

### Regimental and Other News.

On Friday evening last a brilliant assembly was held at Toronto, under the auspices of the officers of the Royal Grenadiers. It was the first of a series of three that the committee of officers purpose holding during the season. The second will probably come early in the new year, and the third just before Lent. The three or four hundred people who crowded the splendid rooms included many of the officers of the city corps, whose uniforms gave brilliance and variety to the scene. If in the sham fight on Thanksgiving day the Grenadiers' scarlet tunics made them conspicuous marks for the sharp-shooting rifles of the enemy, now, at least, they gave their wearers an advantage and there was no grumbling if they were conspicuous marks for the sharp-shooting of bright eyes. Government House was represented by Miss Marjorie Campbell and Commander and Mrs. Law. The band of the regiment furnished capital music. The committee, to whom fell the work connected with the affair, is composed of six of the Royal Grenadiers' officers:—Major Mason, president; Capt. Elliott, Lieuts. Gibson, Lowe, Cameron and Heward.

#### Winnipeg.

His many friends in Eastern Canada, as well as here, will learn with regret that Lieut. C. L. Benedict, of the 90th, is now a patient in the hospital at Kingston, Ont., suffering from a hurt sustained by his knee whilst skating a couple of years ago. He has been absent from here for some months on "sick leave" from the Bank of Montreal, in whose employ he is.

Winnipeg is apt to be represented on the Bisley team of 1891, as it is altogether probable that Coulson Mitchell, Governor-General's prize man, will accept the place he has won.

The Ninetieth and Troop of Cavalry paraded for church on Sunday, 26th ult. The L. B. D's. to the number of one hundred rank and file, together with the band, under the command of Lt.-Col. Boswell, and the Cavalry under Capt. Knight, met at the armoury on Portage Avenue and marched to Holy Trinity church. The cavalry looked well in their splendid uniform. Dean Grisdale was the officiating clergyman, and preached an appropriate sermon. There was a full choir and the rendering of the anthem "With Humble Faith," was very fine indeed.

#### Montreal.

On the 1st instant, the 65th Mount Royal Rifles had their annual inspection, before Lt.-Col. d'Orsonnes, D.A.G. Lt.-Col. Dugas was in command, and the muster was 276 strong. The inspecting officer expressed himself as pleased with the result of this his first inspection of the battalion. There was, however, he said, room for improvement, which he hoped to see next year, and especially in the matter of strength. They were the only regiment in Montreal allowed to have a strength of eight companies, and it behooved them to take advantage of that privilege by becoming the full authorized strength. They had a thorough soldier for a colonel, and he was assisted by officers who had proved their efficiency. He knew they had many drawbacks to contend against but they should make it a point of honour to transform the French-Canadian regiment into the finest in the city. The men were then dismissed, and at 6 o'clock sat down to a substantial dinner, spread in one of the armouries, which was done full justice to. Lt.-Col. Dugas and the officers entertained Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnes, Major Roy and Capt. d'Orsonnes and several other invited guests to a recherche dinner in the officers' mess. Only two toasts were proposed—"The Queen" and "Success to the Sixty-fifth." In the evening the annual sports were held and proved a decided success. The galleries of the drill hall were crowded with friends of the regiment.

On the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day the Cadets of St. Mary's (Roman Catholic) College and the Highland Cadets united in an entertainment in the Victoria Rink in aid of the funds of the Athletic Club House. The St. Mary's Cadets were 160 strong, in four companies, under command of Capt. Trudel, their instructor; and the Highland Cadets were 60 strong, in one company. The programme was opened with the trooping of the colours, the band of the Royal Scots supplying the music. It was a very pretty scene, and evoked rounds of applause from the spectators. The St. Mary's Cadets were then inspected by Lt.-Col. Houghton, Deputy Adjutant General, and Lt.-Col. Mattice, Brigade Major, who were accompanied by Lt. Col. d'Orsonnes, D. A. G. of the Sixth district. Rev. Father Drummond was also present. The Cadets went through the arms manual and several battalion movements, the echelon being particularly well performed. All the movements were characterized by smartness and regularity, and Lieut.-Col. Houghton complimented them very highly upon their proficiency.

The visit of the Guelph cadets, resulting as it did in the formation of several cadet corps in this city, and the drawing of public attention to the benefits of physical drill, was of inestimable value to the youth of Montreal. The recognition of those corps by the Government gave an additional impetus to the good work, which is shown almost daily. On

Friday, 7th inst., Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., inspected the Lady Alexander Russell's Own, formed in connection with the school of St. John the Evangelist. Many of the cadet corps were greatly troubled by the desertion of boys after the novelty of "soldiering" had worn off, and the routine of drill made itself apparent. But from this defect the Lady Alexander Russell corps do not appear to have suffered. Recognizing the value that the training connected with a corps of this kind would be, the masters made it a part of their curriculum, and the result is a full justification of their departure. Lieut.-Col. Houghton addressed the boys, congratulating them upon the manner in which they had performed both the physical and company drill, and assuring them that he would, in his report to headquarters, refer very favourably to their condition. He impressed upon them the importance of the drill they were receiving. Some of them wanted uniforms and he would see that they were obtained, as well as arms, which he had been informed had been purchased in England. Lieut.-Col. Crawford and Lieut.-Col. Henshaw both made short addresses complimenting the cadets on their proficiency, and the head-master, Rev. Arthur French, thanked them, and said that he hoped they would be successful in carrying off the colours presented by His Royal Highness Prince Arthur for the best drilled corps. Lieut.-Col. Henshaw asked for a half-holiday next week for the boys and Lieut.-Col. Houghton asked that it be made a whole one, which Mr. French granted, naming Monday, an announcement which was received with cheers. The boys were then dismissed. The whole inspection was a very creditable one, reflecting no small credit upon the instructor, Major Atkinson, and his assistant, Mr. Coule.

The Vics' bazaar, which is to open on December 8, is expected to be fully as successful as that which they held a couple of years ago. That was of a Japanese character, but the present will be Moorish in its design, the Armoury being made to represent a Babylonish trading court, over which the ladies of the Vics will preside, dressed in the costumes of that once great country. There will be eight of these courtst, one for the staff, one for the reserve, and one for each of the six companies. The staff sergeants have undertaken the sale of admission tickets, and will superintend the recreation room. A tombola has been organized, in which several very valuable prizes have been offered.

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