

North American Squadron, Bandmaster J. Vezina of the R.C.A. presided at the piano and rendered a number of marches and selections. Songs were sung by Mr. J. H. C. Ogilvy, R.C.A., Sgt-Major Lyndon, Sgt-Major Barrington, Hospital Sgt O'Hagan, Sgts Engelfield and Croft, and following petty officers: C P O Webb, C P O Jordan, E R A Campbell, P O World, P O Johnston, etc. It is needless to state that a most enjoyable evening was spent.

On the 10th inst., the president and members of the Quebec Garrison Club entertained Vice Admiral Erskine at a dinner. The chair was occupied by Lt-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G., who had on his right hand the guest of the evening and the Prime Minister of the Province. On his left Capt. Powell, of the Crescent and the Hon. T. C. Casgrain. A very pleasant evening was spent. The music was supplied by the R.C.A. band under the leadership of Bandmaster Vezina. Among others present were: Lieut-Cols. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G., Geo. Rolt White, 8th R.R., Majors C. A. Pentland, R. L., Laurin, 87th Bn., B. A. Scott, 61st Bn., Captains W. J. Ray, 8th R.R., T. Benson, V. B. Rivers, and Hudson of the R.C.A., and Capt G. J. Dunn, the secretary-treasurer of the club.

On the 12th inst., the blue jackets of H.M.S. Crescent proceeded to the Plains of Abraham for their weekly exercises. A number of the citizens went out to see them.

The citizens are indebted to the string band of H.M.S. Crescent and to the band of the Royal Canadian Artillery, for the music performed by them on the Terrace. As usual on such occasions a large number of people were present.

A team of eight men from the 8th Royal Rifles defeated a team from the Crescent at St. Joseph de Levis. The riflemen scored 673 points to 576 by the sailors. The match took place on the 13th inst., at the ranges.

In the competition for the Metropolitan cup, Lieut Davidson came first with a score of 88 points.

Lieut-Col. O. Prevost, Superintendent of the Government Cartridge Factory, died on the 16th inst., after an illness of some weeks. He was buried on the 19th inst., with military honours. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack upon which was placed the busby and sword of the deceased officer. The gun carriage was drawn by six horses. The charger was lead by two members of the R.C.A. The firing party consisting of 100 men under command of Lieut-Col. J. F. Wilson. The pall bearers were: Lieut-Cols. Ray, 9th Bn., Forrest, D.P.M., Geo Rolt White, 8th R.R., and Fraser 88th Bn., and Major L. Laurin 87th Bn. Among others present were Lieut-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, Capts. Imlah, Benson, Rivers and Hudson of the R.C.A. and Messrs. H. A. Panet, H. Cyril Thacker, J. H. C. Ogilvy and Benyon of the R.C.A. Major G. E. Allen Jones, 8th R.R. and representatives of the 9th Bn. At the

completion of the service at the Basilica the body was taken to the Q. & L. St. J. Ry. Station. The firing party was drawn up facing the train, and as it moved from the station three volleys were fired. After which the Artillery marched back to the Citadel.

Capt. H. P. du P. Casgrain, R. E. left for England yesterday, after spending a few weeks in the city. Among others who have visited Quebec recently were Mr. W. E. Cooke, R.C.A., Kingston. Mr. Fred W. White, U.L. Dept. Militia and Defence, Ottawa.

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Montreal.

Things military have of late been somewhat livelier here. The 65th gave a military concert in the hall of the Monument National on the Sept. 18th, which was a great success in every way. The music was excellent and the attendance large. This battalion has been more interested in rifle shooting this year than it has for some seasons. A team of their men having shot through the League and other matches during the season, and this interest came to a head on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the regimental rifle matches were held. The prizes were numerous and handsome, and the following were the principal winners:

In the maiden stakes, Capt. Thibaudeau made the top score, followed by Pte. Lafortune. In the team competition, that from No. 5 company, consisting of Captain Thibaudeau, Corporal Cote and Sergeant Aumond were first, followed with the team from No. 6, consisting of Capt. Peltier, Sergt.-Major Peltier and Corp. Laforce. This competition was for the cup offered by Mr. A. A. Thibaudeau and for individual prizes. The special match was won by Capt. F. S. Mackay. The association match was won by Capt. Thibaudeau, who receives a handsome Martini repeating rifle. Capt. de Tonancour won Lieut-Col. Hon. J. A. Ouimet's cup, while in the aggregate matches for Dr. Lachapelle's cup and the P. Q. R. A. badges were both won by Corp. Cote. Capt. Peltier made a most efficient range officer. The shooting for the first matches was good, and the greatest credit is due Major Hebert, Capt. Thibaudeau, Capt. Peltier and Capt. Mackay, for their efforts in organizing the rifle association.

All Montreal riflemen are glad to see their confreres awaken to the importance of rifle practice, and hope to meet more members of the 65th in friendly contest in the matches next season.

The members of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, who have been down to the Island of Orleans to put in their annual gun practice, returned to the city on the 19th Sept.

The detachment consisted of Lieut-Col. Cole in command, Major Ogilvy, Lieut. Collins, Lieut. Cole, Dr. Matthewson, and fifty-six non-coms. and men, a few men short of the required number, a fact that was owing to the authorization to shoot coming so late in the season. On arriving at Quebec on Tuesday morning the men were ferried across to the island and immediately went into camp. This was under the command of Lieut-Col

Montizambert, assistant inspector of artillery, who was assisted in his duties by the officers of the R.C.A. Lieut.-Col. Cole was also assisted at the battery by Major Farley and Capt. Benson, Lieuts. Ogilvy and Panet marked at the targets.

The practice this year was the first under the new system of heavy gun firing, and was new to the officers of the permanent force and militia alike. In this new drill the range is not given, but must be found by trial shots. Six shots are allowed for this purpose for each group of guns. When the range is thus found the fire commandant reports to the umpire. The group is then given credit for each shot less the six trial. The targets were also changed from time to time in order that the range would not be known. Numbers 1 and 2 companies completed their practice on Tuesday, while No. 3 finished on Wednesday at 1 p.m. Lieut-Col. Cole acted as fire commandant for Nos. 1 and 3 companies with Sergt.-Major Fellowes as group officer. In No. 2 company Major Ogilvy was fire commandant with Sergt. Wilson as group officer. The scores of Nos. 1 and 2 companies were as follows:

No. 1 company, with 40-pounder breech-loading gun, total points 138.

No. 2 company, with 40-pounder breech-loading gun, total points 112.

No. 1 company, with R. W. L. 64-pounder: 112.

No. 1 detachment, a possible of 48 points.

No. 2 detachment, 36 points.

No. 2 company, with R. W. L. 64-pounder:

No. 1 detachment, 36 points.

No. 2 detachment, —

The first detachment of No. 1 company, who, with Gunner Peard as gun layer, put on the splendid score of 48, a possible, are to be congratulated on their achievement. The ranges throughout the practice ran from 1,900 to 2,800 yards. The scores of No. 3 company are not yet completed and therefore cannot be given for a day or two. The weather for the practice was particularly fine, with the exception of a strong breeze on Tuesday that necessitated a deflection of fifteen minutes to the left, in the tangent scale.

Among the many pleasant functions that brightened up the stay in camp was the lunch on Wednesday, which many Quebecers attended. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Miss Deane, Misses Richardson, Mrs. Scott (Washington, D.C.), Mr. A. Robertson, Mr. A. Foote, and the Misses Foote, Mr. J. K. Bruce, of Montreal, an ex-officer of the regiment, and others. Another enjoyable event was the time-honored custom of a great bonfire on Tuesday night. Songs and stories made the time pass pleasantly until the bugle sounded "lights out."

On Wednesday afternoon the detachment left for home on the Canada, arriving in Montreal about 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.—*Gazette*.