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NOTES FROM THE OLD BRIGADE.

Sergt. P. F. Rodendrath, until recently editor and manager of *The Brazier*, has returned to Canada to take a commission in the 236th Battalion, New Brunswick Highlanders.

There's an old saying, "Safe as a church," but it doesn't seem to be very appropriate in these parts.

Who took three empty rifle cases from the Q.M. Stores to the transport lines, thinking they were filled with rifles? What did they say when they found them empty and had to make another trip?

Re the markets—On the Somme Exchange there has been great activity since the first of July. High levels have been reached in many cases, and numerous advances have been made. Messrs. Anzacs, Canuck and Atkins traded off large quantities of steel for "Fritzs." Though the latter was not in first-class condition by any means, what they lacked in quality they more than counter-balanced by being traded off in large quantities. Trade continues brisk, further advances being expected daily.

Live Stock.—The live stock market continues active in spite of the cold weather. Owners report large increases and a continual movement all round. Slaughterers are working overtime. They report "Small reds" are hard to find, but

"Large Greys" may be picked up anywhere.

The Money Market.—Money was scarce towards the end of the month. Small loans were eagerly sought but were not granted in most cases, Bankers have been making advances generally since the first of the month, but a general tightness is expected towards the fifteenth. The Crown and Anchor Banks report numerous deposits and few withdrawals.

A recent concert given by Nos. 1 and 2 Companies had as its feature an act by Pte. Snowball, in which he impersonated "Mademoiselle Marie Louisa of Norlahooligan." A feature of the evening was a pick-a-back fight between the officers. In this event Lieut. Peppal managed to lose most of his clothes, much to the onlookers' delight. The evening concluded with some good old Canadian songs around the bonfire.

With Apologies to the "BRAZIER."

THOSE CHRISTMAS BOXES.

WITH the approach of the Christmas season the fellows are beginning to look ahead to the many good things which will be coming their way. Many of the packages are already arriving, and are affording all kinds of pleasure and words cannot adequately express the appreciation of the boys and on their behalf we extend thanks for the many favours.

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Don't you wear no clothes at all?
Don't you wear no shimmy shirt?
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Just your corsets and your hose,
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