

All prizes were presented immediately after the termination of the regatta. In the evening, as a sequel to the aquatic of the day, an illumination took place. Colored lights and substances were burned, rockets were exploded and fireworks set off.

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Some weeks ago a number of militiamen were detected, it is alleged, discharging fire-arms on the common. The name of one of the men was handed, by a sergeant of the 66th, to the colonel of the battalion. The person in question is Private Cricket, of the 66th. He was married on Monday. He was ordered by the colonel to appear before him Monday evening to answer to the charge preferred by the sergeant.

It seems that Cricket ignored the command of the colonel and, as a result, he has been ordered out of the corps without pay.

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H. M. S. Blake will go into the dry dock on the 9th of this month for general overhauling, painting, etc. She will remain in dock about four days, and will leave soon after for Bermuda.

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It seems to be a settled fact that the proposed new drill shed will be erected on the old site, notwithstanding that a large part of the property at the corner of Cunard and North Park streets has been bonded by the Dominion government. A petition has been signed by the militia officers favoring the old site and it will be forwarded at once to Ottawa. It is pointed out in the petition that the old site is the most desirable and better situated for the purpose than the Cunard street one. The matter is expected to be definitely settled in a short time.

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Tenders have been asked for repairing the drill shed at Halifax, for temporary use; but the Government still propose to proceed with the erection of a new building as soon as a suitable site is obtained.

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John Holland, Barrington street, has just finished the carving of a fine figure head for H. M. S. Mohawk. According to the certificate given Mr. Holland by C. Bryant, shipwright at the dockyard, the work has been creditably done and superior to the figure head done in England and replaced by the one in question.

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It was decided last week to place the warship Blake in the dry dock on Tuesday. Preparations were commenced at once to receive her. The Blake remained docked five days. The dock was open to visitors every afternoon and evening the Blake was there. The ship's band played during the evenings, and the tars treated the visitors to songs, etc.

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It will be pleasant news to many to know that H. M. S. Blake will not leave Halifax for Bermuda till the first week in November.

The 20th of September being the anniversary of battle of the Alma, the vice-president and officers of the Royal British Veteran Society were busily engaged carrying out their annual custom of decorating with the Union Jacks the graves of their deceased members. The Welsford & Parker monument, and also the graves of some of the brave men who lost their lives in the memorable fight between H. M. S. Shannon and the United States ship Chesapeake, the graves of the late Sir Wm. O'Grady Haley, Carney Woods, the old Waterloo veteran, Col. Milson and Capt. Roebuck at Fort Massey were also remembered. The Holy Cross and Camp Hill cemetery also show the kind remembrance the members of this society have for their dead—but not forgotten comrades.

The officers elected the same night, are as follows:

President—Maj. Gen. J. W. Laurie.
1st Vice-Pres.—W. H. H. Jackson.
2nd Vice-Pres.—John Thornton.
3rd Vice-Pres.—J. Dazell.
Treasurer—Thos. Snelling.
Recording Secretary—C. Putnam.
Assistant Secretary—J. Collier.
Financial Secretary—Thos. Anderson.
Asst. Fin. Secretary—J. Kelly.
Marshall—T. Thornton.
Asst. Marshalls—T. Rowe, T. Day.
Doorkeepers—M. H. Sullivan, G. Farmer.
Standard Bearer—John Hughes.
Sick Committee for wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6—T. Day, John Hughes, John Thornton, M. H. Sullivan, G. Farmer, J. Lanigan.
Finance Committee—G. Farmer, P. McKinnon.

LONDON.

Referring to the visit of "A" Company of the Seventh Fusiliers to St. Thomas the other week, the Journal says:—"The fine physique of the men and steady marching was greatly admired by hundreds of citizens who lined the streets from the M. C. R. to the drill shed. The London boys returned at 11 o'clock, highly pleased with the way they were treated in the Railroad City. The men of "A" Company are deserving of great praise for the orderly manner in which they conducted themselves whilst here, and Captain Graham has good reason to be proud of his company."

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The Free Press has run foul of the colonel of the Seventh by printing an article stating that the regimental bugle band had participated in a political demonstration. The day after this statement was made the paper published the following letter:

To the Editor of the Free Press.

Dear Sir,—I noticed in this morning's issue an article headed, "Who Sanctions This?" and then proceeds to state that the bugles of the Seventh Battalion Band are used in the Grit parades and side-shows, etc. This assertion is incorrect. Some of the buglers, no doubt, are members of the Liberal Drum and Bugle Corps, and, as citizens, please their own political leaning and play with them; but the Seventh Battalion Bugle Band has not been on parade except with its own corps, or unit thereof. In regard to the Grit band being alluded to by one of the officers of the Battalion to Major Hayes (acting adjutant), it is untrue. It looks as if the writer of the article in this morning's paper wishes to injure the prosperity of the battalion by relishing politics. There has been quite sufficient

of such in the past. It is the last place that politics should play a part, as it requires the united efforts of our citizens, irrespective of party, to maintain an efficient and well-disciplined corps.

Yours truly,

H. PAYNE, Lieut. Col.,
Commander 7th Fusiliers.

OTTAWA.

With military honors, the remains of Major Braddish Billings was laid away in Beechwood on the afternoon of Sept. 20. The funeral procession, which left the drill-hall at 2.30, was one of the largest military corteges seen in Ottawa for years. A firing party from the 43rd Batt. fifty strong, came first, and were followed by the 43rd band playing a dead march. Immediately behind was a gun carriage of the Ottawa Field Battery, bearing the remains. The casket was wound in the Union Jack. The carriage was followed by deceased's charger, boots reversed, led by his orderly, Pte. Lytle, of No. 4 Co., 43rd Rifles. Immediately behind came three coaches bearing the chief mourners, after which marched the officers and non-commissioned officers of the 43rd Batt., G. G. F. G., Field Battery, and Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, according to seniority

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The World, (London, England,) speaking of Major Lake's appointment, says he is "an officer of whom more will be heard." He is, adds the World, perhaps best known in the Service as secretary of Lord Warrington's Committee on Recruiting. "The ability, industry, and tact he displayed during the sitting of the Committee in question, marked him as quite a coming man; and General Ivor Herbert, who has been in England lately, was only too glad to avail himself of the services of so good and zealous a staff officer to watch over the department of supply and transport. It is one, from all accounts, which requires to be thoroughly reorganized, and a better choice could not possibly have been made of a reorganiser."

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The staff of the new governor-general consists of the following named:

Secretary—Arthur J. Gordon, G. M. G.—Mr. Gordon began his colonial experience as one of the staff of Sir Arthur Gordon, now Lord Stanmore, when governor of New Brunswick. Mr. Gordon went subsequently with Sir Arthur to Fiji as private secretary, and later on, in the same capacity, to New Zealand and Ceylon. Mr. Gordon is distantly related to the Earl of Aberdeen, and Mrs. Gordon is a cousin of His Excellency.

Aide-de-camp.—Capt. Urquhart, of the Cameron Highlanders.—Captain Urquhart is the eldest son of Mr. Urquhart, of Meldrum, Aberdeenshire. He served through the last Egyptian campaign. Captain Kindersley, of the Coldstream Guards.

Extra Aide-de-Camp, and Assistant Secretary.—David Erskine, the eldest son of Mr. Erskine, of Lintrathen, Forfarshire.

R. M. Ferguson, brother to Mr. Ronald Ferguson, of Nevar, will join the Earl of Aberdeen at Quebec, as extra A. D. C.