

favorite, Mr. Benj. Bremner, who marched up the aisle in regalia, supported by a strong quartette. Mr. Bremner's solo was "The regular army oh!" with chorus. They were enthusiastically encored. A selection from the band with chorus was much appreciated. A reading by Capt. Moore "Exploits of a Bachelor" was well received. Mr. Gaudet gave a violin solo which was well rendered. A solo by Prof. Earle was encored. Then came a speech from Col. Moore, recalling the victories of the Brigade in the past and urging 'Victory' as their watchword for the future. Mr. Davison sang "Rule Britannia," the audience taking up the chorus, and then at Col. Irving's suggestion hands were joined and Auld Lang Syne was sung. God save the Queen and three rousing British cheers closed the proceedings. Prof. Earle and Mr. Hawley kindly acted as accompanists to the satisfaction of all.

MONTREAL.

The third meeting of officers of the Montreal Brigade in connection with the formation of a garrison club or institute was held in the quarters of the Prince of Wales Rifles, at the Drill hall, on Saturday, 18th February. There were between 40 and 50 officers present, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Lieut.-Col. Butler presided, and in opening the meeting stated that he had just returned from Toronto, where he had examined the working of the Military Institute of that city, and reported strongly in favour of organizing the Montreal association on similar lines. He then called for reports from the committee which had been appointed at the previous meeting to look out for suitable rooms. They stated that so far they had been unsuccessful in hearing of quarters that would meet the necessary requirements, but hoped at next meeting to be able to give a more satisfactory report.

After a good deal of discussion it was decided to organize at once, under the name of "The Montreal Military Institute." A committee consisting of commanding officers and Lieut.-Cols. Massey and Brosseau was appointed to draft a constitution and set of By-laws to report at next meeting, to be held on 4th March. On behalf of the Sixth Fusiliers, Lieut.-Col. Burland requested that the next meeting be held in the rooms of his corps. The meeting then adjourned.

The question of dress to be worn at these meetings was discussed and it was decided that it be left optional. This naturally must eventually result in all wearing mufti. The wearing of mess uniform at informal social gatherings such as these appears entirely unnecessary, and to a certain degree must tend to diminish the attendance.

Lieut.-Colonel Butler and his officers proved to be excellent hosts, and all present greatly appreciated their hospitality.

There is a good deal of talk among military men here about the fact that the colours of the Montreal Troop of Cavalry are not held as usual by the commanding officer, but are said to be in the possession of Mr. David R. McCord of this city, having been purchased by him.

We believe that a formal request is to be made to Mr. McCord to restore them to the Troop. These colours were, we understand, presented to the Troop over eighty years ago, soon after its formation.

By recent General Orders, the Montreal Field Battery are to go into Brigade camp at Laprairie on 27th June, for twelve days. This will be a new departure for the M. F. B., whose annual training has, for many years back, been done in what may be called a Battery camp on St. Helen's Island.

By the bursting of a water pipe on 27th February in the quarters of the Royal Scots damage to the extent of about \$250 was done to regimental stores. A Board, composed of Major Ibbottson, Capt. Cameron and Rankin, was convened to adjudge the value.

It is more than probable that the official inspection of the various Montreal corps will be held as follows:—Cavalry and Field Battery, 8th July; Montreal Garrison Artillery, 9th and 10th June; 1st Prince of Wales Rifles, 10th June; 3rd Victo-

rias, 3rd June; 5th Royal Scots, 17th June; 6th Fusiliers, 24th June; 65th Mount Royal Rifles, 1st July.

As Dominion Day this year falls on a Saturday, and as one of the best Brigade camps in the Province will be running at Laprairie at that time, the first of July might well be taken advantage of by the Montreal battalions, and any corps that may visit the city on that occasion, for a short encampment on the historic common of Laprairie, the scene of so many brilliant parades of His and Her Majesty's regular troops in the first half of this century. The camp could run from Friday evening to Monday morning, and the men participating could have a practical taste of guard-mounting, sentry-go, and all the useful work of camp life; such service would be worth a dozen show parades on the Champ-de-Mars. By having no review on the Queen's Birthday this year (which falls on a Wednesday) the members of our city regiments could well devote Dominion Day to such a useful and pleasurable outing as suggested.

There is some talk of the 14th Battalion "Princess of Wales Own Rifles," of Kingston, paying Montreal a visit this year; if they come, they may rely on being most heartily welcomed. At their last visit to Montreal in June 1887, on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee parades, they created a most favorable impression and their steadiness on parade and on the march was much admired. There is no reason why a number of distant regiments should not favour Montreal with their presence this year, and Dominion Day at Laprairie witness the great review of the year. As a central point between Toronto, Quebec, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. John and Halifax, it offers excellent advantages for the best corps in Eastern Canada.

There is one fine regiment within ten hours rail of Montreal that has never yet seen fit to visit this city. This is the Royal Grenadiers of Toronto, a corps whose record on active service, on parade, and at the butts, is of the highest. As one of the strongest battalions in the force, imposingly uniformed and possessing an excellent band, its appearance in Montreal would be a marked event in the military history of the city.

WINNIPEG.

Extract from 90th regimental orders, Feb. 21: The annual drill of the regiment will commence Wednesday, March 1, at 8 p.m. sharp, and every succeeding Wednesday until further orders. Recruit and N. C. officers' class every Friday at 8 p.m.

The sergeants of the Canadian Dragoons entertained the sergeants of the city corps on Thursday evening 23rd Feb., at their mess in the barracks, Fort Osborne. An enjoyable evening was spent in song, speech and other forms of amusement. Sergt. Judges, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Stevenson, Sergt. Stewart, Mr. Mason and others took part in the programme.

The following, taken from *Printer's Ink*, may be read with profit by many subscribers to the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE. The moral is obvious:

"A retail advertiser in a country newspaper takes the following ingenious means of reminding his customers that a prompt settlement of outstanding accounts is desired:

O the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered.
Honor the charge they made.
Noble six hundred.—*Tennyson*.

That's just what we have been doing—"Charging," and if the Noble Six Hundred would now honor the Charge we made and settle up, we should be supremely happy. Don't hesitate because your charge was only two dollars. We are not millionaires, and every \$ counts.

Yours truly,