

two inches of snow on the ground, while at the same time a cold, raw northeast wind swept the old campus, officers and men did remarkably well, not a single hitch occurring to mar the beauty of the movements. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in the gun shed, where the four sections underwent a most crucial test. Each N.C.O. in charge of a section was required to give the full detail in everything pertaining to the gun drill. This called for a great deal more than mere memory work; yet it proved conclusively that the N.C.O.'s are above the average in the matter of instructing. After seeing the very creditable manner in which officers, N.C.O.'s and men acquitted themselves under the eyes of the inspecting officer, it is not at all surprising that the Cobourg Battery has for so long a time maintained its high position as the leading company of Garrison Artillery in the Dominion. It was pleasing to note the great interest taken in the inspection by the two former commanding officers of the battery. Capt. Dumble, who commanded the company from its organization, May 4, 1866, to April 18, 1890, and Capt. McNaughton, commanding officer from the latter date to June 1, 1894, were both present, and helped very materially to enthuse the officers and men by their presence. Majors McCaughey and Snelgrove, Capt. and Adj. Hamilton, 40th Batt., and Lieut. Dumble, R.E. (Halifax), who is spending his furlough with his father, Capt. Dumble, were also on the grounds, thus contributing to that esprit de corps which should always obtain between the different arms of the service. One very noticeable feature of the inspection was the number of ladies who braved the inclemency of the weather in order to be present, thus showing the hold the "Battery Boys" have upon the affections of the citizens.

Capt. Campbell, No. 1 Co., 40th Batt., is prospecting in Rossland, B.C.

QUEBEC GARRISON CLUB.

The Garrison Club recently decided to build an addition to the club for the purpose of instituting a "Squash Ball." The capital required, some \$3,500, was readily subscribed, and work has already been commenced on the foundations. This will add very considerably to the attractions of the club, and will doubtless mean an increase in the membership. The suggestion was brought forward by Capt. W. J. Ray, of the 8th Royal Rifles.

On the 4th inst., the R. C. A. Quadrille Club gave another dance in the Citadel. The orchestra was supplied by the regimental band, and, as on former occasions of a like nature, those present enjoyed themselves heartily.

A smoking concert will take place at the club on Saturday, the 12th inst., at which the Hon. Dr. Borden has been invited to attend.

The explanations accorded to those who applied for information on the famous G. O., No. 73, have not as yet proved satisfactory, and the outcome of the whole business is watched for with interest. This matter of brevet promotion is creating more interest in militia circles than was probably expected, otherwise it is thought the order would not have been allowed to pass so quickly into force.

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ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY.

On the 4th inst. the Royal Canadian Artillery, stationed at Quebec, lost one of their members in the person of Trumpeter M. Thomson, of "B" Field Battery, aged 16 years and 9 months. His remains were laid at rest in Mount Hermon Cemetery on the 7th inst. Sergt. Englefield was in charge of the firing party. The music was supplied by the regimental band and the coffin drawn on a gun sleigh, drawn by six horses. Among others in attendance were the following officers: Lieut.-Cols. C. E. Montizambert and

J. F. Wilson, Majors Farley, Rutherford and Benson, Capts. Thacker, Panet, Pelletier, Benyon and Ogilvy.

The Royal Canadian Artillery Football Team at Quebec have been very successful so far in their matches with other corps and stand a very good chance of becoming the champions. They have been doing some hard practice, and as the composition of the team includes Capts. H. A. Panet and J. H. C. Ogilvy, who devote considerable time in the way of coaching their team, it is anticipated they will carry the honors at the termination of the matches. These are being held in the drill hall.

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THE 8TH ROYAL RIFLES.

The 8th Royal Rifles have set up a Morris tube range in one of the galleries of the drill hall, and which was opened on the evening of the 9th inst. Capt. H. J. Lamb, of "C" Company, is to be congratulated upon the results of his efforts in this connection, as much of the credit is due to him. Sergt. Genest, the efficient caretaker of the drill hall, has been hard at work helping placing the target, etc., and has proved as usual the right man in the right place. The conditions of the shooting are as follows:

Shooting will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. Two nights in the week will be reserved for matches. No man will be allowed to fire more than 15 rounds, if there are others waiting to fire. The marker's decision will always be taken as final. There will be two aggregate nights per week, namely, Tuesday and Friday from 7 to 10 p.m., starting on Friday the 11th inst. Competitors will be divided into three classes, the 1st and 2nd being chosen according to their standing in the rifle association, and the 3rd class will consist of green shots. A silver spoon will be given in each class for aggregate of the three highest scores out of four matches held in any fortnight. There will be five rounds fired at each of the three ranges, and no sighting shots will be allowed. Score to be kept by a commissioned officer; if none present the senior N.C.O. in attendance to take charge of same. These competitions will do considerable good, and already much interest has been manifested, not only by the members of the battalion, but by ex-members, several officers having already promised to donate spoons as prizes.

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THE 9TH BATTALION'S EARLY START.

The 9th Batt. have decided to commence their annual training on the 25th of February, a date earlier than in former years, with the view of permitting as much work being done as possible before the annual inspection. Capt. Ouellet, the adjutant, has organized a class of instruction for non-commissioned officers. So far, two classes have been held, and which were well attended. This will doubtless help the battalion considerably during their training, as upon the N.C.O.'s will devolve much of the work. A like step on the part of the 8th R. R. would doubtless result to their advantage.

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ENTERTAINMENTS AT MONTREAL.

There is very little doing around the different battalions at present. Festivities seem to be the order of the day. Armories are being touched up for the numerous events that will take place between now and Christmas. Some of the designs by the caretakers are, indeed, a credit. One or two of the battalions have started a course of socials. These are becoming more popular, as the officers and non-coms. recognize the good these events do towards drawing the men more closely together during the off seasons. They cannot be encouraged too much, and it is pleasing to see the interest that the officers take in the events got up by the men. The Montreal corps are greatly handicapped in comparison with the Toronto corps. They have not got the recreation space provided for the