

AMUSEMENTS.

(If the active organizers of regimental games, company clubs, and similar winter occupations for the militia will forward us accounts of their doings we will gladly publish them. This, we hope, will have the good result of encouraging the organization of similar clubs where there are none at present.)

ST. JOHN, N.B.—A most successful military concert was given on the 8th by the band of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers under the patronage of Lieut.-Col. Blaine and the officers of that corps. The band, under the leadership of Prof. Auguste Andersen, played some very fine selections, the principal being "Danse des Démons" and "Nightingale's Serenade" (Piccolo Solo), which were *encore'd*. The vocal part of the concert was no less enjoyable; the singing of Signor Ronconi of the Abbott Opera Company was rapturously *encore'd* and his rich bass voice once heard will not soon be forgotten; there were several other solos by leading lady and gentlemen amateurs of the city. The officers of the force in St John were present in uniform.

MONTREAL.—No. 5 Co. of the Vics. have issued a large number of invitations to their annual "At Home," to be held at Hall & Scott's on the 18th inst. The Gar. Art. Snowshoe club held its annual meeting Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., in the rooms of the sergeants' mess, St. James street. The prospects of the club are very encouraging, the membership having much increased. Next week the club will tramp over the mountain and will have turn-outs weekly thereafter. The following are the officers elected last night: Hon. president, Lieut.-Col. Oswald, re-elected; president, Capt. Stevenson, re-elected; 1st vice-president, Capt. Levin, re-elected; hon. 1st vice-president, Major Turnbull; 2nd vice-president, Acting Brig. Sergt.-Major J. Benton, re-elected; secretary, Sergt. S. D. Jones, re-elected; treasurer, Staff-Sergt. J. Cooper. Committee—Sergt. W. Fagan, Sergt. W. Brenner, Corp. P. McDonald, Gun. Norris, Bom. Laird, Bom. D. Budech, Gun. A. E. McNaughton.

TORONTO.—The arrangements for the ball of the G.G.B.G., in aid of the family of their late Troop Sergt.-Major, are progressing. A tug of war team of either the Q. O. R. or R. G. would accommodate the regiments in Montreal and give them all they wanted.

BRANTFORD.—The members of B company, Dufferin Rifles, held their annual supper in Foster's restaurant on Friday evening last.

WINNIPEG.—A library and recreation room for the use of the non-coms., and men of the mounted infantry, has been fitted up at their barracks, Fort Osborne. Any contributions in the way of books, periodicals or other reading matter, games, etc., will be gladly accepted, and may be sent to care of Sergt.-Major Billman, president of the library committee.

GLEANNINGS.

The Remington works at Ilion, N.Y., have received an order from the Turkish Government for 200,000 rifles, and the announcement was received with the ringing of bells, the firing of cannon, and a general jubilee.

Never, probably, since the Guards left London for Culloden, and Hogarth sketched them as they marched under Highgate Arch to Finchley, have they had in England a scene of military disorder to match the exhibition made by the City of London Militia on their departure from Aldershot the other day. The regiment was a thousand strong, and of that total over six hundred men, including many non-commissioned officers, had deserted Mars for Bacchus, and were in a condition of more or less decided drunkenness. By all accounts the spectacle was very extraordinary. The valiant auxiliaries moved at will, and halted of their own accord whenever a liquor store was encountered.

The question of memorializing the Dominion Government to refund the expenses incurred by the City of Toronto in equipping the volunteers who went to the North-west on active service, and in supporting some of their families, will be submitted to the City Council at its next meeting.

An officer of the Midland Battalion asks us to suggest to gentlemen about to indulge in tobogganing that they can secure a wonderful amount of comfort, saving of their clothing and immunity from fatigue, by the use of "pattees," such as were served out to that corps. They consist simply of a cloth bandage, 8 feet 6 inches long by about 3 inches wide, wound round and round the leg over the trousers, from the instep to the knee. As the article costs but a few cents, and when nice'y put on is most becoming, perhaps some gentlemen will try the experiment; if so, any of the officers will gladly furnish a pattern and show how it should be worn.—*Belleville Intelligencer*.

The Halifax garrison is to be again increased to its normal strength by the addition of the famous regiment, the 49th Berkshire. It is stated also that four first-class torpedo boats of 1,000 horse power each will be sent to the Halifax naval yard next year.—*Moncton, N.B., Times*.

Inspector Howe last week enlisted 18 men in Halifax for the Mounted Police force, who will leave for the North-west immediately. As there were nearly 200 applicants he was able to secure a good class of men. He afterwards left for Picton to enlist some 10 more and will proceed with them to Moncton, where the Halifax detachment and some men previously enlisted at St. John will join them, and then they will be sworn in and put on the pay-list. The last enlistment made at Halifax put the men on pay at once, but this time no advance is made and no board bills paid till the men arrive at Moncton, when those who arrive will be sworn in.

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