

season to the number of twenty shots per man to the association, and said he was sure the other captains would do the same thing. It was thought by some that it would be better to leave the formation of the season's programme to the executive committee, but this was not approved of. The meeting then adjourned.

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An "Old Soldier" writes the *Ottawa Free Press* to the effect that the pay of the bugle band of the G.G.F.G. having been reduced by the department to 12 members, Major Hodgins has arranged that each of the 12 should contribute \$2 per year from their pay toward supporting six others. Two more are wanted by the band and a call is now made for the regiment itself to contribute enough funds each year to pay for the two extra men. The levy would cost each private two cents per year, and a large body of the men are willing to adopt the proposal.

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On Sunday, 7th inst., the Governor General's Foot Guards attended Divine service at Christ Church. The muster was fair and the men looked remarkably well. Ven. Archdeacon Lauder preached and there was a very large attendance.

The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, 23 strong, joined in the parade, and never looked better, although the muster was disappointingly weak.

On the return of the brigade to the Drill Hall, and prior to dismissal, Lieut.-Col. Toller went up to the Dragoons and in presence of their officers congratulated them upon their excellent turn out; and as it was the first occasion that presented itself since, thanked them heartily for having attended in such good force the funeral of the late Capt. Macpherson.

Addressing his own command Lt.-Col. Toller commended their strength and appearance on parade, adding an injunction to punctuality at the remaining drills in order that the corps might be in such a state of efficiency as to reflect credit upon the Capital at the forthcoming review in Toronto.

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The Guards will enter four teams for the Canadian Military Rifle League competitions. Spoon competitions will be held every Saturday.

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At the parade of the Guards on 12th inst., there was a very full turnout. The parade was gone through on Cartier square, which was well light up by the electric lights. Battalion drill was practised, Major W. E. Hodgins being in command.

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The annual meeting of No. 1 Coy. 43rd Rifle Association was held at the Drill Hall on 3rd inst. The Secretary's report showed the association to be in a progressive condition and after same was adopted the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.—Hon. President, Lieut.-Col. Anderson; Hon. 1st Vice-President, Lieut.-Col. Wright; Hon. 2nd Vice-President, Major Sherwood; President, Capt. Sutherland; 1st Vice-President, Lieut. Boville; 2nd Vice-President, Lieut. Watters; Secretary-Treasurer, Corp. J. M. Hurcomb; Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, Pte. W. A. Bangs; Committee, Ptes. Blatch, Lemieux, Mills, S. Rosenthal and Lamb.

It was decided to hold weekly spoon competitions throughout the season.

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There was a meeting of No. 1 Co. 43rd Battalion Rifle association on evening of 12th inst., to decide whether they should enter five teams this year for the spoon competition. The entry of five were confirmed and the teams will be under the following captains: Col. Wright No 1 company, Pte. C. S. Scott No. 2, Sergt. L. G. Perkins No. 3, Lieut. Helmer No. 4, and Capt. Jamieson and Col.-Sergt. R. J. Taylor No. 5. Capt. Sutherland will be captain of the whole and it was thought best that the formation of the companies should be left to the captains of the respective teams. The annual meeting was postponed until Friday, 19th inst.

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The following officers are attached to the Royal Military School here:—Lieut. Gilmour, 36th Peel Battalion, Ont.; Lieut. Landry, 61st Battalion; Lieut. Gilbert, 89th Battalion.

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Capt. Chinic, Adjutant of the Royal School of Infantry, who was so seriously ill with pleurisy and pneumonia that his life was despaired of, has, we are pleased to learn, recovered so far as to be able to sit up daily.

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Private Evans, No. 3 Co., C.R.I., was recently tried by court-martial on a charge of deserting Her Majesty's service; he was found guilty and sentenced to 90 days imprisonment with hard labour.

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A large number of desertions have taken place from the permanent corps here within the past few weeks; owing to the proximity of the post to the frontier it is comparatively easy for any man, who so desires, to get over into foreign territory before he can be missed. This would be largely obviated were the School stationed in Montreal, not only owing to the greater distance of that city from the lines but also on account of the many interesting attractions that would tend to make the life of a soldier there pleasant and enjoyable, and free from the tedious monotony which characterizes garrison life on this station. We believe that the Company here is now 18 or 20 under strength, a large number considering the limited extent of the establishment of the corps.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Prescott and 56th Battalion Rifle Association was held at the Revere House on Tuesday the 11th inst.

Major Raney acted as chairman, and H. B. White secretary to the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

It was shown that there was a balance of \$28.94 in the hands of the secretary and treasurer.

Lieut.-Col. R. O. Campbell, J. D. Reid, M.P., and O. Bush, M.P.P., were re-elected patrons. Major J. Raney, president; Capt. O. Dawson, 1st vice; and Paymaster Bennett, 2nd vice—all re-elected.

Lieut.-J. Carmichael, Staff-Sergt. J. S. Huntington, Staff-Sergt. B. E. Hanna and Sergt.-Major J. Huton were re-elected as the council.

The range officers appointed were: S. Sergt. J. S. Huntington and S. Sergt. B. E. Hanna.

H. B. White was re-elected secretary, and S. Sergt. B. E. Hanna, treasurer.

Moved by S. Sergt. Huntington, seconded by Capt. Bennett, that this association will not enter the Military League competition, unless shot with the Martini rifle.

Moved by H. B. White, seconded by S. Sergt. Hanna, that the annual matches be held on the 15th and 16th of August, and that the use of the Snider or Martini be optional.

Moved by S. Sergt. Robinson, seconded by Sergt. Coates, that the secretary be instructed to enter a team for this association, in the Military League Competition, provided the use of the Martini be substituted for that of the Snider as now authorized.

Moved by S. Sergt. Huntington, seconded by H. B. White, that, provided we do not shoot in the League matches, that the first practice be on the 24th of May.

Moved by Capt. Bennett, seconded by Sergt. Press, that the thanks of this association be tendered to the secretary for his efficient services during the past year.

Moved by S. Sergt. Huntington, seconded by Capt. Bennett, that the members of this association desire to express their thanks for the valuable articles contributed by the business men of this town for the last annual matches, and which assisted in no small way towards the very respectable prize list they were thus enabled to present.

The meeting then adjourned.—*Messenger*.

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