by any quantity who wooed Morpheus at the expense of good seats.

It is stated that the Russian Government intends to begin building the great trans-Siberian railway in the spring. The line will be 4,500 miles long, and on completion, if connection is made with the Canadian Pacific, will give a railway route from Europe to America by way of Behring Straits and Alaska. Its strategic value will be incalculable.

The Rifle.

The Bisley team remains without change. Capt. Gray, G.G.F.G., being the twentieth man. The next in order, Capt. O'Grady, 43rd Rifles, would not accept if called upon, so that Lieut. Manning, 62nd Fusiliers, is the first waiting man.

WHAT THE QUEEN'S OWN ARE DOING.

A circular just issued announces that with a view to encouraging rifle shooting in "G" company of the Queen's Own Rifles, the following prizes will be offered for the season of 1890:

BY CAPT. BENNETT.—To the man attending the greatest number of butt practices, and shooting over ranges as qualified to do, and making the five highest scores, over 30 points, \$4; 2nd, to the man next entitled under these conditions, \$3.50; 3rd, \$2.50. Above competition open only to recruits, including those joining last fall.

BY LIEUT. MERCER.—To the non-commissioned officer or man making the greatest number of cross gun scores at the regular butt practices during the season, not including scores in battalion matches, \$10. There will also be a practice team competition on the following conditions: Teams of four men each (one of whom will be captain and be responsible for shooting of men on his team) will be chosen by the rifle committee on basis of last year's scores, and as nearly as possible teams shall be of equal shooting strength. Each competitor to pay 50 cents to the treasurer, 25 cents on or before 3rd May and balance on or before 1st July next. Scores to be taken from regular practice returns, the three highest scores made by members of each team to count. Dates of matches—May 10th and 31st, June 11th and 21st, July 9th and 19th, August 2nd and 13th, September 27th, October 1st. Prizes to be awarded to the individual members of the team making highest grand aggregate score, and to the individual members making the next highest grand aggregate score. A prize will be given to the competitors making the highest grand aggregate score in teams to which they belong.

QUALIFICATIONS.—Competition for prizes will be restricted to those who have performed at least 50 per cent. of the regimental drills for the current year, or for that period in which they have been members of the regiment. Supernumerary n. c. o's not eligible to shoot in above competitions.

Arrangements are being made for sleeping accommodation on the ranges for members of the company desiring to attend Wednesday morning practices. Ranges open May 3rd for Saturday afternoons practice and on May 28th for Wednesday mornings practice. The Rifle Committee are as follows:—President, Capt. Bennett; vice-president, Lieut. Mercer; treasurer, Corpl. Baynes-Reed; secretary, Sergt. N. B. Sanson; Corpl. Leacock, Corpl. Capp, Staff-Sergt. Williams.

ALTERATION.—The matches will be fired on Wednesday mornings instead of alternately Wednesday mornings and Saturday afternoons, to accommodate those who are unable to be up at the ranges in time for practice Saturday afternoons.

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

Entries continue to arrive for the matches of the Canadian Military Rifle League, and the following have to be added to the list of 29 teams published last week:—

12th Battalion, Toronto.	78th Battalion, Windsor, N.S.
43rd Battalion, Ottawa (2 teams).	37th Battalion, Cayuga, Ont.
38th Battalion, Brantford, Ont.	6th Fusiliers, Montreal (2 teams).

The first match takes place on the 17th inst., and the official score sheets have to be despatched from Toronto in time for use on that date, so that those teams intending to enter but not yet having done so, have no time to lose.

Mr. J. Foster, of Toronto, who has been named official optician of the League, has presented a first quality field glass, to be awarded for the highest individual score made at any of the League competitions.

Staff-Sergt. Thos. Mitchell, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, has presented a pair of League shooting boots, to be awarded to the Nursery shot (D.R.A. qualification) making the highest individual score at any of the competitions.

The proprietor of the MILITIA GAZETTE (the official paper of the League) offers a first quality Snider rifle, to be awarded to the competitor making the highest aggregate in any three of the League matches, provided such competitor is a PAID UP SUBSCRIBER to this paper at the time of shooting.

A deputation representing the various provinces of the Dominion from which teams have been entered for the League matches, had an interview with the Minister of Militia this week to prefer the request that the ammunition required for the matches might be issued by the Government free of expense to the competitors. Amongst those present were Lieut.-Col. O'Brien, Lieut.-Col. Denison, Lieut.-Col. Amyot, Major Carpenter, Messrs. Cockburn, Mackintosh, Dickinson, Brown, Montague,