

**PRESENTATION TO THE  
R.S.M. FROM THE  
MT. SECTION**

On the evening of March 21st a quiet group of drivers assembled at the Stables for the purpose of presenting R.S.M. Johnstone with a handsome wedding present. The gift comprised a silver tea set, with a tray to match, suitably inscribed:

From Mounted Section  
to  
R.S.M. Johnstone W.O.  
E.T.D.

Driver Boler made the presentation with a few well chosen remarks and wishing the future R.S.M. and Mrs. Johnstone a very prosperous and happy future.

The R.S.M. replied, thanking the Mounted Section.

Three cheers with a tiger and tigers kittens brought the ceremony to a close.

**ATHLETICS AT THE E.T.D.**

Most of our readers will remember a reference which appeared in "Knots and Lashings" some weeks ago, in regard to Athletics at the E. T. D. At that time the attention, more particularly of the newer men, was called to the important place which base ball and football, in addition to track and aquatic sports have always occupied at the Depot.

The great majority of the men who were responsible for the success of athletics at the E. T. D. during the season of 1917 are now overseas. We have, however, no doubt that their places here are now occupied by others who will carry on the old athletic activities with equal interest and success, and, in so doing, maintain the enviable reputation of the E. T. D. in this respect.

The spring season is unfortunately somewhat late at St. Johns this year, and it will be several weeks yet before out-of-door sports can be taken up. Meanwhile there is no reason why those athletically inclined should not "get into the game". For those who desire to acquire or to perfect a knowledge of the manly art of self defence, every facility is afforded in the Old Fort. More recently steps have been taken to introduce Indoor Base Ball.

With this end in view, the necessary equipment, including balls, bats and bases, have been secured and placed at the disposal of all those attached to the Depot. The Old Fort, although in some respects not perfect for indoor base-ball, has been found to serve very well as a Diamond.

During the past week steps have been taken to place the indoor base ball on an organized footing. A comprehensive schedule has been drawn up, including teams from among the Officers, and from A. Company, Base Co., Mounted Section, Employed Section, Sergeants and Railroad Construction. Practice hours for the various teams have also been arranged. The game schedule opens on April 1st, which will allow the various teams an opportunity for a little preliminary work-out.

Men who established Athletics at the E. T. D. are now Overseas. However they still subscribe for and receive the great family journal "Knots and Lashings". Let them see, when they turn to the Athletic page, that there are still some "live ones" at their old Depot and that athletics is "going strong".

**NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.**

The Mounted Section has sent in quite a number of items, and it is our intention to give the drivers the use of pages five and six next week.

This is something like old times again and the editorial staff is 'tickled to death'.

The following week, pages five and six will be for the exclusive of A. Company.

**'E. PLEURIBUS ONION'**

Our special correspondent, assigned to interview the Equitation Squad of Class 35, had a somewhat varied reception by the members. He is reported to be recovering slowly.

Mr. Hans Wagner, the imported ball tosser, was approached for his opinion on the situation on the Western Front. Mr. Wagner stated, somewhat shortly, that he was not in a position to state his views on any Front, but if his opinion was asked in the matter of the Rear he could express himself freely.

Mr. Sid. Troop, the champion horse shoer of the Clay Belt, was in his usual affable form, but unfortunately his interesting remarks on the question of Equitation have been deleted by the Censor.

C. P. R. McNicoll expressed himself in characteristic fashion. 'The day of the horse passed when the C.P.R. invented the locomotive,' said Mr. McNicoll, 'and the idea of hauling a man of my mechanical ability out of bed at 8.15 a.m. to teach him to gyroscope on a horse is past my comprehension.'

Messrs. Balwin and Harstone were interrupted in the act of secreting a small step ladder in a corner of the riding school, and absolutely refuse to give out anything for publication.

Mr. Cameron, the 'Wizard of Alberta', made the somewhat enigmatic remark, that riding was alright as a means to an end, depending largely upon the end. We presume he was referring to the end of the war.

Mr. Anderson appeared to be the only member of the Class who appreciated the efforts that the Laird and his efficient sergeant major are making to develop a troupe of 'broncho busters', out of the somewhat mediocre material available. "A splendid training," he remarked with enthusiasm.

Further interviews were unobtainable before going to press.

**E. T. D. ROLL OF HONOUR.**

2005284 Sapper A. J. Turnor, wounded.

Office Tel. 385. Res. Tel. 62. P. O. Box 477.

**PETER J. O'CAIN,  
COAL AND WOOD  
INSURANCE BROKER**

**31 Richelieu Street, ST. JOHNS, P.Q.**  
3rd door from Merchants Bank.

**ADAM'S  
CHEWING GUM  
BLACK  
JACK**

**5c. Per Package 5c.**

For Sale at Canteen and Everywhere

**MOREAU**

Modern Photographic Studio.

—HIGH-CLASS—

—PORTRAITS—

21 St. James St. St. Johns, P.Q.

MERCHANT TAILORS

**I. HEVEY & CO.**

MILITARY ACCESSORIES

**NATIONAL HOTEL  
ST. JOHNS, Que.**

**N. Lord, Proprietor.**

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL FOR TRANSIENT AND  
PERMANENT GUESTS.

ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES.

REASONABLE RATES

**THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA  
INCORPORATED 1869.**

Capital Authorized	- - -	\$ 25,000,000
Capital Paid Up	- - -	12,911,700
Reserve and Undivided Profits,		14,324,000
Total Assets	- - -	300,000,000

HEAD OFFICE, MONTREAL.

365 Branches in Canada and Newfoundland.

Thirty-eight Branches in Cuba, Porto Rico, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Venezuela.

LONDON ENGLAND Bank Bldgs., Princes St., E.C.	NEW YORK CITY Cor. William and Cedar Sts.
--	--

Business Accounts Carried Upon Favorable Terms.  
Savings Department at all Branches.

St. Johns Branch, F. Camaraine, Manager.