

itually and persistently absents himself from drill is neither more or less than an obstacle to the progress of the battery. If he cannot attend, at the least, three drills out of five, he should resign, and give men who can attend a chance. It is a pity that those to whom reference is made do not follow the example set them by Sergt. Major Spry, who very seldom misses a drill, and who is deserving of the greatest credit for his zeal in the face of the many difficulties that beset him.

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The Toronto Battery has neither progressed nor retrograded on the way to the first place in the efficiency competition. There are more reasons than one for this, but it would be thought that the first city in Ontario should do somewhat better. However, "Here's to Hamilton," and may she give place to Toronto next year. We will work for it.

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At a meeting of the Battery, held after drill on the evening of Thursday, 19th inst., it was decided to hold a concert in aid of the widow of the late Gunner Decarle, who was killed by the kick of a horse, while taking part in the representation of the battle of T. I-el-Kabir at the Industrial Exhibition. A committee, with Sergt. Major Spry as chairman, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements, and the date fixed for holding the concert was Tuesday, December 11th. It is intended to make a thorough success of the affair, and the sister corps of the city are asked to give their assistance. The generous manner in which the Royal Grenadiers came to the aid of the unfortunate widow and little ones at the time of the accident was the subject of much cordial commendation, and the kindly Grens may be sure that their generosity will not be forgotten by their brothers of the Battery.

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Gunner George Martin asked those members of the Battery who were present at the last parade to respond to the call of the "Military Gazette" to collect maple leaves to be sent to the Royal Canadians, now stationed in India.

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Bombardier Loach has resigned. Promotions will ere long be the order of the day.

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It is rumored that Lieut. Armstrong has resigned from the Field Battery to accept a commission in the Garrison Artillery. His departure will cause universal regret in the Field Battery.

"SHARPNELLA"

MONTREAL.

Major-General Kenneth Henderson, C. B., is the new title for the gentleman who was better known to old Montrealers as Colonel Henderson, while he was stationed here with the 60th Royal Rifles. Col. Henderson was also for a time in London, Ont., with his regiment. While here he married Miss Corinne Starnes, daughter of the Hon. Henry Starnes. For some years past he

has been Assistant Adjutant General for recruiting in the home district. He has now been promoted to command the Garrison of Alexandria, with the rank of Major-General. He succeeds Major-General Sir W. Butler, K. C. B., about to be transferred to an infantry brigade at Aldershot. The new Major-General has seen service in the Indian mutiny, the Chinese campaign and the Soudan expedition.

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Nos 3 and 5 Companies of the Garrison Artillery had repository drill on the night of Oct. 18th under the instructions of Sgt. Fellowes, of "B" Battery, Quebec. It is probable that Nos. 4 and 5 will not compete for the shield, but the others will undoubtedly make the competition a sharp contest. The time in which the gun was mounted and dismounted the night in question was 9 minutes and 15 seconds, being done by No. 3 Company. This was the best time this year.

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There was a meeting of the sergeants of the regiment on Friday night to reorganize the mess, and to arrange for social affairs. A class for the instruction of non-commissioned officers has been begun. This will obviate the regimental examinations exacted, and certificates will be issued for promotion.

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Lieut.-Col. Cole has returned from his trip to Europe looking hale and hearty. He was well received by Army officers in England, and was favorably impressed with all the troops he met there. He says that English soldiers are still smarter than either French or Germans.

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The sergeants of the Prince of Wales Rifles had a progressive euchre party on Saturday, 21st, to which all the brigade was invited. Mr. W. Pringle won the first prize, while Sergt. Major Pendleton and H. W. J. Little tied for second. They played off and Pendleton won. The booby prize went to Mr. R. Herron.

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Saturday night, Oct. 21st, was selected by the members of the sergeants' mess of the Vics to hold their first re-union of the season, and the call was as usual well responded to. The attack was upon oysters, and it was both vigorous and well sustained. The chair was taken at 8:30 by Sergeant Major Gorman, while assembled round the table were the following: Q-Master Sgt. McIndoe, Paymaster Sergeant Baillie, Orderly R. Clerk Whitcomb, Hl.-Sgt. Simpson, Ab.-Sgt. McCrea, Col.-Sgt. McArthur, Col.-Sgt. Gascoigne, Sgts. Binmore, Lanigan, Clarke, Burton, Kelly, Lapierre. Amongst the guests were: Ex-Sgts. K. Matthews, Simpson, Rose, McCombe, McDuff, ex-Sgt. Major J. L. Gardiner, Allan Irwin. During the evening Lt.-Col. Starke, Capt. Meakins, of No. 3 Co., Capt. Pope, of No. 1 Co., and Capt. Wilson, of No. 5, paid them a visit and received a very hearty welcome. The oysters, although playing a very prominent part, did not occupy all the attention of the men,

for many a good song assisted in making the evening pass off pleasantly. Those who contributed were Hospital Sgt. Simpson, Sergt. Lanigan, Sgt. Kelly, Corpl. Rose and Pte. McDuff.

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The following is the schedule of the Whist Club of the Vics.

Date.	Companies.
Oct. 11	- - - - - 1 vs. 2
Oct. 18	- - - - - 3 vs. 4
Oct. 25	- - - - - 5 vs. 6
Nov. 1	- - - - - 1 vs. 3
Nov. 8	- - - - - 2 vs. 5
Nov. 15	- - - - - 4 vs. 6
Nov. 22	- - - - - 1 vs. 5
Nov. 29	- - - - - 2 vs. 3
Dec. 6	- - - - - 4 vs. 5
Dec. 13	- - - - - 1 vs. 6
Dec. 20	- - - - - 5 vs. 3
Dec. 20	- - - - - 2 vs. 6
Jan. 3	- - - - - 1 vs. 4
Jan. 10	- - - - - 3 vs. 6
Jan. 17	- - - - - 2 vs. 4

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A Scotch dance under the auspices of the sergeants of the Royal Scots will take place in the Vics' Armory on 1st December, at 8:30. The committee is composed of the following gentlemen: President, Sergt. Major Niven; secretary-treasurer, Corp. D. A. Casey; committee, Col.-Sgt. Currie, Pip.-Sergt. Clarke, Sergt. Bethune, Sergt. J. Munn, Srgt. W. McKeown, Corp. Gardner, Co.p. McKeown.

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The Sixth Fusiliers, commanded by Lt. Colonel Burland, had a parade on the night of Oct. 19th, which was largely attended. Both bands accompanied the regiment in their march through the city.

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The officers of the Sixth Fusiliers have organized a hockey team for the coming season, with Captain Findlay as captain of the team and Lt. Dr. Tatley as secretary and surgeon. The officers of the Royal Scots, Vics, and Prince of Wales have already organized teams, and the forming of a schedule is talked of, which is intended to also take in the team of the Guards at Ottawa. If this is done it will make a lively series of military hockey matches this winter, and it is probable a cup will be competed for.

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The staff and captains of the Mount Royal Rifles, or 65th Battalion, held a meeting the night of Oct. 18th to review the pay lists and to discuss matters in relation to the interior economy of the regiment. Captain Mackay, of Papineauville, an old officer of the battalion, is about to return to his old command. Lieut. Dugas has retired from the regiment and he will shortly be gazetted out. A great number of the men were paid after the inspection from the funds of the battalion, and last night the pay list was completed, as the rest of the mens' pay was forwarded from Ottawa.

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A great number of students and old cadets of St. Mary's College have expressed the desire to form a company of the 65th, and they wish to have Captain Trudel, who was the old commander of the St. Mary's