

Scarcely had the dust of the E. T. D. Annual Field Day settled down, when the Athletes of the Depot were once more called upon to demonstrate their skill at the Annual Athletic Meet at the St. Johns Trotting Club.

Originally the intention was that a small portion of the list of events, should be reserved for competition between men of the Depot. In reality the principle features of the afternoon,—certainly by far the most interesting,—were those of a purely military character. Trotting races, motor cycle and automobile events, create a certain amount of excitement, and raise a very considerable amount of dust. These are not, however, events which call for actual physical strength and prowess, nor do they develop that sportsmanlike instinct which, after all, constitutes one of the greatest benefits which we can trace to athletic competition.

As usually happens when the Mounted Section lends a hand, the mounted events were probably the most interesting on the programme. Thanks to the courtesy of Major Milne, it was possible to secure the necessary horses, while Sgt. Major Sims, by his cordial co-operation, contributed largely to the successful staging of the mounted wrestling and tug-of-war.

Prominent on the track at all times were Lieut. Peacock, of the "Fusillers", Lieut. Turner of the "Pickles" and Sgt. Major McLaren. Mr. Peacock by his courtly grace and beaming countenance delighted and charmed all, while Mr. Turner, by his perfect grasp of details and capable supervision, prevented any semblance of confusion. The efforts of both, were ably seconded by the Sgt. Major.

When the first event was called, there were probably 1500 persons present of whom more than a half were from the Engineer Training Depot.

A very brief summary of the purely military events is as follows:—

Mounted tug-of-war — Mounted Section No. 1: Drivers Rouxel, Shears, Hoborough, Weldon, McPherson.

Mounted Section No. 2: Reynolds, Wright, Smith, Paull, Chisholm.

The decision in this event went to No. 1 team, though the losers were by no means disgraced. The closeness of the struggle, kept the crowd on its feet until the handkerchief crossed the line.

Mounted tug-of-war. — Railroad Construction vs "A" Coy. The entries for teams were as follows:

Ry. Const.: J. J. Bergeron, J. Russell, J. Fraser, R. E. Zimmerman, S. Thomas, S. Paterson, O. G. Williams, R. Swank, G. W. Angle, W. O. Chaffie.

"A" Coy.: H. Jones, F. Failley, A. R. Gougeon, G. C. Terrence, C. W. Brown, Sgt. Lang, F. S. Stutts, W. Brown, Potter, Doyle.

These two teams were very evenly matched, the Railroaders winning the 1st and 3rd pulls, and copping the series.

The third and final heat was pulled off between the Railroaders and a team representing the 'Varsity' boys. The latter were represented by Sgt. Johnson, Corp. Ker, Lee, Corp. Riley, Spr. White, and Corp. Brown. In this pull, the B.2 men had it all their own way, winning the first two pulls, although handcars, not horses, are

their specialities.

Dismounted tug-of-war. — "A" Coy. vs. Railroad Const. Coy. The teams took the strain as follows:—

"A" Coy.: H. Pierce, W. S. Tait, G. Ross, W. Hawkins, S. MacDonald, K. Crockford, J. E. Shouldice, M. H. Dean, S. Lawrence, T. J. Armstrong, F. W. Gout.

Railroad Const.—Lambert, Blasko, Anderson, T. S. Leblanc, P. G. Hicks, R. Cole, D. G. McDonald, Breno, Lynch, Daley.

"A" Coy. had the heavier team and succeeded in winning two straight pulls in spite of the fact that the B.2 men dug themselves in before the attack and that the decision rested with Lieut. Peacock.

Mounted Wrestling.

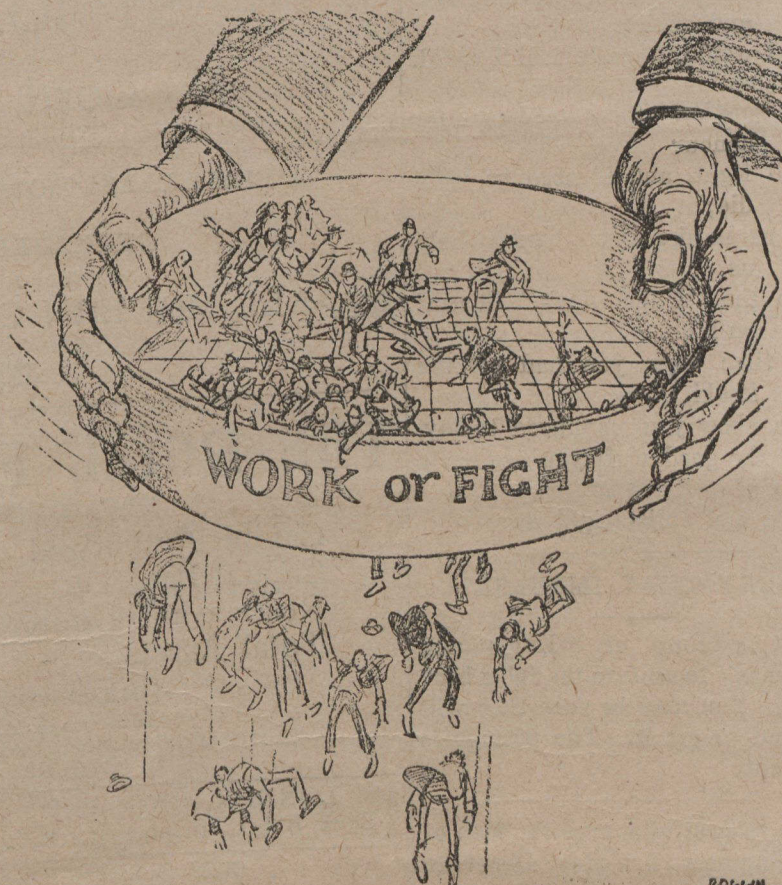
The compeditors in this event, were drawn exclusively from the Mounted Section. Two teams competed, running off in all, three bouts. Needless to say, the crowd gasped at the wonderful display of horsemanship with which they were favored. Indeed this event proved to be the most interesting attraction of the afternoon. The teams lined up as follows:—

No. 1 team: Drivers Rouxel, McPherson, Chisholm, Paull, Smith.

No. 2 Team: Drivers Wright, Reynolds, Weldon, Shears, Hoborough.

Driver McPherson was easily the pick of the bunch. On one occasion no less than 3 men were required to pull him down.

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