

branches of trees, etc., was thrown up along the front of the stage, the company of soldiers, all ready for the attack, being just visible above it. A storm of applause that burst forth as the curtain fell continued until it rose again and showed the Zereba after the attack, the wounded being supported by their comrades. "The Rebel's Death" was the next tableau, Mr. Allan Johnston impersonating the rebel and a squad of the field battery the firing party. "Wounded," enacted by Surgeon Griffin and members of the company, completed the tableaux of the first part of the programme. "Dying to save the Queen's Colors," opened the second part. It represented a British soldier standing by a fallen companion and defending the colors from a party of Zulus. Lieutenants Mewburn and Brown represented the Britishers in Zululand, while half a dozen negroes, in Zulu costume, with spears, shields and all the implements of Zulu warfare, completed the scene. The second part of the tableau showed the savages after they had bitten the dust. "The Scouts," represented by Capt. J. J. Stuart and Allan Johnston, the former mounted, was admirably put on. The closing tableau was "Our Boys." In it was represented the various army, navy and volunteer bodies in the British service, about twenty-five different uniforms being correctly shown. The assault-at-arms which followed is described by the *Spectator* as of much merit.

Bayonet exercise by a squad of non-commissioned officers under Lieut. Mewburn; infantry sword exercise by an officers' squad, consisting of Capt. Zealand, Lieuts. Brown, Moore, Mewburn, Chapman, Hobson, Watson and Gillespie, commanded by Captain J. J. Stuart, and cavalry sword exercise by Quartermaster-Sergeant Hewitt, Sergeants Brumm and Fearnside, Corporals Provan, Breterniz and McCarter, and trumpeters Orr and Crites, under command of Lieut. Copp, were exceedingly well put on. Company G, in full strength, went through manual exercise very nicely, under command of Lieut. Chapman. The men in their new uniforms (the company was only organized last spring) presented a fine, soldierly appearance and were pronounced a fine looking company.

Lieut. Tidswell of F company, and Wm. Hendrie, jr., gave a clever exhibition of single stick fencing, Lieut. Tidswell being victorious by four points to three. Prof. Taylor and Bandsman Taylor, 77th Battalion, Dundas, boxed three rounds, both men showing considerable science and doing much hitting. A two-fall wrestling match between Richard Thompson and Alfred Baker of G company was a very good exhibition. The men were pretty well matched, though Thompson is the heavier and showed superior training, while Baker, in the first bout, side hold, was handicapped by having his boots on. Thompson won both heats. A contest, Lieut. Tidswell of F company, with the sword, and Sergt. Harris of G company, bayonet, was exciting at the start and very interesting, but it also excited the sergeant, who showed signs of wanting to bring into the play more than his bayonet, and the contest was cut rather short, the result being in Lieut. Tidswell's favor. A performance of lance exercise by Wm. Hendrie, jr., and Lieut. Tidswell was an exceedingly pretty show. John Richmond manipulated the Indian clubs in a manner which fully sustained his reputation for being one of the best in the business, outside of professionals. The boxing contest between Harry Gilmour, champion professional light weight of Canada, and James Harrison, champion amateur light weight of Canada, afforded the audience an opportunity for seeing some of the much talked-off science. The first round was cleverly fought, both men showing their ability well. The second round produced some very clever guarding and dodging.

The decorations of the hall and stage were very tastefully arranged, doing credit to Capt. A. D. Stewart and the men of G company.

After the performance the members of the company met at the drill shed, where refreshments were served. The performers were entertained to lunch at the Hamilton club.

OTTAWA.—The 27th was a red letter day with the 43rd Rifles' Snowshoe Club, being that on which the popular captain of the club, Capt. and Adj. Evans, annually entertains the boys. A full muster left the drill hall about eight o'clock and snowshoed out Elgin street to the C. A. R.; thence to the rifle range and the Taché hill toboggan slide, the officers of which had kindly placed it at the snowshoers' disposal for the evening. Sliding was indulged in till the club again numbered off and proceeded to Capt. Evans' residence, where they were received with great hospitality, and soon made themselves quite at home round well-spread supper tables. On the right of the chairman sat Lt.-Col. White, commanding 43rd, and Capt. Bliss, O.F.B., (vice-president of the Taché Sliding Club); on the left was Mr. A. P. Sherwood, about to be placed in command of No. 1 Co. 43rd Battalion. These officers had undergone the tramp, and seemed none the worse for it either. After supper a number of songs were sung by members of the company, which has a great stock of musical talent. Capt. Evans introduced Mr. Sherwood as sure to become a popular commander, and the latter in his turn complimented Capt. Evans and Capt. Lees upon the high state of efficiency to which they had brought the company, and expressed the hope that under his charge it might keep on the upward path and be the best, as it was now the oldest company in the city. After a number of toasts had been duly honored and replied to, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen" brought to a close a very pleasant evening's proceedings.

TORONTO.—The Sergts. of C. Co. I. S. C. had an enjoyable sleigh drive the other day, an amusement which was organized by Sergt.-Major Crean, Q.O.R., attached to the school for instruction, who is a universal favorite.

It is reported about town that the Royal Grenadiers are preparing for their annual theatrical entertainment.

MONTREAL.—The members of No. 3 Co. of the Victoria Rifles held a successful "At Home" on Friday evening, 20th Jan. at the Windsor Hotel. There were over 400 guests present and the whole affair passed off in the most enjoyable manner. The lady patronesses were Mrs. J. J. C. Abbott, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. C. P. Davidson, Mrs. T. E. Hodgson and Madame Desbarats. The "Vics" are noted for their brilliant gatherings, and this one of No. 3 was no exception to the rule. The gentlemen of the committee, Capt. G. R. Starke, Lieut. Abbott, Color Sergt. Adams, Lance Corp. Smith and Privates Rolland, Desbarats and Spragge, deserve the very highest praise for the manner in which they carried out the admirable arrangements made for the comfort of the guests. The decorations and devices in the dancing hall looked extremely pretty.

ST. JOHNS, P.Q.—The n. c. o's. and men of B company, I. S. C. under the superintendence of Sergt.-Major Phillips, gave an entertainment in Black's Opera House on the 29th ult. in aid of the Men's Library and Reading Room. They were assisted by Surgeon F. W. Campbell, I.S.C., with a reading, and Capt. Bowen, 53rd

Batt., and Lieut. Taschereau, 43rd Batt. (attached officers), with songs; also by Mr. Gregory, a Montreal gentleman, who elicited well merited applause for his clever performance on the guitar, banjo, mandolin, etc. To detail the whole performance would require too much space. It would be hardly fair, however, not to mention the names of Actg.-Sergt. Bangs, Lec.-Corp. Roberts and Pte. Hyndman, who sang extremely well; the last named also accompanying all the songs. An excellent clarionet solo by Pte. Gibson was followed by a piano solo by Hospital Sergt. Larocque, who also gave a performance on musical glasses. A flute solo by Pte. Arthurs, 65th Batt., drew forth a well deserved encore. A comic song by Corp. Ross, 8th Batt., and a reading by Pte. Ruptier, B Co., were well received. Ten minutes' magic by Pte. Gaudel was an exceedingly clever bit of sleight-of-hand and later on some lightning artistic painting by the same resulted in the creation of a remarkable good marine view in oils before the audience in an incredibly short space of time.

Two tableaux were very good. The first, a camp scene, was composed entirely of men of B Co.; the second, Sir Roger de Coverly, of several officers and a number of ladies and gentlemen of St. Johns, to whom great praise must be given for valuable assistance cheerfully rendered.

Taken altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one, and the ushers being dressed in livery, gave a finished appearance to the whole affair.

The company is to be congratulated upon having in its ranks men possessed of so much talent. The above is but one of a number of entertainments that have been organized by Sergt. Major Phillips under the patronage of Lieut. Col. d'Orsonnens, commandant. It is also a subject for congratulation that the men get on so harmoniously with the townspeople, for a notice that there is going to be a concert by the "soldiers" is a guarantee that the hall will be well filled. The only trouble is that the men are too well liked by the fair sex, and were the company called out for active service, many a lassie left behind would be left with an aching heart.—COM.

GLEANINGS.

ORILLIA.—Military drill has been made a part of the regular course of the High School here, and Lieut. K. Burnett, of the 35th Simcoe Foresters, has been installed as drill instructor. The girls of the school are also drilling, with the intention of qualifying for the formation of a broom brigade. Success attend them.

HALIFAX.—The medical board and board of officers for the 9th Military District were convened at the brigade office here on the 25th ult., for the purpose of investigating claims on the part of active militiamen in this district, who received wounds or injuries, or contracted disease while on service in the North-west during the recent rebellion. The following gentlemen form the boards: Medical Board—Dr. J. R. Almon, president; Dr. Tobin and Dr. Campbell. Board of Officers—Colonel Worsley, D.A.G.; Capt. Curren, H.G.A.; Capt. Cunningham, 63rd Rifles.

The cases considered were pension claims to the widows of Private Marwick, 63rd Rifles, who died at Rat Portage en route; and Private Muligh, 66th P.L.F., who was drowned at Medicine Hat; to Sergt. Young, 66th P.L.F., who was sent home previous to the return of the battalion, and Gunner Woodman, of the Digby Garrison Artillery, who served with A Battery and had a bullet through his shoulder at Fish Creek.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS OF 29TH JANUARY, 1886.

NO. 1.—ACCOUNTS TO BEAR CERTIFICATES.

Officers authorized to make any expenditure, when sending in their accounts are to see that they bear the certificates required by Section 33 of the Audit Act (41st Victoria, chap. 7), which is as follows:—

"33. No payment shall be authorized by the Auditor General in respect of work performed, or materials supplied by any person in connexion with any part of the public service of Canada, unless in addition to any other voucher or certificate which may be required in that behalf, the officer, under whose special charge such part of the service is, certifies that such work has been performed, or such materials supplied, as the case may be, and that the price charged is according to contract, or if not covered by contract, is fair and just.

NO. 2.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

Welland Field Bat.—Adverting to the appointment, in No. 4 of General Orders (2) 8th January, 1886, of "Dougall Braddock Macdougall" add "provisionally" after "To be 2nd Lieutenant," and substitute "3rd Brigade Scottish Division Militia Artillery" for "Royal Artillery."

P. E. I. Prov. Reg. Car. Art.—To be quarter-master, with honorary rank of capt., Edmund Cameron.

B. C. Prov. Reg. Car. Art., No. 1 Co.—Adverting to No. 4 of general orders (2) 8th Jan., 1886, in which W. N. Bole is appointed capt., add "prov." after the words "to be capt."

1st Batt. Gov. Gen. Foot Guards.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. Harry Hamilton Gray, M.S., vice Sherwood. To be 2nd lieut., Col. Sergt. Charles Francis Winter (formerly Sergeant H. M's 1st Batt., 7th regiment Fusiliers) vice Gray.

5th Batt.—This battalion is hereby permitted to adopt and use the following motto and badge, viz:—A Boar's Head, with the words "*Ne oblitiscaris*," in the garter under it.

7th Batt.—Capt. and Adj. George McElroy Reid resigns.

10th Batt.—To be lieut., 2nd lieut. Alexander Cecil Gibson, S. I., vice Symons, resigned.