

permission, the more especially in view of the very worthy object of the proposed entertainment.

Please be good enough when conveying the purport of this letter to members of the "Players' club" to add that they have my fullest sympathy in this matter, and that I wish them every success in the result of so charitable and praiseworthy an undertaking.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

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The trophies referred to are well worthy of keen competition, and the donors deserve every credit for their generosity. It is to be hoped that the affair will be a big success in consideration of its charitable object. Who will win?

"A" company of the Royal Scots will have their annual ball and supper on Thanksgiving night.

The non-coms. class of the Montreal Garrison Artillery will start on Wednesday evening next, and all gunners and others before they can be promoted will have to secure a certificate. The class will be under the instruction of Sergeant-Major Instructor Fellows, who has just returned after spending two months at Woolwich, Eng., where he had been receiving instruction in heavy ordnance work. By the way, the Sergeant-Major was handsomely complimented while there over the manner in which he handled a 38-ton gun.—*Montreal Gazette*.

Kingston.

KINGSTON, Oct. 29th.—Major-General Herbert inspected "A" Field Battery on Thursday last, on Barriefield Common. Only four guns and two ammunition wagons were paraded, as the corps is short of horses, three of those which formerly belonged to it having been transferred to Quebec while the Artillery camp at La Prairie was in progress.

The battery was inspected first by subdivisions, from the right, then the foot parade and the short course men were passed in review. The march past, trot past, and rank past followed, and were splendidly executed, at rattling speed. The sword exercise, by the non-coms., and various field movements by the mounted portion of the parade, brought this part of the inspection to a close.

In the afternoon the books, horses, stables, etc., were inspected, and the major-general expressed himself as being well pleased, with the horses especially. The field movements, etc., he said, were "very good."

In the evening the major-general and his A.D.C., Capt. Streatfield, were entertained at a dinner by the battery officers, which was attended by the majority of the local military men.

The "A" Battery sports, held in the skating rink last week, proved entirely successful. The musical ride was especially good, and reflects much credit on Riding-Instructor Gimblett, who had

only two weeks in which to prepare men and horses.

Major Drury says he is confident that the Artillery camp, as held at La Prairie last month, will become an annual affair. If a safe and suitable location can be found in the neighborhood of this city, efforts will be made to have the camp held here next year. The principal difficulty with regard to a location here, would be to find a safe range.

Exceptional activity is being manifested this autumn in the 14th Batt. P. W. O. R. and the most gratifying success has, so far, attended every undertaking. Some weeks ago Lieut. C. M. Strange paraded his company—No. 2—for drill, and was gratified to meet a turn-out of 22 men—something noteworthy, considering that autumn drill has not been practiced until this year. Other companies have followed the good example set by No. 2, and are now drilling regularly, and are doing good work.

Then, again, Morris tube practice has been begun, and much interest therein is being shown by both officers and men, and some very fair scores have been made. Two inter-company matches have been fired at 200 yards between No. 2, Lieut. C. M. Strange commanding, and No. 5, Capt. Kent commanding. In both of these No. 2 was victorious. Lieut. Strange offered riflemen's badges to the members of his company making the highest scores at the second and subsequent matches. Capt. Newman won the badge at the second match, with a score of 22 out of a possible 25. Pte. Birtles made the highest score—19—in No. 5 company.

Arrangements have been made by the officers of the regiment whereby the old Collegiate Institute building will be converted into a regimental gymnasium, and will be equipped with the apparatus necessary to a first-class school of athletics. Sergt.-Major Morgans will be the instructor, and the place will be opened as soon as the weather becomes too cold to drill in the old drill shed.

At the recent "A" Battery sports, the 14th Battalion tug-of-war team defeated the Battery team. The captain of the latter has issued a challenge to the Riflemen for a second trial of strength. The gage has been accepted, and the "tug" will be decided in a few days.

Sergt.-Major Morgans attributes his defeat at the hands of Sgt.-Major Kelly, of Halifax, partly, and his tie with Sergt.-Instructor Hawker, entirely, to lack of practice. It is not probable that he will enter the arena again with either of these rivals before next mid-summer.

Ten of the new Martini-Metford rifles have arrived for the 14th Batt., and are in the hands of Capt. Hora, by whom they will be tested in a few days. No cordite cartridges accompanied the arms.

The sergeants of the 14th Batt. may organize a mess this winter.

Mr. S. Martin, of the *Daily News*, has been offered the captaincy of the Barriefield company of the 47th, "Frontenac," Battalion.

VIDETTE.

KINGSTON, Nov. 9.—Staff-Sergt. Farrier Scott, of the 1st Battery, Royal Artillery, stationed at Woolwich, has been attached with the above rank to "A" Field Battery, R.C.A. He has served in the Royal Artillery for 19 years, of which nine were spent in India. He wears the medal for long service and good conduct. He acted for two years as anchor man on the Royal Artillery tug-of-war team, which during the period mentioned held the championship of the Imperial Army. His weight at present is 245 pounds, and he will, no doubt, be placed on the "A" Battery tug-of-war team for the coming contest between that team and that of the 14th Battalion.

Staff-Sergt. Scott, accompanied by his wife and two daughters, arrived in the city on Monday last. The voyage from England was made on the steamship *Parisian*.

There is a possibility that the "musical ride" as presented at the recent "A" Battery sports will be repeated at an early date. The ride was perhaps the most popular feature of the sports, so far as the spectators were concerned, and a request has been made that it be presented again. If the necessary arrangements can be made so as to permit of the ride taking place before the weather becomes too cold, it will, without a doubt, be witnessed by a large number of citizens. The services of the band of the 14th Batt., P. W. O. R., have been asked for the occasion.

There are quite a number of the members of "A" Field Battery, who are entitled to receive the medal for long service, to be issued to the Colonial Militia. Among others, Sergt.-Major Stroud and Acting-Sergt. Hamilton have served long enough to entitle them to the decoration. Acting-Sergt. Hamilton, who takes his discharge this month, has served within a few days of 26 years, and Sergt.-Major Stroud has a somewhat shorter period to his credit.

Agnes, the seven-year-old daughter of Sergt. Charles Wolfe, of the Battery, died on Sunday afternoon, 4th inst., after an illness lasting several weeks. The funeral was attended by many of the sorrowing father's comrades.

The recently re-organized band of "A" Field Battery is practising regularly and faithfully under the direction of Trumpet-Major Carey, and is making very satisfactory progress.

Riding Instructor Gimblett is drilling the R. M. C. Cadet's riding class.

The 14th Battalion's gymnasium will be opened on Tuesday evening, 13th