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The "at home" of the 3rd rifles officers, at the Halifax hotel last Friday night, was one of the social successes of the year, there being over four hundred present. The officers of the Rifles and those of other regiments were in uniform and the scene was a gay one when the dancing began.

During the afternoon the ball committee consisting of Majors Twining and Siroon, Capt. Vidito and Lieut. Taylor Thompson and Greenwood, with a host of assistants, were busily engaged in decorating the large dining room, which is so well adapted for the purpose of a dance. With its mirrors and permanent decorations this large apartment is always handsome, but the effect was heightened by the artistic work of the committee. The doors and windows were all hung with flags very artistically draped and on the east end of the room, between the mirrors, was the royal coat of arms flanked on either side with small red and white ensigns. Beneath the coat of arms was a star trophy of bayonets with crossed revolvers as a centre piece. In front of this was a stand of arms, with the regimental colors crossed above it. In front of the colors was a stand of arms glistening in the bright light of the room and near the stand were the silver cup trophies of the regiment. The incandescent light lamps were all covered with delicate pink tinted shades, and the rail of the orchestra gallery was draped with bunting.

When the ball was opened the dancing surfaces was a marvel of smoothness that delighted the devotees of terpsichorean amusement. The band of the regiment, under Harry Hanson's direction, was stationed in the orchestra gallery and rendered the following programme of dance music in splendid style.

Extra valse—Jennesse Doree.
 Valse—Mon Ami.
 Valse—Min Cara.
 Lancers—Piafore.
 Valse—Bitter Sweet.
 Militaire—De Goss Coss.
 Valse—Thine Alone.
 Two step—Up the Street.
 Valse—Clapping Hands.
 Lancers—Patience.
 Valse—Myosotis.
 Militaire—Boston Belle.
 Valse—Louisiana Lou.
 Valse—Swingling.
 Lancers—Belgravia.
 Two step—Washington Post.
 Valse—Bright Angela.
 Valse—Venetia.
 Militaire—Mascotte.
 Valse—Suppinal.
 Galop—Poltergeist.

As usual the whole of the first and second floor south of the rotunda was at the disposal of the ball committee and was flagged off from the rest of the building. The supper table was situated in St. Julian dining room and was furnished in the first-class style characteristic of the Halifax. The reading room was furnished with plenty of chairs and seats for tired dancers, and "cozy corners" were arranged all through the corridors. Apparently every attention had been given by the Rifles' officers towards the comfort and convenience of the guests.

The guest entrance was by the St. Julian and a canvas canopy had been arranged over the sidewalk, from the doors to the curb, and carpet laid across the sidewalk also. The cloak rooms were just inside the entrance. The guests were received by Colonel and Mrs. Crace in the corridor adjoining the ball room.

There were some very handsome dresses worn by the ladies, all of whom seemed to think the Rifles' officers the best of hosts. Among them were: Mrs. James Morrow, white over pink satin.

Mrs. Russell Twining, blue silk, with white and silver trimmings.

Mrs. F. Tremaine, mauve and black satin and natural flowers.

Mrs. A. Keith, white silk, with pearl trimmings.

Mrs. Wickwire, blue figured silk, trimmed with lace.

Mrs. Vidito, purple velvet and white chiffon, with amethyst jewelry.

Mrs. M. E. Butler, cream satin.

Mrs. Tobin, red satin, with cream lace.

Mrs. Gladys Tremaine, black over light satin.

Mrs. J. T. Twining, white satin, with green and gold trimmings.

Mrs. Arcott, white satin, trimmed with white organdie and natural flowers.

Mrs. F. Marr, blue silk, trimmed with black catrib feathers, pink and white flowers.

Mrs. James Black, satin with chiffon trimmings and carnations.

Mrs. B. A. Weston, salmon shaded silk and white chiffon.

Mrs. Ada Smith, pink silk with white chiffon trimmings.

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