

In the evening the officers and sergeants dined in their respective mess-rooms.

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The Victoria Rifles can boast an organization of veterans, known as the "Reserve Association," unequalled in Canada for strength, influence and interest in the affairs of the corps. It was organized in 1885, at the time when the regiment was in expectation of being ordered to the Northwest. Since then it has kept together and been fairly active in preserving the interest of the members who have passed out of the active ranks; it has a most comfortable and attractive room in the regimental armoury, Cathcart street, richly furnished and looked in on by all members of sister corps and others who may visit the building. Several concerts have been given by the members, and in April, 1890, the first dinner was held, which was very successful. Owing chiefly to the want of a secretary who could devote sufficient time to the duties of the office, matters in connection with the Association have been rather quiet for the last year or two; but this summer the retirement of Major Radiger from the active duties of his rank enabled the Reserve Association to obtain in him the services of an officer who has the time, energy and *savoir faire* essential for the position of secretary. The result of this is shown in the fact that within the few months that the officer just mentioned has assumed the position, the membership has leaped up to over 300 and receives large accessions every week. The annual meeting was held in the Club room on 1st inst., and was a most enthusiastic and successful one. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—

President—Lieut.-Col. Henshaw.

Vice-President—Capt. W. Stanley.

Secretary-Treasurer—Major C. W. Radiger.

Committee.—Captains Anderson, Sully, Bacon, Sutherland, Becket and Edwards; Messrs. J. W. Mills, C. Sims, E. W. Parker, S. Howard, Ross, Beaufield and Millar; in addition to these, Mr. J. Mills, who has worked so long and hard for the interests of the Association and to whom a great deal of its success was due, was elected honorary vice-president. It was arranged that one of the members of above committee be on duty every night at the club room, so that any members of the Association may drop in and enjoy a comfortable evening; cards, papers and magazines are there in plenty and very pleasant little gatherings are expected; a piano is to be provided for the winter, so that music will be added to the attractions of the place.

One of the chief matters decided at the meeting was that the members of the Association should dine together on the 16th of December, the anniversary of the foundation of the regiment; a committee to look after the affair was struck and about 75 names have already been secured to take tickets for the affair. From the large attendance, it will necessarily be held in the large hall up stairs, which is to be beautifully decorated for the occasion; the regimental band is to be in attendance and an excellent programme of music will be given, as the association numbers among its members some of the finest voices in the city.

It is hoped that the success of the Vics Reserves will induce the old members of other corps to organize in a similar way and retain that interest in the active force which is essential in extending the military and patriotic spirit throughout the community.

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The hockey players in the Vics and their name is legion organized last February a Hockey club, under the name of Victoria Rifle Hockey Club. At a recent meeting a report was presented which showed that the prospects are excellent for a series of military matches this season against such corps as the Queen's Own, 43rd, 8th Royals and the Royal Military College. The club is most voluminously officered, it having an Hon. President (Lieut.-Col. Starke), an Hon. Vice-President (Major Radiger) and an Hon. 2nd Vice-President (Lieut. Brown), as well as a President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and committee, who are not ornamental only but mean business. Mr. Watson Jack is president, Mr. Graham Drinkwater, vice-president, Mr. H. E. Vennor, secretary-treasurer, while Messrs. Geo. James, W. D. Stephen and Paul de Strum constitute the committee. Mr. E. Irwin captains the team. Club colors are regimental, dark green and scarlet

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The military sports which the Sixth Fusiliers had proposed holding this month have had to be abandoned, owing chiefly to the cold water thrown on the plan by the Ottawa authorities, who refused to allow representatives from the Quebec Cavalry School to participate; one of the most attractive features of the entertainment, the musical ride, would thus have been cut off. It is impossible to condemn too strongly this official snubbing of an affair which would not have been beneficial in a military sense to those who participated, but which would also tend to increase the popularity of the service. Military sports and games are being gone in for more and more in England by both army and volunteers, and the Islington Military Tournament is one of the great annual events in London life; it is admittedly a great help to recruiting, besides developing singular proficiency in the regiments that enter. Yet the first attempt made here in this direction for several years meets with practical opposition from the authorities in refusing permission for the Quebec Dragoons to attend. What loss in efficiency these troops or their corps would suffer by a two day's visit to Montreal is not patent to the non-official eye; while it goes without saying that to the efficient and hard-working regiment chiefly concerned, as well as to all those who would have participated, the entertainment would have been most valuable. The little break in the hum-drum routine of barrack life, which the trip would have given the Dragoons, would not have decreased the popularity of the service with them and their many friends.

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In the commissioned ranks of the Montreal Garrison Artillery a number of changes are gazetted. These are:—To be majors: Captains John Ogilvy, R.S.A., vice W. H. Laurie, retired; and Edwin Hudson Bissett, R.S.A., vice F. M. Cole, promoted. To be captain: Leigh R. Gregor, Esquire, R.S.A., vice J. A. Finlayson, retired. Captain Thomas Alexander Crathern is permitted to retire retaining rank. Captain and Paymaster Wallace Cuthbert Trotter is granted the honorary rank of major, to date from 1st September, 1892. It is understood that the present Majors Ogilvy and Bissett will retain command of their batteries.

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Mr. George Blockman, a Montreal chemist, claims to have discovered the secret of manufacturing the German smokeless powder and French melonite and wishes to sell his information. It is understood that the first opportunity for purchase has been given to Her Majesty's Government; if declined in that quarter it will probably be offered to foreign military authorities.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An interesting incident occurred at the drill shed on Friday night last, when the officers of the Dufferins were being put through their exams. Lt. Howard was before Col. Otter, when the latter observed that he carried the ribbons of service in the Northwest campaign. He was asked with what division he had been, and was able to answer that he had been with Col. Otter himself. The lieutenant followed up with the question: "Don't you remember dropping your gloves at Cut Knife Creek and some one picking them up and handing them to you?" "I do," replied the colonel, "are you the man?" "I am," was the reply, and a hearty handshake followed. The fact that the lieutenant had to leave cover while bullets were flying thick and fast, in order to restore the gloves, gives enhanced value to the incident.—*Brantford Expositor*.

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Colonel Humphrey, of the 66th P. L. F., Halifax, received a telegram from Brighton this morning stating that Lieut. Lewis, of the 66th, who is a son of Dr. Lewis, Halifax, had qualified for a commission in the Imperial army.

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Oct. 10th, 1st on SS. "Bokhara," off the Pascadores, George Francis Stanser, second officer P. and O. Co., second surviving and dearly beloved son of Major Walter Laurence Ingles, late 32nd and 2nd 16th Regiment, and grandson of the late Ven. Archdeacon Best, aged 30.

The deceased was born in Halifax. His grandfather was a colonial bishop. Major Ingles, father of the deceased, and who is well-known in Halifax, and will have the sympathy of many.