

Cadets, as their captain. This will make an exceptionally good company, and a great many recruits of the best class are about to enlist, and thus the regiment will be entirely reorganized, and it promises to occupy an enviable position amongst city battalions during the coming year.

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The first smoking concert of the season in connection with the Montreal Military Institute took place on Saturday evening 20th inst., at their club rooms. The president, Lt.-Col. Butler, opened the meeting with a short speech, in which he mentioned the benefit to be derived from social meetings that would bring the officers of the several corps in social intercourse, thus enabling them to become better acquainted. He hoped that this Association would be able to arrange for a series of lectures that would prove both interesting and instructive. Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D. A. G., had promised to read a paper, and he was in hopes that General Herbert would be able to spare sufficient time to contribute at least one paper during the season. The programme of songs and recitations got up by Captain Ostell, of the 65th, was gone through without a hitch. The piano was presided over by Capt. McEwan. Amongst those who contributed songs were Lt. Pelletier, Capt. Rankin, Capts. Bond, McKeand and Fahey. Captain Mitchell of the 6th recited *Marmion*, and Lt. Wynn also gave a recitation. Mr. Ware amused the party by an exhibition of his powers at sleight-of-hand. Capt. Cantlie of the Scots danced a Highland fling; then followed a Scotch reel, in which Lt.-Col. Stark and Captain Cantlie, Lts. Meighen and Brown took part. A cotillion was next suggested, when an evident bashfulness was apparent amongst the sons of Mars as to who should accept the honor of representing the absent fair ones. Presently four gentlemen bound white handkerchiefs round their arms, and having assumed a sweet smile, accepted the proffered arms of their partners, who, finding that they had for once a companion unencumbered with either skirts or fans, proceeded to bump them about in a manner that caused great pleasure to the passive spectators. During the evening there was an evident desire on the part of every one to make the first entertainment a success, which it undoubtedly was. The following is a list of the officers present: Captain Cameron, Maj. Radiger, Capt. Roy, Lieut. Pelletier, Lieut. Winters, Capt. Beaudry, Lt.-Col. Wallace, Lt. Wynn, Lt. Featherstone, Major Blaiklock, Lt. R. Costigan, Lt.-Col. H. J. Dickson, Lt.-Col. Turnbull, Capt. Ostell, Lt. McKeand, Lt.-Col. Butler, Capt. McEwan, Lt.-Col. Gray, Lt. Lefevre, Major Labelle, Lt.-Col. Massey, Surgeon F. W. Campbell, Capt. Mitchell, Lt. F. S. Meighen, Lt. E. W. Wilson, Brigade-Major Roy, Capt. Bond, Lt.-Col. McArthur, Major Baynes, Lt.-Col. Mattice, Mr. Chas. Christie, Wm. Dowle (Halifax), Wm. McClement, Quebec.

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No. 3 Company of the Victoria Rifles, claiming to be at present the banner company of the regiment, having carried off the rifle Company prizes and having held for several years the Sim's cup for skill,

had their annual meeting on the night of the 23rd. The following committee were elected: Capt. Meakens, president; Sgt. Binmore, Sgt. Napier, Corp. Rose, Pte. Hoough, Pte. Grant, Pte. Gordon, Pte. McCombe, Pte. Arnold, Pte. Barry. The following were appointed chairmen of committees: Sgt. Binmore, rifle and room; Sgt. Napier, finance; Corp. Rose, clothing and amusements. It was decided to devote three hundred dollars to refurnishing the room of the Company. The company then adjourned to the mess-room for the purpose of opening oysters and listening to songs and short speeches, Capt. Meakens presiding, with the visiting friends, Lt.-Col. Starke, Lieut. McAdam and Lieut. Brown, of the Fifth, beside him. During the evening a guest, Mr. James Hill, kindly presided at the piano, and Corp. J. A. Rose, Pte. P. Rawlings, Capt. Meakens, Capt. Dease and others gave songs. Lt.-Col. Starke upon arriving was warmly received and invited to occupy the chair. The Colonel said that he always felt at home with No. 3, as it was his old Company, having joined it in 1879. He would say to the recruits that he was confident that they, like himself, would never regret the day that they joined the Vics. In referring to the cup competition, he said: You have all heard that we have won the cup, but it has not yet been awarded, as the Prince of Wales' inspection was held late, and of course they were in the competition. If we do get the cup, we know how we worked for it. During the evening two snap shots were taken by Sergt. Napier, which, if successful, will be offered to the members.

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The annual meeting of the Morris Tube Rifle Association was held in the Armory of the Royal Scots. Bugler Broadhurst presiding. The report of the secretary-treasurer was adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Sergt.-Major Nivin; vice-president, Sgt. Winn; secretary-treasurer, Corp. Casey, Committee—No. 1 Company, Corps. McNab, and Gardner and Pte. Clarke; No. 2 Company, Sergt. Bethune, Corp. G. McKoughlan; No. 3 Company, Corp. Cooper and Pts. Parlour and McKeever; No. 4 Company, Corp. Harbeson and Pts. Burns and Foley; No. 5 Company, Bugler Broadhurst and Pts. Broadhurst and Blair; No. 6 Company, Color-Sergt. Goldsack, Bugler Lark and Pte. Rowe. Some rules regarding entries were amended: That if one man enters a sufficient number of times to pay the cost of spoon, he will be entitled to a prize, if no other man competes in the same class.

Should there not be a sufficient number of entries in the class to warrant the award of spoon to that particular class, the highest scorer will take the spoon for the class above, if the score is better than the man in that last named class. Lt.-Col. Strathy, has offered a free entry to the matches of the P. Q. R. A. of 1894, to the man making the best aggregate in 32 shots. Major Ibbotson has also kindly offered a prize of free entry to the D. R. A., 1894, to the man having highest aggregate in each class.

A vote of thanks was passed to Major

Ibbotson for the interest taken in the Association, he having been all along, as the Sergt.-Major jocularly put it, "the mouthpiece of the absent officers," as well as the propagator of his own sound views. Bugler Broadhurst was elected captain of the Association.

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The Third Victoria Rifles have apparently become the custodians of the Sir Donald A. Smith cup for the current year, and Lieut.-Col. Starke and his officers and men deserve hearty congratulations. The competition between the Victorias and the Sixth Fusiliers, the former holders of the trophy, was keen and well worthy the past good records of both corps. The scores are, it is stated: Vics, 118 points; Sixth Fusiliers, 114½ points. The officers and non-coms. of the Fusiliers worked hard all summer to win the cup by getting the men out to target practice. The men's expenses at the ranges were paid, and everything possible done to raise the figure of merit. However, they find some consolation in their defeat in the reflection that, according to all reports, they have the two best drilled companies in the district in their corps. 'F Company of the 6th, Captain Chambers, obtained the possible points for drill and E Company, Captain Mitchell within one of the possible. E Company of the Victorias, Captain Guy, were within three points of the possible for drill. Number One Company of the Victorias, Captain Stewart, makes the best target practice returns, averaging inners all round.

QUEBEC.

Lieut. J. J. B. Farley, R.M.C., son of Capt. Farley, R.C.A., sailed on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for England to report on his appointment to the 64th Prince of Wales North Staffordshire Regiment. Lieut. Farley joins his battalion, the first, at Malta.

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The new Garrison Club building is now about completed. The carpets are in position and the finishing touches are now being put. The members intend giving an at home during the first week of this month in order to afford their lady friends an opportunity of inspecting the new appointments. Another storey has been added to the old building, and the structure is flanked by two towers, which lend to it a distinctively military appearance.

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On Thursday, Oct. 26th, the Royal Canadian Artillery had a march out under Capt. Fages, proceeding by way of the Grand Allee and returning by St. John street. The column was headed by the band of the corps, which has been very materially strengthened by the bandmen who returned from British Columbia with C Battery. Bandmaster Vezina now boasts of one of the finest bands on this continent. This was the first march out in which Lieuts. Bayon and Ogilvie accompanied the corps as belonging to it.

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