

## REGIMENTAL.

## TORONTO.

## THE QUEEN'S OWN.

A lecture on Battalion Drill was given to the officers and sergeants of the Queen's Own by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton last Monday evening in the sergeants' mess room. The lecture was well attended and partook more of a general discussion on the many details governing the duties of officers, guides and markers. After the lecture a light supper was furnished by the mess and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

The regular weekly parade of the Queen's Own on Wednesday evening, the 4th, was the largest of the season, 593 being the total number on parade. Headed by both bands, the regiment marched, via Wellington, York and King streets, to the old Upper Canada College grounds where the hardest night's drill of the season was put in, for upwards of an hour. The regiment are hard at work getting ready for inspection, and to judge by the steadiness and alacrity displayed on this parade, they will have no trouble in sustaining their already high reputation, although their comrades in arms, the Grenadiers, have been working just as hard and will give them as hard if not a harder fight than ever before.

The regimental orders for the evening contained a notice of church parade, Sunday, 8th November, to Westminster Church; also of muster roll on Wednesday evening, 11th inst., at 8.30 p.m., in review order.

A great many of the men are disappointed in the programme of the 12th not embracing the sham fight. For the past three years both regiments have made a whole day parade out of the holiday, most of it being taken up by the sham fight and concluding with a review. This year, I believe, the regiment will be inspected in company as well as battalion drill on the conclusion of which a brigade will be formed and a review take place.

The Queen's Own I expect will march out to the appointed spot, some 5 miles from the city, and are expected to be on the ground at 11 o'clock, the Grenadiers one hour later.

The Queen's Own Amateur Athletic Association meets very shortly to map out plans for the coming winter, and the following will be among the main attractions:—Weekly tramps, possibly to some place convenient to the city; hockey, both for regimental teams in the Canadian Hockey League as well as a regimental tournament between company teams, for the championship of the regiment. I think it would be a splendid idea for all the city regiments to form hockey associations and form a league. I have no doubt it would be successful and, still further, arrange matches at curling as well. I would like to see teams from the Queen's Own try conclusions at hockey, curling, and Morris tube rifle matches with the Victoria Rifles or any of the city clubs. Ye gods, what a time there would be!

## THE GRENADIERS.

The weekly parade of the Royal Grenadiers took place Thursday evening, 5th November, and headed by both bands marched to Upper Canada College Grounds, where a profitable hour was spent in battalion drill.

The regiment will parade in review order with busbies and leggings (without side arms) on Sunday next, 8th inst., in Queen's Park, at 3 p.m., and march to the East Presbyterian Church for divine service.

In reference to the Thanksgiving parade for inspection at Norway, the officers seem to think that the Government ought to furnish transportation one way at least, but as it is not done the regimental funds will stand the expense. Col. Dawson says he is not going to march his men to Norway, give them four or five hours' hard drill, and march them home again. He says that if necessary his men could march to Cobourg and back, but that he does not propose to do so on a holiday parade.

If there was any entry for the Gzowski drill competition (open to city battalions of No. 2 District) it is quite probable that the regiment would not take any part in it, but as the inspection counts for it the points will have to be counted. There is considerable feeling in the regiment against doing anything in the inspection for the competition except what the department expects from every regiment in Canada. The total strength was 487, H Company being largest on parade.

## THE HIGHLAND CORPS.

The new kilted corps met for drill last night, Capt. Macdougall, I.S.C., being in command. Under drill instructors from C Company I.S.C. the men to the number of about 175 were put through squad and physical drill.

Pte. Alfred G. Robertson, formerly Col.-Sergt. in the Queen's Own, has been promoted to be Sergt.-Major.

The orders for next parade will contain the names of those promoted to be colour sergeants.

Toronto people are looking forward with increasing interest to the first parade the regiment makes. It has many friends in this city, and the city corps to a man hold out the right hand of fellowship and show that there is no room for jealousy in their hearts towards an aspiring regiment of fellow citizens. There is lots of room in Toronto for another battalion, and everyone will show that the same good feeling which characterizes the Queen's Own and Grenadiers will be cordially extended to their Highland brothers in arms, and that feeling will be still deeper impressed by the fact that allegiance is sworn to the same Queen, the same flag and the same country.

BREACH BLOCK.

## G COMPANY, Q. O. R., AFIELD.

G. Company, Q. O. R., Rifle Match was held on the Garrison Common Ranges last Saturday, 31st Oct. It was a raw, wet afternoon, dull light and a strong front wind, which made scoring in the standing and at 500 yards in the general rather lower than usual. The prize list was a remarkably good one for a company match. In the team shooting Col.-Sergt. Sanson, Sergt. W. H. Leacock, Pte. Eastman and Pte. Blackhall were 1st, \$5; 2nd, Capt. Mercer's team, \$3; 3rd, Corp. Routh's team, \$2. In the highest individual score on each team Col.-Sergt. Sanson, Capt. Mercer, Corp. Routh and Sergt. Thorn, each \$1. The contest for the challenge cup was very keen between Sanson and Thorn, both having won it once. They were each credited with the same scores in the standing at 200 and 400 yards, and at 500 yards they were a tie up to the last shot, when the latter made an outer and his opponent finished with a magpie, winning by one point.

## ECHOES.

What was the matter with my shooting outfit? It must have been the rifle.—Sergt. Stewart.

I ought to have done better in the standing match, I can reach to within a few yards of the target.—Sergt. Leacock.

I am happy—I beat the cook.—Staff Sergt. Macdonald.

I can shoot better standing than lying down.—Staff Sergt. Williams.

I almost had the cup. If!—Sergt. Thorn.

Everyone saw my shooting boots and coat.—Col.-Sergt. Sanson.

I can shoot landlords better than bulls-eyes.—Private O'Callaghan.

I will not be responsible for my shots, the mounds are not nearly large enough.—Lieut. Burnham.

If Charlie M. had been up to coach me I would have done even better than I did.—Mr. Walker.