

arms, etc. There was also an emblem consisting of two brooms crossed and above them two whips crossed. The story was told in a song "The Admiral's Broom" sung by Sergt. Morgan of the 8th R. R. The Dutch were at the time formidable opponents of the British on the seas and carried their success so far that their guns were heard in London. The Dutch Admiral hoisted a broom at his masthead to signify that he would sweep the British from the sea. Admiral Blake on hearing this hoisted a whip at his masthead and went out to do battle with the Dutchmen whom he whipped.

Sergt.-Major T. P. Ross presided and the vice-chair was occupied by Staff-Sergt. Boakes. In addition to the guests were present some of the warrant officers of H.M.S. "Blake," Majors G. E. A. Jones and G. R. White, Captains E. Montizambert and J. S. Dunbar, Lieuts. J. B. Peters and VanFelson of the 8th Royal Rifles.

The toasts included the "Queen," the "Governor-General," the "Army and Navy," "Our Guests," the "Eighth Battalion," "Ex-Members," etc.

A number of songs were given by both the sailors and landsmen the whole joining in the chorus. Needless to state a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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The shooting aggregate of the 8th Royal Rifles resulted as follows :—

	Pts.
Martini rifle—Corpl. F. Hawkins, - - -	1,002
Martini Rifle—Sgt. R. J. Davidson, - - -	989
D. R. A. silver medal—Lieut. W. H. Davidson, -	970
D. R. A. bronze medal—Sgt. Douglas - - -	969
O. R. A. silver medal—Col-Sgt. Goudie - - -	940
P. Q. R. A. badge—Corpl. Norton - - -	900

Lieut. Davidson was also the winner of the silver cup presented by Lieut-Colonel Prower.

The winners of silver spoons for the month of September were :—

1st Class—Corpl. F. Hawkins, - - -	84x82 pts.
2nd Class—Sergt. Hay, - - -	81x86 pts.

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Lieutenants E. P. C. Girouard and W. C. Dumble, of the Royal Engineers left here for England on the 25th September. The former having been out on leave for a few months and the latter going over to join the corps to which he has recently been gazetted. Both are graduates of the Royal Military College, Kingston.

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At the annual meeting of the Garrison Club which was held last week, Lieut-Colonel T. J. Duchesnay, D. A. G. of this District was re-elected President, and Captain C. J. Dunn, of the 8th Royal Rifles, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. On motion of Lieut-Col. Forsyth, of the Q. O. C. H., a vote of thanks was tendered to Lieut-Col. Evanturel, the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, for his long and faithful services, first as Treasurer and then as Secretary-Treasurer since the foundation of the club.

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MONTREAL.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of Troop "A" Duke of Connaught's Canadian Hussars on Thursday, 6th inst., at a dinner held at their quarters in the Drill Hall. Sergt. Phillips presided, and Lieut.-Cols. McArthur and Barr and Captain Clerk were present, in addition to several civilian guests. Song, speech and tobacco made the time pass quickly after the substantial had been duly attended to, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

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The non-commissioned officers of the Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery intend giving a dance in their Armoury on the evening of 31st inst. Military sports, under the auspices of the Brigade, will be held in the Drill Hall on 25th November.

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The official inspection of the Prince of Wales Rifles takes place this day (15th) and will no doubt be an improvement on that of last year, judging from recent drills; at these the attendance has been small, but the men have been steady and show the result of good training.

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In the ranks of the Victorias there is plenty of stir, in view of the coming inspection on 5th November. Two drills each week are being held and are fairly well attended; the drill, however, is not yet up to the form that military critics look for from this corps. However, from the interest in the work which prevades all the ranks, it is more than probable that Lieut.-Col. Stark will have every reason to be proud of his battalion on the evening of 5th prox. It is hoped that Major-General Herbert will be present on that day.

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The Sixth Fusiliers are making arrangements for a series of military sports, to be held in the Drill Hall on the evening of 10th (Thanksgiving Day) and 11th inst.

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By the following letter, which has been sent out to the officers commanding the several cadet corps in the city, it will be seen that a definite programme has at last been arranged for the competition for the flag presented by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught. Whether it will be concurred in by those concerned is another question.

SIR,—You are respectfully informed that this year's competition for the beautiful banner presented by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, to be competed for annually by the Cadet corps of Montreal, will take place on Saturday, the 12th of November next. The place and hour will be announced prior to that date. The competition will be by companies, and will consist of:

1. Physical training. Exercises 1 to 9, Infantry drill, 1889.
2. Company drill. Part 2, especially section 21, pages 84 and 85.
3. Manual and firing exercises, edition 1888, revised July, 1889.

Points to be given for drill in the above, and also for cleanliness of arms, accoutrements and clothing.

Companies to be limited to the regulation number for Cadets, viz. :—3 officers, 42 non-commissioned officers and men, who must be bona fide members of their respective companies for at least one month previous to the competition.

Words of command to be given by the officers commanding companies, and not by paid instructors.

On the return of the Major-General commanding the Militia he will be requested to superintend and judge the competition. Should General Herbert be unable to comply other competent and disinterested judges will be selected.

Any other information you may desire will be cheerfully furnished by the undersigned.

Your obedient servants,

J. McSHANE, Mayor,

A. A. STEVENSON, Lieut.-Col.

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Capt. J. A. Finlayson, who recently resigned his commission in the Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery, has, we believe, donned the uniform of the Rifles and accepted a majority in the 1st Prince of Wales Regiment.

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A novel and imposing feature of the coming inspection of the Victorias will be the work with the Maxim gun, the first and only one in Canada. Lieut. Mackeand is in command of the gun detachment.

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Dr. Thomas Edmond d'Odette d'Orsonnens, dean of the Medical faculty of Victoria University up to the time of its amalgamation with Laval, died at his residence at Joliette on 7th inst. His eldest son is the well-known and popular commandant of No. 3 Company R.C.I., St. Johns, P.Q., and a younger son holds a captain's commission in the 85th Batt.

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Congratulations are in order for Captain H. M. Badgley, commanding No. 2 Company Victoria Rifles; he was married on 1st inst. at St. Hyacinthe, P.Q., to Miss Marie Louise Gelinas of that city.