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encouragement given to the Dufferin Rifles will be appreciated by the whole people of Brantford, who take a very lively interest in the welfare of the regiment, as exemplified by the fact that in the handsome Christmas number issued this year by the *Expositor*, a leading place is given to an illustrated sketch of the regiment, past and present.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

A HAPPY indication of the increasing interest taken in one another by the corps in various parts of the Dominion is the growth of the custom of exchanging holiday greetings. One of the neatest of the cards with which we have been favoured is from the 62nd Fusiliers, of St. John, N.B. On the front of the plain white folding card there appears in the centre, embossed in red, the regimental crest; around the edges is a blue border, and at each of the four corners, printed in red and gold, the grenade of the badge, and the regimental number. Inside the folder is this greeting: "We of ours wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Good New Year. 1890-91."

IT is hard to sustain proper pride in one's self, when living in a house so mean as not to stand comparison with those of the company one would keep. That is exactly the unhappy position of many an ambitious regiment in Canada, and on behalf of one of these in particular we take this opportunity of urging early action to remove what is a very serious hindrance to the development of a desirable military spirit. We refer to the 38th Battalion, Dufferin Rifles, whose hopes were some time ago raised very high by the exhibition of plans for a drill hall and armoury which for comfort and convenience would have been second to none; but were rudely dispelled by the discovery that the plans involved an expense altogether too great to be recommended. Since then, nothing definite appears to have been decided upon, so far as the 38th are aware, and through the local press they utter a reasonable protest. The city, after having given free use of the present lot for twenty-three years, have invested \$6,200 in a site for the new structure, and have \$3,800 ready to apply to the construction fund, so soon as the Government will take action. Any

PERHAPS we are naturally biased on the subject, but from whatever cause we beg to take exception to the doctrine laid down by our esteemed correspondent "N. B." that matters of the first importance in the business of the military associations should not be dealt with in letters to the press. Meddlesome interference we have always discouraged; and it has even been with regret that we have sometimes published protests, reasonable in themselves, but coming too late to serve any useful purpose; but before the absolute decision of any matter we think it is highly desirable that any reasonable objections to the proposed action, or any respectful advice or suggestions, should be encouraged. Those in authority in the associations, as in the Government, are generally found anxious to hear the views of all concerned; and it has been a natural source of pleasure to us to know that on several occasions the views expressed in letters to this paper have been cordially accepted and acted upon by those in authority. We are happy, however, to endorse all that "N. B." says as to the claims of his province and of Nova Scotia.

EVERY now and again the newspaper men sink the rivalry which so often works to their general disadvantage, and unite to resent a slight, real or fancied, put upon them as a body. Through such an occurrence it happens that the interesting address delivered by the Minister of Militia upon the occasion of the recent military banquet in Toronto, did not find its way into print for ten days after the event. We republish it in full, from the *Toronto World*, in the confidence that it will be read with interest all over the Dominion. In this connection we might be permitted to remark that where a body of officers, presumably acting in the interest of the force, invite the Minister of Militia and his colleagues in the administration to be their guests and to make addresses dealing with the public business, it is not