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"B" BATTERY.

The fact that "B" Battery has, during the past year, attained the highest proficiency among the seventeen batteries of artillery in Canada, was officially announced last week in the dining hall, by Major Davidson, commanding the battery.

"B" Battery last year derived half its numerical strength of non-commissioned officers and men from the college, and in spite of the delay consequent upon examinations, and the serious nature of many obstacles in the way of lack of equipment, the standing of the battery is a matter of pride to everyone.

Major Davidson said he wished to thank every man for the efforts put forth to overcome the discouragements, and predicted from the appearance of the College boys that this would be a forerunner of future successes.

Captain McCrae, who was formerly commanding officer of "B" Battery, followed. He referred to the battery having twice before won the Governor-General's cup for proficiency, congratulating Major Davidson, the boys and the battery, and wishing them still further and greater successes.

The points obtained were 436 out of 475, 9 points ahead of the next battery; "A" Battery, winner of the cup eight times, being fourth.

The College may well be proud of its connection with the most efficient battery in the Dominion, and it is to be hoped that this interest will be shown by a large recruit class in the spring.



JAMAICA.

Mr. W. Baillie, '86, writes to the O. A. C. from Hiatt's Field, Walker's Wood, Jamaica, giving a few facts about the island.

He says: "Cattle are grass fed and never see grain; as we have no winter, they are never stabled. Ordinary butchers' steers weigh 5 to 8 cwt (for the fore quarters) and bring \$50 to \$65; extra fat (1800-2400 lbs.) \$65 to \$100. Cows from \$40 up: if extra fat, the fore quarters give 350 to 500 lbs.

"Mutton sells for 18c.; pork, 12c.; fresh beef, 12c.; salt beef, 18c.; poultry, live, in the country, 12c. to 15c.; in towns, 18c. to 24c. per lb. Eggs bring 18c. to 24c. per doz. Turkeys, geese, etc., 24c., live weight. Butter, 60c. A great deal of salt butter is imported, 24c. to 60c.

per lb. Cured bacon, 30c. to 36c. Young sucking pigs, \$1; six months old, \$5. Fat pigs, \$15 to \$36. Fat ewes, \$6 to \$7; fat wethers, \$7.50 to \$10.

"The usual wage for a man is 24c. per day, and he does about one-tenth what a white man would, unless you stand up and watch him.

"I don't think a young man, with sufficient capital to invest, could find a better place to settle than Jamaica. The climate is delightfully healthy; have been here six years and have never been ill.

"Most people seem to be very ignorant about Jamaica, imagining it a fever-bed, and as hot as it can be. It is certainly hot in the towns, but outside of these our summer climate is much cooler than anything you can boast, the air being tempered by the sea breeze.

"The people who do the island most harm are the transient visitors, who too generally go away and, only half seeing things, either disparage or overpraise everything. In the latter case visitors expect too much and are perhaps disappointed. Among the former class was Froude, who, in his "British in the West Indies," has given adverse judgment in a people with whom his acquaintance lasted two weeks."



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The regular Association meeting of Thursday, Dec. 1st, was conducted by H. B. Sharman, B. S. A., who spoke on the Northfield Convention of '92—its aims and lessons.

On Saturday, Nov. 26th, we were favored by the visit of a delegation from Toronto, comprising Dr. Harley Smith, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. College Committee, and Secretary for the Canadian College Mission Board; Mr. E. Lawrence Hunt, representative for our Association on both the above, and Mr. Baker, of the Ontario Veterinary College.

The delegates, who made their first public appearance in the dining room, were greeted by the hearty "College yell," to which they briefly responded.

The first meeting was held at 9.30 on Saturday evening, when Dr. Harley Smith spoke on "Social Purity."

There is not the slightest necessity to be impure; on the contrary there is every reason why we should avoid even the appearance of evil. We should be pure, lest we tempt others to sin. We should be pure, that we may have a sound body and vigorous mind, and we should be pure that we may the better fulfil the chief end of our existence to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

"If we only strive to be pure and true,

To each of us there will come an hour

When the tree of life will burst into flower,

And rain at our feet a glorious dower

Of something grander than ever we knew."

The Sunday afternoon meeting, which was addressed by all the delegates, was well attended. A sacred solo, by Mr. A. M. Soule, added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Mr. Hunt spoke on the theme, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." Mr. Hunt's acquaintance with student life at the O. A. C. enabled him to draw some intensely practical lessons, and his address received the attention which it deserved.

Mr. Baker, in a few well chosen remarks, expressed the interest taken by the Y. M. C. A. of the Ontario Veterinary College in the work of its sister society at the O. A. C.

Dr. Harley Smith gave a most interesting address on the work of the Canadian College Mission. After briefly sketching the history of this Mission, which was organized in the spring of '92, Dr. Smith proceeded to give some idea of work which it is accomplishing, and the requirements for the development of the work.

The Mission supports a medical missionary--Dr. Hardy--in Korea.