

not to be ontone by the 55th, has two second lieutenants to No. 3 Company, and is short of that rank in No. 4. The 70th Bn. has a like position two to No. 5 and none to No. 1. The 87th Bn. has two to Companies 1 and 2, but being this number overstrength it is consistent with the regulation appertaining to provisionally appointed officers. The 88th and 89th are somewhat similarly treated. This combination of second lieutenants may be due to residential considerations, but to say the least appears out of place and should be remedied.

At five o'clock in the afternoon of the 15th inst., Major R. W. Rutherford delivered a lecture in the room of the Royal Canadian Artillery Institute, his subject being "Changes in Modern Artillery." Needless to state the subject was well treated by the Major who was in a position to give the latest connected with that arm of the service. For want of time the field artillery only was touched upon. It is anticipated that the garrison artillery will be taken up in the near future. Major Rutherford deserves the thanks of the garrison for his efforts in this direction, especially when it is considered that the previous lecture was given by the same officer. Lieut-Col. C. E. Montizambert was the chairman on this occasion. The officers present were:—Lieut-Col. J. F. Wilson, Major A. J. A. Farley, Cap. W. E. Imlah, and Messrs. H. C. Thacker, Henri A. Panet, J. H. C. Ogilvy and J. A. Benyon of the Royal Canadian Artillery; Lieut-Col. Geo. R. White, Majors G. E. Allen Jones and J. S. Dunbar, and Capt. W. C. H. Wood (Adjutant,) of the 8th Bn. Royal Rifles, Major T. Boulanger, Quebec Field Battery, and Ernest F. Wurtele R. L. At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was passed, proposed by Lieut-Col. G. R. White and seconded by Major G. E. Allen Jones.

The R. C. A. Quadrille Club gave a hop in their ball-room in the Citadel, on the evening of the 10th inst. Dancing was kept up long after midnight, excellent music being supplied under the direction of bandsman Wallis. Corporal Jordan was untiring in his efforts to make the evening a pleasant one and which was fully enjoyed by those who were present. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," sung by the whole company brought the hop to an end.

The Royal Canadian Artillery Snow Shoe Club turned out some 70 strong on the evening of the 8th inst., under the charge of Quartermaster Sergt. Woods, with Master Gunner Lavie, Battery Sergt. Major O'Grady, and Sergt. Costin leading, headed by the Bugle Band. The flag was carried by Sergt. Sellwell. The Club serenaded Lieut-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D. A. G. and Lieuts-Cols. C. E. Montizambert and J. F. Wilson both of the R. G. A., after which they paraded through the principal streets.

The question of the equipment of the Canadian Militia has taken quite a hold in this city and the invention of Mr. Patrick Lewis of the Military Stores Branch is receiving considerable attention and is commented upon favorably. It is anticipated that measures will be taken to have a thorough test made of the Lewis equipment with a view of its adoption if proved to be superior to the Oliver or other equipments. It is expected that an exhibition will take place in the near future at which both will be exhibited and at which the leading military men of Quebec will be requested to attend.

PATROL.

## Toronto.

The management of the horse show are congratulating themselves on having secured the use of the drill hall for their coming show.

This event arouses a great deal of interest among members of the different Toronto regiments as to when it does not interfere with any drill fixtures, there does not seem to be any serious reason why it should be refused, provided always that the militia of Toronto reaps some pecuniary benefit from it, which we believe it does.

Pt. Hayhurst G. M., has secured an appointment in the Department of Inland Revenue at Hamilton.

On Monday the 20th, the sergeants of the Q.O.R. elected as officers for 1896: President, Col-Sergt. W. H. Meadows; vice-president, Col-Sergt. F. T. Hill; secretary, Col-Sergt. J. A. Cooper; treasurer, Sergt. B. Hill. Jan. 21st.

A Toronto branch of the Navy League was formally organized on the 15th. His Honor the Lieut-Governor of Ontario, Lt-Col. Kirkpatrick having accepted the position of Honorary President. The Navy League has its headquarters in London, England, its end being the strengthening of the British Navy. The League will endeavor to promote the establishment in all Canadian ports of schools for the training of seamen to be naval gunners, and thus build up a force capable of serving in any efficient reserve to the British Navy as well as a protection to our own lake ports in case of war. Efforts are to be made to establish branches in other lake cities throughout the province. To Mr. H. J. Wickham is due the credit of bringing this useful work to a head.

### RUDYARD KIPLING'S SORROW.

That Great Writer's Regret at the Death of the Late Capt. Andrew M. Irving.

The few who well knew the late Capt. Andrew M. Irving and his writings recognized in all his work a promise of achievement far above mere local standards of merit. He was not spared to fulfil that promise which his young manhood gave, but the following letter from Rudyard Kipling is gratefully welcomed by those who admired the rare ability of Andrew M. Irving:

Naulakha, Waite, Vt., Jan. 16, '95

Dear Sir—I have just received your letter and enclosure giving news of the sad death of Capt. Irving, and must thank you that you thought to tell me. I would have given a great deal to have met Captain Irpersonally, for his correspondence with me showed that he was a good and zealous officer, as well as a delightful writer.

If there is any kind of regimental or mess memorial to be later established in his honour, I trust that his regiment will not think it impertinent of me if I ask to subscribe my little share.

Very sincerely yours,

RUDYARD KIPLING.

Capt. Wyatt, Q. O. Rifles of Canada, Toronto.—Toronto Telegram.

## Who Is He ?

To the Editor of CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

DEAR SIR.—With all due deference to R. E. A. D.'s supposed superior military knowledge, he probably may not be aware that the blue undress uniform of officers of the Royal Engineers is very similar to that of the Royal Artillery; and undress on that occasion (the Toronto church parade) being out of place was nondescript, otherwise odd. But as he evidently is possessed of superior information as to the corps and rank of the gentleman in

question. Calling him a Captain in the Royal Engineers, it would be desirable if he will kindly throw further light as to who the distingué really is when the army list will then settle the question definitely. In the meantime I reiterate that "he cannot possibly be of any military rank or even on the retired list," because an Imperial officer would never dare to appear before the G.O.C. in undress uniform at a full dress parade, thus R. E. A. D. makes a very poor excuse for his friend, for he should know that Imperial officers possess both full and undress uniforms, and carry with them both or none when travelling away from their corps, know the distingué cannot be an Imperial officer; and as there is no corps of Royal Engineers in the Canadian service, who is he?

Yours &c,

F. D.

Ottawa, 25th Jan. 1896

## The Bisley Team.

To the Editor of CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE.

DEAR SIR,—As I am very much interested in the scheme, I have been anxiously looking over the GAZETTE to see some comment or expression of opinion given re the building of permanent quarters for the Canadian rifle team at Bisley, and having seen none as yet, I take this opportunity of saying that I think the idea an excellent one. Capt. Pope is to be congratulated for the elaborate plans and elevations he has prepared, and which were printed in the GAZETTE of Dec. 15. There is no doubt, but it would be a great saving to the Dominion Rifle Association in the end. Let the shooting men, especially, take the matter up, and as Capt. Pope has set the ball rolling, let us keep it moving until the permanent quarters are inhabited by a team of Canadian riflemen. I am satisfied that not only the comfort of the team, but the quality of the shooting as well, would be very much improved.

With regard to the plans, there is just one or two items I would draw attention to, that might add to the comfort of the team. I think that when two trunks and valises are put into the berths they will be found too small, and I would suggest adding another foot in width, to each which would make the building six feet deeper. I would also have double doors on the two small halls leading from the dining room to the berths, which would shut off the noise considerably, and add to the comfort of any that wished to retire early. By adding six feet to the depth of the building, it might be reduced a little in length, and instead of having two tables placed crosswise of the dining room to one long table, the commandant at one end, and the adjutant at the other, it's more sociable you know, and the "boys" enjoy it better. Now, as for dividing the building (or team) into two sections, giving one side to the officers, and the other to the non-coms and privates, I think that a wrong idea. After signing articles at the brigade office, Montreal, it would be better for any officers on the team (except the two in charge,) to lay aside their rank, and go to Bisley as members of the Canadian rifle team only, and remain so until dismissed after the shooting is over. I may have a lot of "Cranky" notions of my own, but I think that after officers and men "pair off" as they wish, that lots should be drawn for berths on steamer, as well as at camp, and also for places at table. Let every member of the team have an equal chance, and they will work better, and shoot better together right through the meeting.

Yours &c,

SMOKESTACK.