

On the 29th ult. the first of a series of dinners, under the new management of the Garrison Club, was held, and proved most enjoyable for those fortunate enough to secure places. Owing to the limited space a great number could not be accommodated.

At 7.30 the President, Lieut.-Colonel Duchesnay, took the chair. Lieut.-Colonel Montizambert, R. C. A., very kindly sent "B" Battery band to perform during the dinner, which was much appreciated by all present.

During the evening there were several songs and speeches. Lieut.-Colonel Duchesnay's "Brigadier" was one of the events of the evening. Lieut. H. J. Hussey, Mr. Story and Lieut. J. B. Peters sang some capital songs with choruses.

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The billiard tournament now going on at the Club is proving very interesting. Lieut. H. J. Hussey, it is anticipated, will either win the match or in any case give a very good account of himself.

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A successful test of a small copper model gun, tempered by the secret process of Mr. Allard, Levis, was carried out at the Citadel, under the supervision of Lt.-Col. Montizambert, on the 17th of November.

Before firing the gun was carefully gauged at two different points, one and two inches from breech end of powder chamber. For the first experiment, the gun was charged with $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. of sporting powder, and wadded with a plug of paper driven well home with a wallet. After firing the charge the gun was examined and gauged at the above mentioned points; the diameters were unchanged. The second experiment was a very severe one, $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz. of sporting powder being used, leaving only sufficient room for a plug of paper which was well driven home as before, filling the piece to the muzzle. An examination of the gun after the experiments showed it to be without flaw or perceptible expansion. It may be added that the length of the piece was 12 inches; length of bore, 11.50 in.

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THE MONTREAL ENGINEERS.

Although not yet officially gazetted out, this corps has practically ceased to exist. The uniforms, arms, accoutrements and tools are being returned to store on St. Helen's Island, by order from headquarters. This ends, or, we sincerely trust, only suspends, the existence of a corps over thirty years old and which has done excellent work in its day. Lieut.-Col. William Kennedy, the commanding officer, sent in his resignation some four months ago; and although this has not yet been accepted, the action now taken is doubtless the immediate result of the retirement of the C.O. Lt.-Col. Kennedy is, in length of service, one of the oldest officers on the Canadian list. His first commission is dated 8th May, 1862, and on the 2nd October of following year he was gazetted Captain, having, on the previous 27th May, received a first-class certificate from the school of gunnery. He saw service in both Fenian raids—in 1866 under Lieut.-Col. Osborne Smith, and 1870 under Lieut.-Col. Bagot (H. M. 69th Regt.). He received the brevet rank of major on 25th June, 1869, and on 25th June, 1883, was gazetted Lieut.-Col. The foregoing does not comprise all his services to the Crown, as he did duty in the trying times of 1838 as a private in Lieut.-Col. Maitland's battalion of Montreal volunteers. In his retirement, the force loses the services of a capable and zealous officer, one who attended faithfully to his duty and his corps in the face of unusually discouraging circumstances.

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The second annual meeting of the Prince of Wales Regiment Officers' Hockey Club was held on Thursday, November 17th, in the Drill shed, with Lieut.-Col. Butler in the chair. The secretary's report was read and showed the club to be in a most promising condition. Three matches were played last year in the Victoria rink by kind permission of the directors, two against the officers of the Royal Scots, in both of which the Prince of Wales' officers were victorious, and one against the cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston, in which the Prince of Wales' men were defeated after

an exciting match. It was decided to extend the membership of the club to past members of the regiment as well as present. The following officers were then elected for the coming year:—Honorary president, Lieut.-Col. Butler; president, Capt. Dobbin; vice-president, Capt. Lewis; treasurer, Capt. Bradshaw (re-elected); secretary, Capt. W. L. Bond (re-elected). Committee—Major Cooke, Capt. Bartlett, Capt. Porteous, Lieut. Armstrong and Lieut. Simpson.—*Gazette*.

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The Sixth Fusiliers held, on 18th Nov., the first of the winter series of smoking concerts. It took place in the armory, and as the regiment has among its members some of the best known musicians in the city, a fine programme was presented. Among those taking part were Corp. A. G. Cunningham, Private Sutherland Brobie, Mr. A. E. Etherington, Capt. E. J. Chambers, Private R. Lloyd, Sgt. W. Hiams, Sgt. Jas. Armstrong, Staff-Sgt. J. A. Edwards and Corporal Rosser. Mr. N. Falkner, Q. C., of Belleville, was present and at Lieut.-Colonel Massey's request delivered a characteristic humorous speech. The next of these entertainments will be on Friday, December the second, when Col. Massey will deliver his short lecture on duties of the militia when called out in aid of the civil power, to be followed by a musical programme.

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The parade of the Highland Cadets in the Drill Hall, on 12th November, was a very interesting one. The occasion was the competition for the flag presented by the Duke of Connaught; and, although the drill was "under protest," it may result in the trophy being awarded to the cadets. Only one company paraded ("A" company), and Major W. G. Stewart, acting as captain, took command of this; total strength was 46. The official judge of the competition, Lieut.-Col. Smith, of London, was, of course, not present, the Mayor having wired him that the affair had been postponed; a large number of officers of the city corps were, however, on hand and evinced great interest in the proceedings. After waiting until three o'clock the company was addressed by Capt. Lydon, R.S., the instructor, following which the drill began. Many sections of company drill, the manual and firing, and physical drill, were done in excellent style. Battalion drill was then proceeded with, the company being divided and working in single rank. This also was exceptionally good, and hearty applause showed the spectators' appreciation of the precision and steadiness showed by all ranks. At the conclusion of the drill, Lieut.-Col. Stevenson addressed the boys, explaining his position and views in the competition matter, and congratulating the cadets and their instructor on the splendid showing they had just made. The parade was then dismissed. In the evening the cadets met at the Fraser Institute, marched to Lieut.-Col. Stevenson's house and heartily cheered him. They then marched out to Point St. Charles to Capt. Lydon's residence, going by the way of McCord street; they received a royal reception and spent a pleasant hour with the instructor, whom they serenaded.

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He who imagines that the Canadian regular has few chances for self-improvement labours under a delusion. The catalogue of the library in connection with No. 3 Company, R.C.I., now stationed at St. Johns, P.Q., shows an excellent array of modern and readable books—a collection that many a village would be glad of as a public library. There are 1,033 English volumes and 622 French—1,655 in all. A deficiency which should be remedied is the absence among the English books of standard works on Canadian military and general history. Parkman's works are there, and Hayshe's "Red River Expedition,"—volumes unequalled for accuracy and interest in the particular subjects to which they are devoted; but there is nothing treating specially of the War of 1812-15, the Rebellion of 1837-38, and other important events in Canadian annals. The history of our country should be first and foremost in every library.