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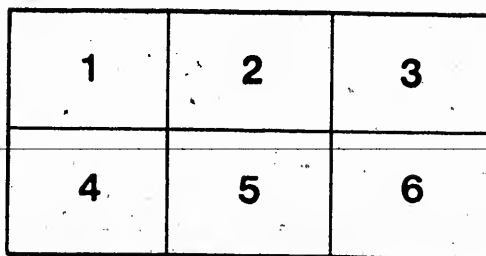
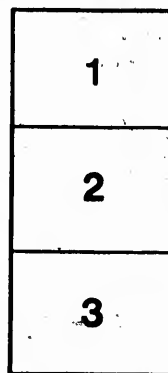
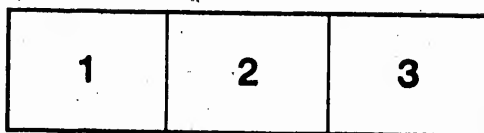
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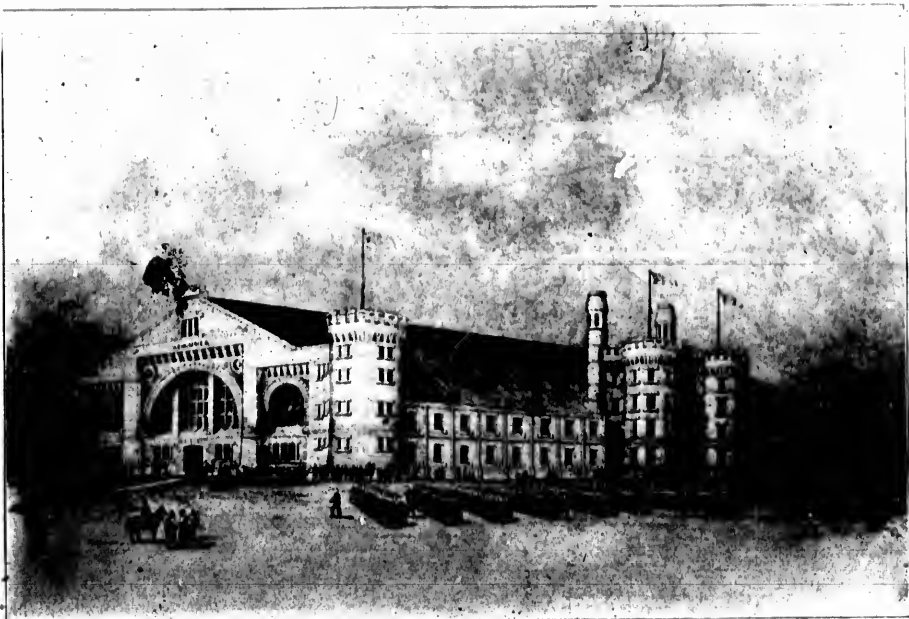
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The Brampton Company, though originally intended as part of this Battalion, was for some reason exchanged for the Whitty Company.

The Field Officers and Staff appointed were: Capt. and Brevet Lieut.-Col. Wm. S. Durie, from No. 1 Co., Lieut.-Col.; Capt. Geo. Brooke, from No. 2 Co., Major; Capt. A. M. Smith, from No. 4 Co., Major; Major R. B. Denison, unattached list, Paymaster; Capt. Henry Goodwin, from No. 5 Co., Adjutant; Capt. and Brevet Major John Nickinson, from No. 3 Co., Quartermaster; Surgeon James Thorburn, from late 4th Rifle Co., Toronto, Surgeon; Frank Bull, M.D., Asst. Surgeon.

Upon Lieut.-Col. Durie developed the task of getting the Battalion into shape, and under his popular command it thrived, and grew in strength and reputation.

During the visit of the Prince of Wales, in September, 1860, the first four companies were reviewed by His Royal Highness, in the Queen's Park, Toronto, being the only occasion on which either of the outside companies, Barrié or Whitty, were present at headquarters.

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were immediately added to the strength of the Battalion, viz.: Capt. Latham's Company, as No. 7; Capt. Murray's "2nd Merchants," as No. 8 Company, and Trinity College Company, No. 9, while others did not join until the 21st November, 1862, when by a general order, the corps was made up to a strength of ten companies, exclusive of the Barrie and Whitby Companies, which again became independent, and Capt. Latham's Company, which was transferred to the 10th Battalion. The Battalion thus reorganized was inspected on the Spadina Avenue Commons by General Lord Monck on the 24th September, 1862. Almost immediately after this reorganization, permission was applied for to adopt the title of the "Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto," which was graciously granted by Her Majesty, in March, 1863, and on the 24th May of the same year, the lady friends of the Regiment presented it with a handsome silver Mace, which, though not strictly a part of the equipment of a rifle regiment, was used for many years. While still highly treasured as a souvenir of old times, it is now never seen on parade.

Consequent upon the excitement caused by the St. Alban's raid in 1864, two companies of the corps, under Captains Chas. T. Gillmor and Jno. Brown, Lieuts. W. D. Otter and W. D. Jarvis, Esquires Jas. Bennett and Wm. Corbould and Lieut. F. E. Dixon, Adjutant, were detailed, in December, for duty at Niagara, as a part of the 2nd Administrative Battalion, under Lieut.-Col. Durie, and on their

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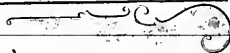


ADJT. GUNTHER.

return in 1865, after four months' service, a third company was sent to Sarنيا, in November, under Captain W. D. Jarvis, Lieutenant F. Morison and Ensign W. Carfrae Campbell, for upwards of six months. In June, 1864, the Regiment was present at the Drummondville Review, and in the same month, 1865, was represented at the Barrie Review by six companies.

In November, 1865, Lieut.-Col. Durie was appointed Assistant Adjutant General of the 2nd Military District, and the command of the battalion devolved upon Major afterwards Lieut.-Col. Chas. T. Gillmor.

In the beginning of March, 1866, the whole Militia force was called out, in consequence of a threatened invasion by Fenians from the United States, and until the 24th May, the Queen's Own, among others, was drilling constantly, first twice a day, then nightly, and later twice a week. After the usual celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday, drill was ordered to cease, all seeming quiet; suddenly, however, on the 31st May, orders came in the evening for half the regiment to proceed next morning to Port Colborne, as the Fenians were crossing from Buffalo. The afternoon of the 1st of June saw 350 officers and men at Port Colborne, under Major Gillmor, where on the next morning, 125 more joined them, together with the 13th Battalion from Hamilton, and the York and Caledonia Rifle Companies. The whole force numbering about 850 men, under the charge



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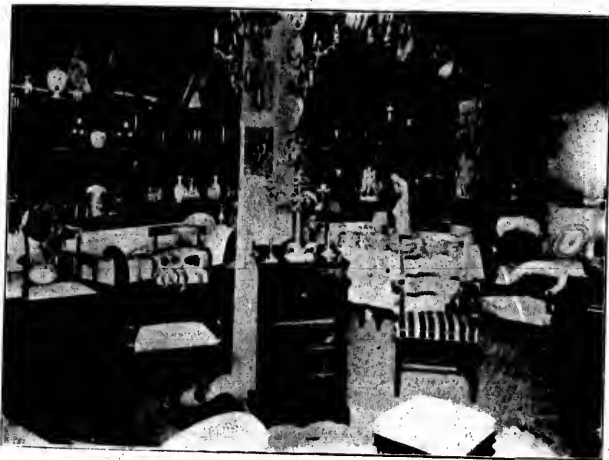
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of Lieut.-Col. Booker, of the 13th Battalion, left Port Colborne, as ordered, at 5 a.m., to form a junction at 9 a.m., at Stevensville, with a column consisting of Regulars and Militia, under Col. Peacocke of H. M. 16th Foot. Leaving the train at Ridgeway Station Col. Booker's force began its march at 7 a.m., for Stevensville, a distance of four miles and a half, the Queen's Own leading, with an advance guard. About a mile from Ridgeway, the enemy was discovered, and the advance guard (No. 5), with two other companies extended on the front (Nos. 1 and 2), with two companies flanking (Nos. 6 and 8), three in support (Nos. 3, 4 and 7), and the remaining two in reserve with the 13th Battalion and York Company, the Caledonia Company forming the rear guard.

It is not necessary here to go into the details of the fight, to which the corps engaged can look back with little satisfaction, but it is only fair to give them the credit they deserve, for if they did not defeat the Fenians, they at least gave such proof of the material of which they were made, as to cause the enemy to retrace his steps, rather than risk a second encounter with the Canadian Militia. While freely admitting the unfortunate result of the engagement at Limeridge, which has left a deep feeling of mortification in the minds of those who took part in it; a feeling in no manner ameliorated by the consideration that better troops have time and again behaved worse in similar situations, but intensified by the reflection that, but

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for the occurrences presently mentioned, a small force of Canadian Militia, for the first time under fire and wholly unaided by H. M. Regular Troops, after an obstinate resistance for two hours on the part of the enemy, would undoubtedly have inflicted a defeat which would have resulted in the destruction or capture of the invaders. No men ever went into action with more steadiness. The movements were made as regularly and coolly as if on an ordinary parade and so was the firing. The advance of the skirmish line was almost uninterrupted, the enemy retiring everywhere before our men, and it was not until that unfortunate cry of "cavalry," which caused Col. Booker to have the "Retire" sounded for the skirmishers, and the reserve to form square, that the least disorder was apparent. The skirmish line at first paid no attention to the bugle, as they were they doing, but on repetition of the call they had, unwillingly, to turn back, and this caused the square, which was just then retiring out of fire, to break, and for a few minutes disorder was supreme. Strenuous efforts were made to rally the men, and always with success, but so closely did the Fenians follow that there was no time to collect sufficient force to make a stand, so the broken columns returned to Port Colborne.

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after two or three days' duty were sent to the garrison at Stratford, (consisting then of Capt. Gore's Battery of Royal Artillery, and two companies of H. M. 16th Foot), under the command of the now celebrated Lieut.-Gen. Sir Garnet Wolseley, then a colonel on the staff. After remaining three weeks in Stratford, the regiment was relieved from duty until the following August, when it was sent to the Camp of Instruction at Thorold, for eight days, again to be under the command of Colonel Wolseley.

Owing to the exciting events of this year, the corps was kept constantly at work and fully up to its establishment, which, at that time, was 650, but as an instance of its popularity, it may be stated that, on the 17th March, there were upwards of 700 regularly enrolled members on parade, while at Stratford, the strength, with two companies attached was over 800.

Lieut.-Col. Gillmor, who assumed command in the latter part of 1865, served through 1866 and for many years afterwards, and to him must be given the credit of creating an 'esprit de corps' which has carried the "Queen's Own" through many a trying and hard service.

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A period of rest and quiet prevailed until 1871, when brigade camps throughout the Dominion were inaugurated. At those of 1871 and 1872 in Niagara, the regiment carried off the palm, and as that of the latter year was probably the largest camp ever formed in the Dominion, some 6,200 being present, it was no small achievement.

On the 28th of May, 1875, Lieut.-Col. Gillmor was succeeded by Lieut.-Col. W. D. Otter who commanded the battalion until December, 1883, when he was appointed commandant of the "Royal School of Infantry" at Toronto, being subsequently appointed Deputy Adjutant General of No. 2 Military District.

At the district camp at Niagara the Battalion again carried off the palm.

Shortly after returning from the last camp, the services of the corps were required in aid of the Civil Power at Toronto during the Pilgrimage riots, but fortunately assistance was not needed beyond that of the moral effect given by the presence of troops. Not so, however, at Belleville, on the 2nd January, 1877, when 160 of the regiment were hurriedly sent there to preserve the peace and protect

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organize such corps, but other regiments were not slow to follow.

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CAPT. PEUCHEN.



In December, 1883, Lieut.-Col. Miller was appointed to the command of the battalion. The year 1884 was uneventful, but in 1885 the outbreak of the Rebellion of Half-breeds and Indians in the North-West Territories fomented and directed by Louis Reil, called for the services of the battalion. Orders were received during the night of the 27th of March to furnish a detachment, and a parade of the battalion was ordered for nine o'clock on the following morning, when over 600 of all ranks were on parade. The officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who were to compose the detachment were at once selected, and on Monday, the 30th, at noon, two hundred and eighty-five officers, non-commissioned officers, and men under command of Lieut.-Col. Miller entrained for the long journey to the scene of trouble along with the Infantry School Corps (now No. 2 Company Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry) and a detachment from the 10th Royal Grenadiers.

The journey was rendered the more difficult and trying owing to the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway was not completed along the north shore of Lake Superior, and it was therefore necessary for the troops to proceed in sleighs or on foot across

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the gaps and at times over the frozen surface of the lake in very cold weather, thus experiencing all the hardships of a winter campaign. After traversing the gaps, the troops proceeded by train to Winnipeg, and thence the Queen's Own Rifles were ordered to Swift Current, where a column under command of Lieut.-Col. Otter, consisting of Mounted Police, "B" Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, part of the Infantry School Corps, a detachment of the Governor General's Foot Guards and the Queen's Own, was formed for the relief of Battleford, some two hundred and four miles distant. From Swift Current the column marched across the Prairie direct to Battleford, the Indians retiring on the approach of the troops. At Battleford the brigade was augmented by the Battleford Rifles under the command of Capt. Nash, who had formerly commanded a company in the Queen's Own.

Some sixty men of the battalion, under command of Capt. Thomas Brown, and the Ambulance Corps, formed a portion of the force sent to Poundmaker's Reserve and took part in the fight at Cut Knife Hill on the 2nd of May. The fight commenced at 5 a.m. (the troops having advanced all night and not having breakfasted) and lasted for seven hours, during which, under trying circumstances, the force won the approval of the officer commanding for coolness and gallantry. "Sergt. McKell, Privates Lloyd and Acheson distinguished themselves in assisting wounded men to places of safety

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under heavy fire, Private Lloyd himself being wounded in performance of this duty," and others won honorable mention, notably "the members of the Ambulance Corps, who promptly answered the numerous calls for assistance from the front, traversing ground that was raked with the enemy's fire." Several men were wounded in this engagement, but all happily recovered.

The detachment took part in all subsequent operations of Lieut.-Col. Otter's Column, and returned to Toronto on the 24th of July, after almost four months of continuous active service.

The officers and men of the detachment were presented with the medal granted to the North-West Field Force, at a special parade on the 12th of May, 1886, at Queen's Park.

During the absence of the detachment in the North-West, the portion of the regiment left at home drilled continuously in the expectation of a further draft being necessary.

A short time after the return of the detachment from the North-West, Lieut.-Col. Miller resigned the command of the battalion, and was succeeded by the next senior officer, Major D. H. Allen.

On the 30th of August, 1889, Lieut.-Col. Allen was succeeded by Lieut.-Col. R. B. Hamilton. Under his command the battalion continued to increase in strength and efficiency, and, notwithstanding the formation of a new regiment in the city, the parades of the



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On three occasions during the spring drill of 1894, the battalion parade state was over seven hundred of all ranks, the largest parade ever known in the history of the battalion having been that of Sunday, the 13th of May, 1894, when the battalion with the other city corps paraded for Divine Service at the Pavilion. The parade state showed seven hundred and thirty-eight of all ranks.

The Battalion spent the 24th of May in St. Thomas, where they were welcomed by Lieut.-Col. Lindsay and the officers of the 25th Battalion, at four a.m. By six o'clock all were comfortably quartered at Recreation park, a mile south of the city, and from that hour until eleven was taken up in making ready for the parade. At that hour the march out commenced to the city, and through the leading streets, which were lined by a solid mass of enthusiastic spectators. The 25th Battalion, 160 strong, officered as follows, also joined in the march, and presented a creditable appearance, :—Lieut.-Col. Lindsay, Major Stacey, Quartermaster Boughner, Surgeon Kains, Captains Stacey, Ponsford, McLachlin, Lieutenants Campbell and Green, and Bandmaster Mitchell. On returning to the grounds the troops were reviewed by Lieut.-Col. Smith, of London, going through their evolutions in a most pleasing manner. At one o'clock the city entertained the officers of the Queen's Own to luncheon on the

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grounds. An excellent programme of races in the afternoon was witnessed by 10,000 people, most of the winners being members of the Queen's Own. In the evening, a promenade concert was given by the band of the Queen's Own on the tennis lawn, the physical drill corps repeating the exhibition given at the military tournament. An hour later the day's programme was concluded by a grand concert by the Queen's Own Concert Company, in the drill-shed. The troops left by special train for Toronto at 10 o'clock, the day's outing not having been marred by accident or bad weather.

It was at St. Thomas that the famous "flag incident" occurred, which, for a time, threatened to cause complications with the United States. However, nothing came of it, and it was conclusively proven that no member of the battalion was connected with the unfortunate matter.

On 11th November, 1894, the battalion attended divine service at the Pavilion, it being the semi-annual Garrison church parade. The Minister of Militia coming up from Ottawa for the occasion. The brigade staff was composed of the following officers:—Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G. military district No. 2; Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D. A.G. military district No. 3; Major Buchan, staff officer; Lieut. Laurie, orderly officer; Lieut.-Col. Gravely, and Surgeon-Major Strange. The different units were formed up as follows:—Royal Canadian Dragoons, Major Lessard, three officers, 46 men, total 49; Governor-

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Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22nd, 1894, saw the battalion brigaded with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Royal Canadian Regiment, Royal Grenadiers, 13th Battalion and 48th Highlanders, for the annual Thanksgiving Day instruction parade and sham battle. The scene of the operations this year was in Deer Park and they were brought off under the most favorable auspices, the weather being delightful. The Royal Canadian Dragoons and No. 2 Co. Royal Canadian Regiment, acted as a skeleton enemy, and were driven successively from several strong positions, making a stand eventually at the corner of Forest Hill Road and Eglington Avenue, where the operations were concluded, both sides running out of ammunition. The Queen's Own were under the command of Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Major Delamere being second in command, and having charge of the advance guard of four companies, who were thrown out to commence the attack.

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CAPT. J. B. MILLER.



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The battalion left on the 23rd of May, 1895, for Niagara, by Steamer Cibola, where they put in two days of very instructive drill, including the usual sham battle, which took place on the historic battle ground at Queenston. Major Pellatt with three companies, A, J and K, was chosen to defend the heights; Major Delamere attacking with the balance of the battalion, including a corps of sixteen cyclists under Capt. Mason. Both Major Delamere in the attack, and Major Pellatt in the defence, showed their splendid soldierly qualities to advantage, as well as displaying tactical skill worthy of veterans. The battalion left Niagara at 8.30 on the evening of the 26th, on the Cibola, and on arrival at the Yonge St. wharf, immediately formed and marched to the Armouries, where they were briefly addressed by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton.

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On March 26th, 1896, Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, who had commanded the battalion since 1889, was retired retaining rank, the command falling to the senior major, J. M. Delamere. Lieut.-Col. Hamilton was undoubtedly a very efficient officer and many regretted the little differences with his officers, which led up to, and eventually culminated in his retirement. He has had a considerable amount of military experience, having been a member of the Queen's Own

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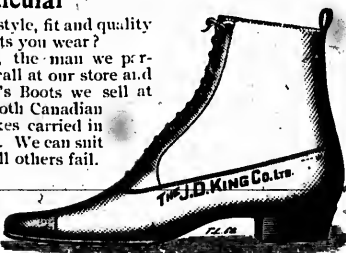
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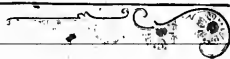
for 30 years, in all capacities, from that of private to commanding officer. He entered the regiment as private in the fall of 1866, under command of Colonel Gilmor, and passing through the successive grades, became Lieut.-Col. in August, 1889, succeeding Colonel Allan in command.



LIEUT. G. C. ROYCE.

Major Delamere, who has now taken command of the regiment, is looked upon by his brother officers as a good soldier, and is not only popular with the members of the staff, but also with the non-commissioned officers and men, and is, besides, one of the most popular of the officers of the city battalions. He has been a member of the Queen's Own Rifles for about 30 years. He entered the regiment as a private, and worked his way up through the various grades to that of senior major of the regiment. He has seen active service, having accompanied the regiment to the North-West in the rebellion of 1885 in the capacity of captain and adjutant, and taken part in the battle of Cut Knife Creek and other engagements. He has always been a great favorite, both with officers and men, and is generally regarded as one of the most capable and efficient officers of the city regiments.

The Garrison Parade of Sunday, May 17th, 1896, was quite imposing, about 2,000 of all ranks being in line. The Queen's Own, under the new commanding officer, Major Delamere, turned out well, there



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being 665 officers and men on parade. Her Majesty's birthday was celebrated this year at Kingston, where they disembarked from the G.T.R. train at the city station at 5 a.m. The regiment was received by Mayor R. F. Elliott, Major Drénnan, of the Kingston Field Battery; Major Drury, of "A" Battery; and Major Skinner, of the 14th Battalion. They were soon on the march for the headquarters at the Crystal Palace grounds, in the western part of the city, Major Delamere being in command. Notwithstanding that the men had been up all night, they looked bright and cheery and walked with an elastic step. The Battalion attended church in St. George's Cathedral, where a sermon appropriate for the occasion was preached.

The Instruction Parade of November 26th, Thanksgiving Day, was admirably carried out, and although it rained steadily during the night, the day was warm and clear when the regiments were ready to move from the Armouries. The scene of operations this year was the Don Valley, and no better ground for a sham battle could be found anywhere. It is just broken and hilly enough to put both officers and men to a fairly severe test. The Queen's Own Rifles took part in the attack on the city with their sister battalion, the Grenadiers; the Royal Canadian Dragoons, a detachment of the Toronto Field Battery, and No. 2 Company, R.R.C.F., completing the attacking force.

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LIEUT. JAMES GEORGE.

Saturday night, 22nd May, 1897, the Battalion left by special train for Windsor, arriving there at 7.30 Sunday morning during a heavy rainstorm. It had been the original intention for the men to leave the cars at the Driving park, which is about two miles from the city, and take possession of the eighty-five tents which had been erected under the supervision of Captain Mason on Saturday, but the ground was in such a terrible condition after the seven hours' continuous heavy rain that Major Delamere deemed it best to leave the cars at the park only long enough to have breakfast, which was waiting upon their arrival. After refreshing the inner man, the men climbed aboard once more, and the coaches were taken down to the Windsor station, where they remained until the regiment left for home Monday night. Meantime the men were made as comfortable as possible in colonist cars. While at Windsor the Battalion paid a visit to Walkerville, where they were entertained at luncheon by Messrs. Walker & Sons.

On November 26th, 1897, the Battalion, in command of now Lieut.-Col. Delamere took part in the Annual Garrison Parade and Sham Battle. The weather was very bad and the turnout was not nearly so large as in former years. However, from a military standpoint it was one of the most satisfactory engagements that the local troops have taken part in. The officers and men of the



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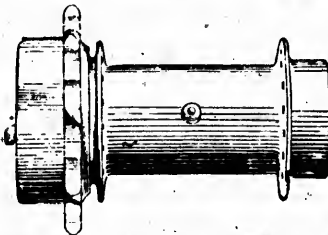
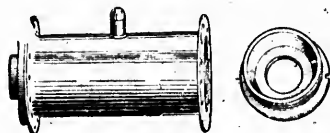
The Club hold Bicycle races of a Military nature only and they have been a great success.

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—“The whole secret of war,” says Marshal Saxe, “is in the legs.” While we have improved wonderfully on the arms he used, yet after all the army that can move the quickest is the one that will prove the victor, other things being equal. Of late years the introduction of the bicycle into European armies has led its champions to make wonderful claims for it—claims that in many instances could never be substantiated in actual warfare. Unlike a cavalry soldier, a man on a bicycle is helpless so long as he remains on his wheel. True, his steed never tires as long as the rider can manage him, and never requires feeding; but on the other hand, the cavalry man can go where the bicyclist dare not venture. As early as 1857 the bicycle was used in the Italian army manoeuvres, and while it was found to be almost useless for moving large bodies of troops, its value as a means of rapid transit for orderlies, to carry despatches, and for keeping the communication open between the columns of an army, was admitted by all. Later on Austria and Switzerland tried the experiment, and to-day the Swiss Republic has a bicycle corps in every battalion. It was not till 1885, however, that Great Britain tried the experiment. In England, with her good roads, the bicycle had a great advantage, and no doubt, wherever the roads are suitable, the wheel will prove a valuable auxiliary in keeping up communication between columns and outposts. In the United States the bicycle has been given considerable prominence—a prominence that perhaps it does not deserve. In 1892 General Nelson A. Miles sent an officer and eight men, fully armed and equipped, on wheels from Pullman to Chicago to practically test the capabilities of the wheel. The test proved satisfactory, and demonstrated that on fairly good roads the bicycle has an advantage over the horse. But long before General Miles thought of pressing the wheel into service it had been tested by the Canadian militia. As early as 1887 a bicycle corps was attached to the Victoria Rifles at Montreal, and another to the Dufferin Rifles of Brantford. But little use was made of these companies at that time except on ceremonial parades. The want of a simple and efficient system of drill was the great drawback at that time. The same

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was found to be the case in England, and the authorities there were watching every move in that direction in other countries with the view of perfecting their admittedly imperfect system.

So far as Canada was concerned, very little was done to improve matters till 1892, when a number of enthusiastic wheelmen in this city, who were members of the Queen's Own, took the matter up. One of the most prominent among these was Colour-Sergeant J. G. Langton, of the Ontario Bank. Mr. Langton resigned his position in his company to organize a bicycle corps, and having obtained the consent of the officer commanding, at once set about the work. Two sergeants and twenty men joined him, and soon their numbers were increased. The drill question, however, proved the great drawback to the efficient handling of even such a small number as he had under his command. But he set resolutely to work, and to his credit and that of those associated with him they now have a system that has been highly commended, not only by military men here, but by others from England and the United States. It would be impossible for me, within the necessarily confined limits of this article, to give a description of it. I may state, however, that it is founded on cavalry movements, and may be called a "simplified cavalry drill." The illustration accompanying this article will give the reader some idea of the appearance of the corps when on duty. Mr. Langton says that on any road almost, the wheel, in his opinion, has the advantage of the horse, and in many cases would prove invaluable for reconnoitering purposes. A year ago a detachment of his corps rode from Toronto to Hamilton over exceedingly rough roads, the last twenty miles being ridden in darkness. The time occupied was four and a half hours. One thing I must not forget to mention, and that is that the American system of drill was found to be impracticable except on level ground, and this, Mr. Langton says, he has overcome by his system. At present the corps carries revolvers, but with the authorization of the new Martini-Metford rifle, the clips used by the British corps will be attached to the cycles to carry the arm.

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'cycle corps, but in the meantime, though not recognized as a separate company, the bicycle corps of the Queen's Own is conceded to be the largest and the nearest efficient body of military cyclists in Canada, if not on the continent.

In 1893 this corps played an active part in the sham fight and review of the battalions forming the second military district, and this was probably the first occasion, either in Canada or the United States, on which a bicycle corps was employed in such work. On the occasion of the last sham fight here they played an active part, but like every soldier engaged in the operations of that day, they were hampered by the larger army of civilians that handicapped every evolution, and in some cases actually prevented all movement on the part of some of the companies for a time.

The other day I saw Col. Otter, the commandant of No. 2 Company Royal Canadian Regiment, and Deputy Adjutant-General of this district, and asked his opinion regarding military bicycle corps in Canada, and he said that while he commended the military spirit of those who at great personal loss of time and money had formed such corps, still he believed that in a country like Canada their usefulness for reconnoitering would not be equal to that of cavalry. In reconnoitering, one cannot choose his route, but has to go anywhere and everywhere. A ploughed field, or a bush, for instance, would offer obstacles to the wheelman that a cavalryman could surmount. But for the work of orderlies, for keeping up communication between columns or posts, he thought the wheel would do good service.

He did not think it advisable, however, for the Government to expend money on bicycle corps at present. Everything should be done to make the various corps as efficient as possible in drill and discipline, and should the occasion ever arise to require such a force, it would be an easy matter to form it out of the thousands of wheelmen who are connected with the various battalions throughout the country.

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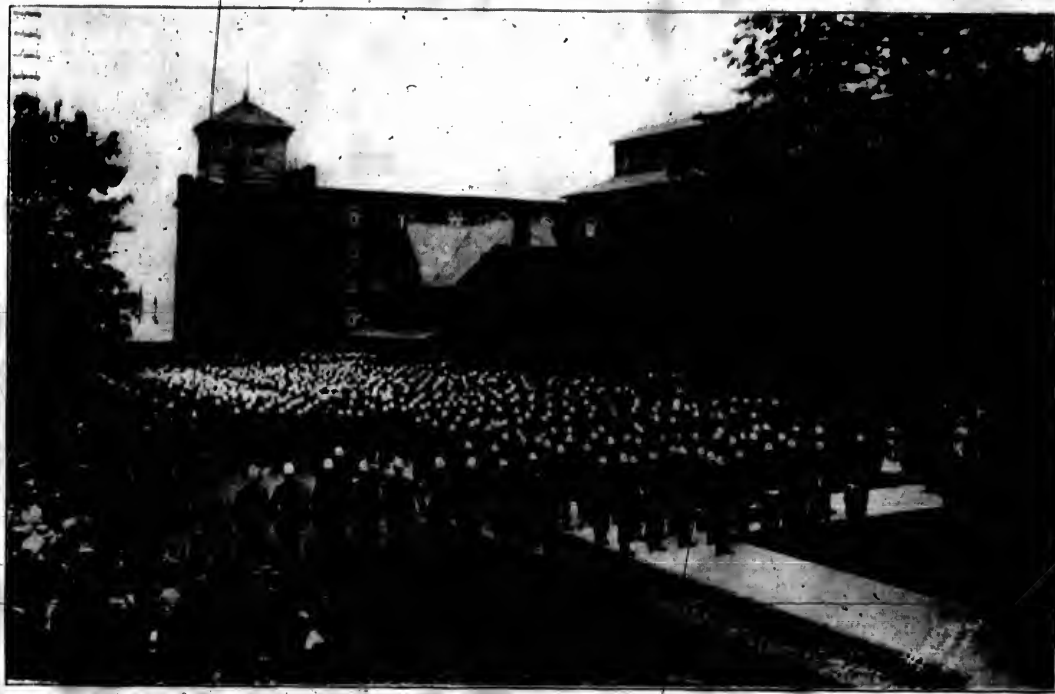
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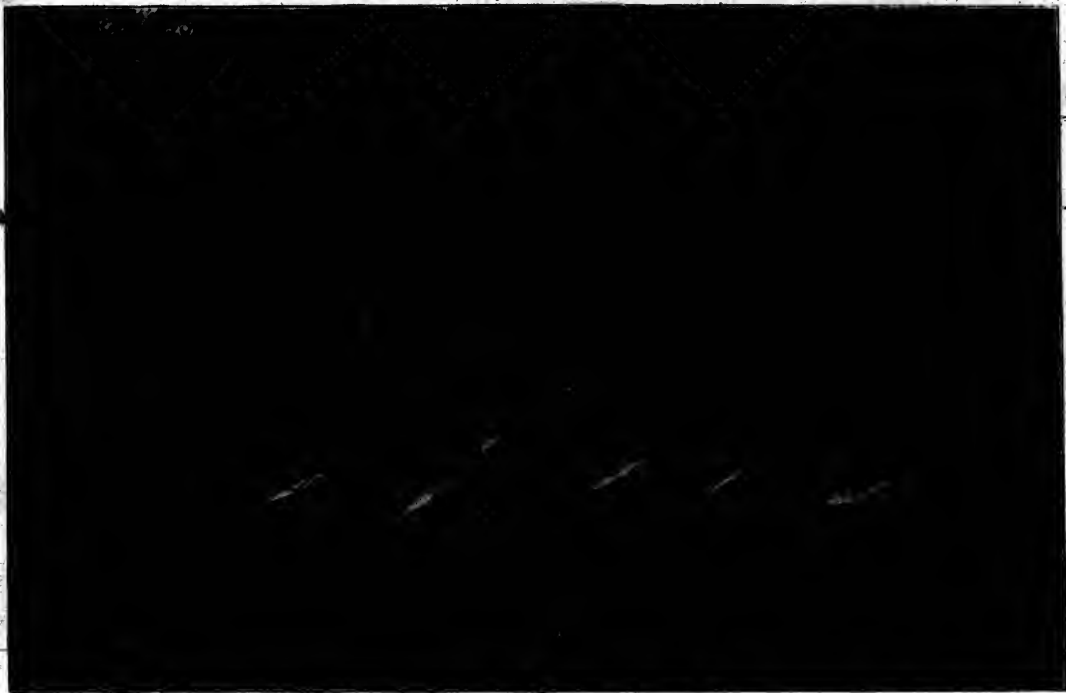
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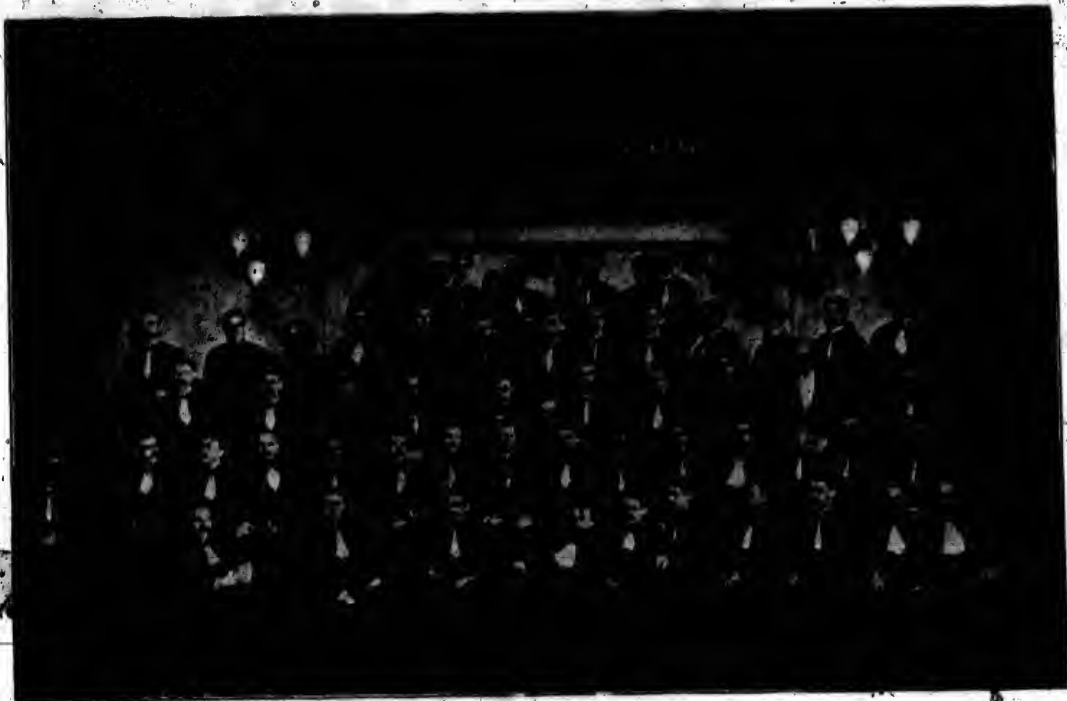
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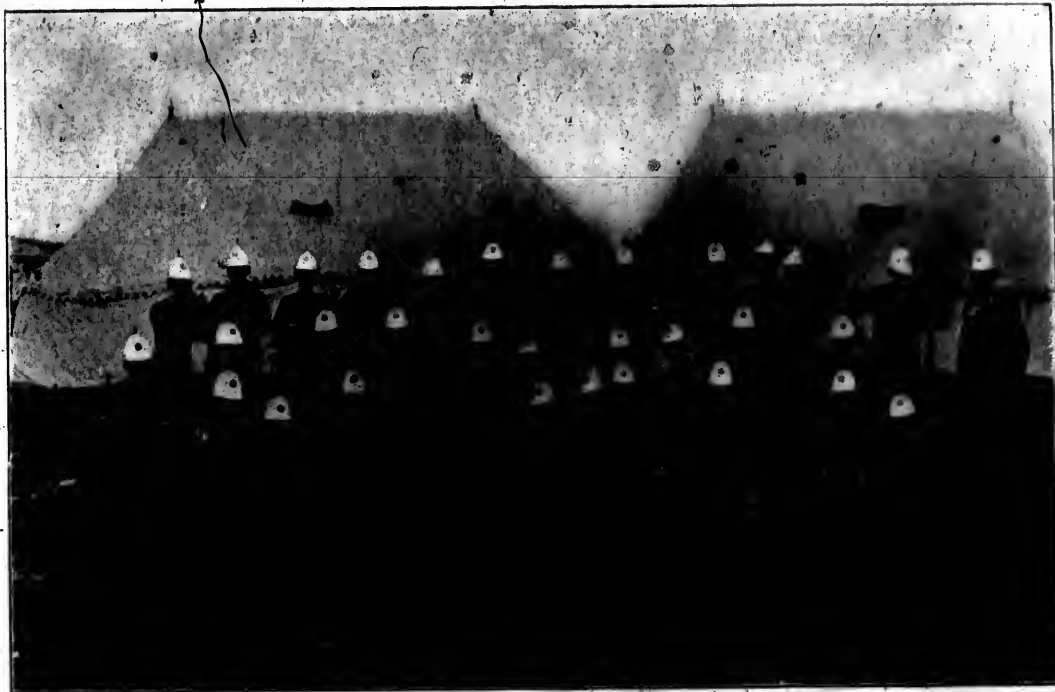
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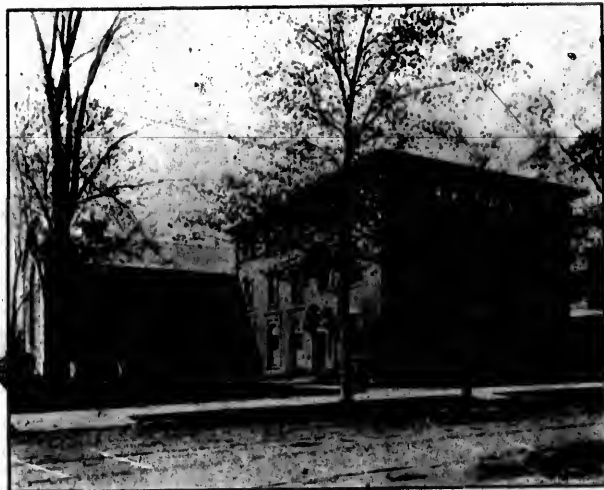
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| Benefits paid last TEN YEARS..... | 4,395,353 72 |
| Benefits paid from 17th June, 1874 to 1st Sept., 1898 | 5,850,000 00 |

The Growth of the Membership.

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| Membership 1st July, 1881..... | 309 |
| Membership 31st December, 1881..... | 1,019 |
| Membership 31st December, 1886..... | 5,804 |
| Membership 31st December, 1891..... | 32,303 |
| Membership 31st December, 1896..... | 102,838 |
| Membership 31st December, 1897..... | 124,685 |

Date of Reorganization.

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Increase in SIX MONTHS..... | 650 |
| Increase in FIRST FIVE YEARS..... | 4,785 |
| Increase in SECOND FIVE YEARS..... | 26,499 |
| Increase in THIRD FIVE YEARS..... | 70,535 |
| Increase during YEAR 1897..... | 21,847 |

The Expansion of the Surplus.

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| Surplus 1st July, 1881..... | \$ 0 |
| Surplus 31st Dec., 1881..... | 4,668 55 |
| Surplus 31st Dec., 1886..... | 53,981 27 |
| Surplus 31st Dec., 1891..... | 408,708 20 |
| Surplus 31st Dec., 1896..... | 2,013,484 38 |
| Surplus 31st Dec., 1897..... | 2,558,832 78 |

Date of Reorganization

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| Increase in SIX MONTHS..... | \$ 4,568 55 |
| Increase in FIRST FIVE YEARS..... | 49,412 73 |
| Increase in SECOND FIVE YEARS..... | 354,816 92 |
| Increase in THIRD FIVE YEARS..... | 1,060,686 18 |
| Increase during YEAR 1897..... | 543,348 40 |

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