

Sergt.-Major Morgans' ability in instructing corps for feats and exercises; it would only be to recall his innumerable successes in the past. As a tutor it is doubtful if his equal could be found in this section. For several weeks back he has been engaged with the non-com's, teaching them the several movements and evolutions appropriate for the stage. The select music by the 14th Band, under the leadership of Bugle-Major Robinson, tended to elate the members of the corps and the citizens generally over the possession of such an organization. The sword feats of Sergt.-Major Morgans excited special interest. In cutting the potato with the sword, he, perhaps went further than he has ever done in public before, when he sliced the vegetable with measured movement while resting on the bare throat of Pte. W. Swaine. His engagement in the quarter staff contest was exciting. Both men being experienced, the combat called forth applause when either made a score. In "foils vs. foils," he fought Capt. W. Bruce Carruthers and J. B. Walkem one after the another. The audience was not a little surprised at the skill of Capt. Carruthers, who had early tuition with the sword. Mr. Walkem also made some good thrusts. Probably the most exciting contest in which Sergt.-Major Morgans took part was the sparring match with Prof. Lovett, Toronto. The latter has been seen in Kingston before, and some fun was expected. Both were scientists with the gloves, but perhaps, the sergeant-major was a little more skilled. Three rounds were fought, during the progress of which both men got in "daisies."

Prof. Lovett's illuminated club-swinging, to use the expression heard from the "gods," was "simply out of sight." The house was darkened and the balls of colored fire as they flew through the air with velocity was grand. It was hard work, the hour was late, and the professor could not answer the appeal for more. Staff-Sergt. Boutellier was a prominent feature in the programme. Besides the quarter-staff bout with the Sergeant-Major, he appeared in bayonet and single-stick contests with Pte. W. Swaine of "F" Company. They were very evenly matched, Boutellier probably being the strongest with the bayonet, and Swaine being undoubtedly the winner with the single-sticks; some pretty hard blows were given. A squad of non-commissioned officers, under command of Sergt.-Major Morgans, was greatly appreciated. In one exercise, "Manual, firing and bayonet exercises," the squad fired three rounds of blank ammunition. The muskets were pointed in the face of the audience and many shuddered as the deafening reports rent the air. "Physical drill to music," infantry sword exercises and fancy drill evolutions were lustily cheered. Gr. Rousseau, the Sampson of "A" battery, proved himself a second Louis Cyr. He put the bar bell, 200 pounds, over his head with ease, likewise two forty-five pound dumb-bells together with one hand, going through numerous movements. He was unable to get a grip on the 160 pound dumb-bell, however, and did not succeed in raising it with one hand. His back-lift was immense. The whole squad standing on a platform were raised off the supports three times in succession. There were fifteen men on the platform averaging 146 pounds each, the platform itself weighed 198 pounds. Rousseau is certainly the strongest man in Kingston. Gr. McDonald in his conjuring and modern magic kept the crowd in roars of laughter for fifteen minutes. The tricks were very commendable.

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The Cadets have all returned to the College and resumed their studies and drills; a good deal of their spare time is devoted to practising hockey, at which they are quite expert. I think that either club (for there are two, one each in the Senior and Junior League) will make any team they oppose hustle to keep up with them.

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Another military hockey match occurred here last week, between clubs chosen from "E" and "F" companies of the 14th. The former club won easily by a score of 4 to 1.

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Again I have to record the death of a member of the Rifles, in the person of Private W. Boulter of "A" company, who lost his life in a very sad drowning accident which occurred on the newly formed ice opposite the Penitentiary in this city. He was skating along in company with Miss Shea, daughter of the well-known William Shea of the 14th Band, when they tripped and coming down with full force on the

thin ice, broke through and were precipitated into the water. A couple of the guards at the prison saw the struggles of the couple, but were powerless to render assistance. Young Boulter repeatedly raised the young lady and pushed her forward on to the solid ice, but the combined weight and tiring efforts of the struggles in the cold water were too much for them and they at last succumbed, and clasped in each other's arms, went to the bottom together. The bodies were recovered a short time afterwards. Private Boulter could have saved his own life but died like a hero in his efforts to save that of his companion. He, no doubt, preferred death to saving his own life at the expense of another's. Owing to the funeral being a double one it was not carried out with military honors.

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Gr. J. Porter has been appointed Farrier-Sergeant with rank of S.-A. Bombadier; this is the result of the late examination.

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Bandmaster T. C. Carey, of "A" Battery, will also instruct and lead the brass band of the Rifles, having accepted the position held by his late father.

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Several members of the 14th Band say, since the assault-at-arms, has taken place, that all disputes in future will be settled with single-sticks. Bandsman Beal (6ft. 6in.) says he intends calling out Bandsman Jackson (4ft.) for his first duel.

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HAMILTON.

The annual meeting of "A," the crack company of the Thirteenth Battalion, was held on the 6th inst., at the Drill Hall. The men turned out in strength. Major Stoneman presided, and Sergt. S. A. Moore was Secretary. The financial report was presented by Col.-Sergt. Parkhill, who has been treasurer since the departure of the former Color Sergeant, Charles Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton left the books in the best of condition. The statement showed a balance of \$179.78 in the bank, not including the \$25 won by the company in the recent competition.

It was decided to make three presentations, one of a table and a sum of money to Caretaker Harris, another of a purse to Pte. John Denew, in recognition of the manner in which he looked after the arms, and the third to Sergt. Athawes' for the interest he has taken in the company. Mr. Athawes' present will be a silver trophy.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Major Stoneman.
Vice-President, Lieut. J. H. Herring.
Second Vice-President, Color-Sergt. Parkhill.
Secretary, Pte. McCann.
Treasurer, Corp. W. Allen.
Auditors, Corp. Shuttleworth and Pte. McKenzie.
Rifle Committee, Lieut. Herring, Col.-Sergt. Parkhill, Sergt. Bismarck, Sergt. Moore, Corp. W. Allen, Pte. A. Potter and Pte. Marshall.

Managing Committee—Pte. W. Holmes, Pte. L. McKenzie, Corp. W. Shuttleworth, Col.-Sergt. A. Parkhill, Sergt. S. A. Moore and Ptes. Wm. Harris, R. G. Allen, Geo. A. Davis, H. S. Kerr, J. Williston, A. Potter, H. Dallyn, J. Howard and Geo. Ellis.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner on the evening of Friday, Jan. 20th, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Managing Committee.

At the conclusion of the meeting Major Stoneman delivered a short address, complimenting the men upon having won the shield for the best company in the regiment. In a competition in which an immense number of marks were awarded, the company had fallen only 187 short of perfection. He hoped to see the shortage reduced by 150 this year. He asked every man to be at battalion drill next Friday, when the prizes won by the company will be presented.

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Three days after the above there was a large turn-out of the members of B. Co. of the same battalion, at the annual meeting of the company held in the armory. Capt. Domville presided. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Capt. Domville, Vice-President, Lieut. Powis; Sec.-Treas., Sergt. McNeilly; General Committee, Color-