

Snow-shoe parades have been well kept up by the R.C.A. this winter, and a march out on snow-shoes takes place periodically. The sergeants of the R.C.A. are giving a series of dances during the winter.

Lt.-Col. Wilson has been transferred to command of "B" Field Battery from No. 1 Company, and Captain Rutherford takes over command of No. 1 Company. Lt. H. C. Thacker has been appointed Adjutant of the R.C.A. at Quebec.

Lt.-Col. Montizambert and officers of the Royal Canadian Artillery at Quebec gave a ball at the Citadel on January 16th. The roads to the Citadel were excellent and the night fine, and some three hundred guests were present. Dancing was kept up till an early hour in the morning.

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With the fall of the snow comes a necessary partial cessation of out door work, but this is compensated for by the exercise obtained by fatigue parties cutting wood, and by route marching on snow-shoes which, to use a naval expression, is much appreciated by all hands, if not by all feet. It is intended to purchase a gymnastic outfit, specially including spring bayonet rifles and foils; but this has not yet been accomplished.

Many much needed repairs have been lately done to the barracks, and with new sashes to our barrack windows we are able to sleep without a blizzard rattling through the rooms.

Our Christmas festivities were much enjoyed, all the rooms being exceedingly well decorated, so that it was found extremely difficult to award the prize for the best decorated room, which our kindly commanding officer offered; it was finally awarded to Corporal Russell and the merrie men of his room, who had spent much time and some money in the decorations—as, indeed, had been done by all the other rooms. The Colonel, some ladies, and all the officers were hospitably received by the non-commissioned officers and men at the dinner hour, and the good feeling of all ranks was plainly manifested. While the decorations were being taken down a few days later, a spark from the stove caught some of the boughs, and this ancient old landmark of a barrack nearly went up in smoke like the Winchester Barracks. Thanks, however, to the energy of Corporal Russell and his men, in whose room the fire occurred, it was confined to that part—the only harm done being a scorching to the ceiling, the walls, and damage to several kits.

Recently, No. 4 Company being over strength, the commanding officer was directed to send a draft of 4 recruits to No. 3 Company and 1 to the Battery at Quebec. Sergt. Naufts, who came to us from No. 3 while at camp, was in charge of the draft, and they left at 7.45 a.m. Jan. 18, expecting to arrive at St. Johns the next evening at about 9 p.m. We have 5 attached officers and 39 non-commissioned officers and men, and Capt Chinic is directing their efforts towards