

the ranges, and since the retirement of Lieut. Pringle from the Grenadiers the bulk if not all of the work of that regiment devolves on the shoulder of Major Bruce.

Lieut. Pringle was one of the hardest workers in the shooting line that the Grenadiers have ever had, and his work last year redounded with credit to his regiment and to himself. The 48th have only three or four who take what one might term a whole-souled interest in rifle shooting, and even in that nursery of rifle shots the Queen's Own, with a full complement of officers, the number of enthusiasts in this line number about ten, less than one-third of their complement.

A strange feature about this is the fact that a major in each regiment seems to be the leading spirit in encouraging rifle practice and the greater part of their assistants hold the rank of lieutenant.

It seems unanswerable how a company commander can hope to have an efficient shooting company, or can hope if ever called upon to do any judging distance or direct his company in an efficient manner, if just as much pains be not taken to get himself thoroughly up in this work as to get up the work necessary to pass well before the inspecting officer. Possibly the one entails too much deprivation of other pleasures and does not give the same opportunity for display as parading does.

A very cheap ugly looking fence is being erected around the grounds of the Drill Hall, and the structure, which many claim to be the finest in the Dominion, is certainly not enhanced by this latest piece of woodwork.

Not alone that, but thanks to the great consideration the City Council ever gives to the volunteers, the contractor has been restrained from closing up Osgoode street to the public.

The volunteers were under the impression that opening up the street to the north was done so that all the ground between the Hall and Osgoode Hall could be fenced in and used as a parade ground, but now the council steps in and is averse to closing the street unless the authorities give some undertaking that the citizens may have the use of this ground as a park.

The avenue and the Queen's Park adjoining do not seem sufficient for the citizens for breathing purposes, and as far as the avenue is concerned, no wonder, because the very few seats that are distributed therein are used during the greater part of the day by a dirty lot of tramps, who, if they are not eating from some vile looking parcels are conducting themselves in a manner offensive to all decent people.

It never strikes our council that the volunteers are entitled to any consideration, and perhaps they are taking this way of showing their appreciation for the credit the volunteers have brought to the city and their ever readiness at all times, and despite inconvenience or expense to themselves to assist at any celebration ever gotten up by the members of the City Council. Kipling's ideas of the

treatment meted out to Tommy Atkins seems to fit in the ways of our council.

The Morris Tube competitions that have been going on at the Q.O.R. Sergeants' Mess for the past two months closed on the 15th of June. The bicycle, presented by the Monarch Bicycle Co., for the 10 highest scores made at 200, 500 and 600 yards, was won by Supernumary Sergeant T. Westman with the magnificent score of 703 points. Sergeant Westman's highest score was 74 points out of 75, and his lowest was 69.

Staff-Sergeant G. M. Donnelly came second with a score of 682 points, and won a handsome silver-mounted pipe, presented by Mr. Alexander Muir, an honorary member of the mess.

Considerable interest has been taken in Morris Tube shooting up here, and promises considerable sport among all regiments as soon as the shooting season on the Long Branch ranges closes. The sergeants of the Q.O.R. are to be congratulated on the success of their range and the gratifying results of their enterprise.

The members of "B" company have for the past few years held two outings, one in winter and the other in summer.

Their last one on Saturday, the 16th inst., was by far the most successful in the history of the company. Under Capt. Lleoyd, with Lieut. Palmer as second in command, and headed by the bugle band, they visited the summer residence of Major Pellatt, at Victoria Park.

A regular programme of work was gone through, a plentiful supply of blank cartridges, making the firing exercises more interesting than the ordinary falling of hammers on nipple caps, and this being over Capt. Lleoyd presented to Mrs. Pellatt a large handsome photograph of "B" company as commanded by the late officer, Major Pellatt. After Capt. Lleoyd's remarks had been supplemented by those of Lieut. Palmer, and a hearty acceptance on Mrs. Pellatt's behalf, gracefully tendered by Major Pellatt, arms were piled and refreshments provided by Caterer Webb were partaken of. A brief concert terminated the proceedings, and the arrival of the boat to convey the company back to the city arrived by far too soon for those who were enjoying to such a degree the hospitalities provided by such generous and painstaking hosts as Major and Mrs. Pellatt proved to be.

Major Pellatt is filling the position of Brigade Major at the Niagara camp, and Major Macdonald of the 48th is Officer Instructor.

It is generally reported that the city corps are only going to get eight days' pay this year instead of twelve as heretofore.

Considering the drills already completed by the three regiments, and the expenses already incurred, which, owing to the removal into the Drill Hall have been heavier than past seasons, they have sufficient of a burden to bear without the Government increasing it.

Should the rumor prove true it will have a disheartening effect on all ranks,

as no one after the reports of the protest entered by the deputation to Ottawa, and the replies made thereto, anticipated any such action, and would regard such a step as a breach of faith on the part of the Government and a disinclination to attach much faith in their promises for the future.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Q.O.R. Sergeants' Mess, the occasion being the presentation of the prizes won in the recent competition.

The members of the mess took the opportunity afforded and presented Color-Sergeant Meadows with a very handsome Jeffrey shooting case, coupled with their best wishes for his success as a member of the Bisley team. The presentation was a complete surprise to Color-Sergeant Meadows, who, in a few brief remarks, returned his thanks for the handsome gift and the many kind wishes for his success which had been expressed that evening. He assured them that he would do his best to acquit himself in a manner worthy of his regiment and fellow sergeants.

The Union station was a regular rendezvous of rifle shots on Thursday evening, the 21st inst., the occasion being the departure of Toronto's contingent to the Bisley team—Capt. Mercer and Color-Sergeant Meadows of the Q.O.R., and Lieut. T. Mitchell of the 15th York Rangers.

The bugle band of the Q.O.R. were present and helped in the farewells given.

Amongst others on the platform were Major Delamere, Capts. Mason and Rennie, Lieuts. Crean, McNeil, Crooks, Capt. Kirkpatrick, Sergt.-Major George, and a majority of the sergeants of the Queen's Own, Mr. Alex. Muir, Major Bruce, Capt. Macdonald, and Lieut. Cartwright, Secretary O.R.A.

Kingston.

KINGSTON, June 24th—The so-called "annual" camp is in full swing under command of Lt.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., assisted by the following staff:

Brigade Major—Captain Hemming, R. C. I., Toronto.

Supply officer—Major Heron, G G F G.

Camp Quartermaster—Major Biggar, 16th Battalion.

Instructor of Musketry—Captain Hora, 14th Battalion P W O R.

Orderly officer—Lieutenant March, 8th Hussars.

Principal medical officer—Dr. Neilson, "A" Battery, R C A.

Non Commissioned Officers' Staff.

Brigade Sergeant-Major—Sergeant-Major Butcher, R R C I, Toronto.

Supply Sergeant—Sergeant Pegg, G G F G.

Camp Quartermaster Sergeant—Sergeant Ward, G G F G.

Instructor of Musketry Sergeant—Sergeant Roothame, 14th P W O R.

Hospital Sergeant—Sergeant McIntosh, "A" Battery, R C A.

Brigade Orderly Room Clerk—Sergeant Newnham.