

junction, was the monthly competition of the Montreal Rifle Association, which resulted as follows:

	200	500	600	Tl.
J. J. Bell, silver ladle -	27	33	33	98
J. Broadhurst, silver table spoon -	29	33	31	93
G. Lavers, silver dessert spoon -	29	32	27	88
R. Kough, silver tea spoon	29	29	29	87
The "Green" tea spoon was won by				
J. G. Clarke -	31	31	25	87
M. G. A. monthly spoon competition.—				
1st class, Gun. G. Cooke -	-	-	-	89
2nd class, C. S. M. J. Carpenter -	-	-	-	81
3rd class, Corp. Ford (green) -	-	-	-	77

QUEBEC.

A meeting of the officers of the 17th Battalion of Levis, was held on Sunday 23rd, for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposed conversion of this rural battalion into a city corps. All concerned look very favorably upon the project and the only obstacle in the way now, appears to be the want of a suitable drill hall. This, it is said, the government is ready to supply provided always that the town council contribute thereto either by a sum of money or a suitable site for the building. Steps are being taken to ensure the success of the scheme.

The dinner given to the N. C. officers and men of the Permanent Corps stationed at Quebec, by His Excellency the Governor-General, took place on Saturday evening 22nd at 5 o'clock, in the Ball Room attached to the Governor-General's quarters at the Citadel.

All the arrangements for their entertainment had been made by the Governor-General himself before leaving, and he had personally interested himself in procuring the necessary permission of the Ministers, the Commandants and all concerned.

The handsome Ball Room had been beautifully decorated, and three long tables had been arranged down the length of the room with a cross table on the side next the quarters, well furnished with necessary table fittings, plate and glassware and prettily decorated with flowers. They were capable of accommodating 250 guests. When the Orderly Trumpeter sounded "Diners up," the whole of the N. C. officers and men of the Royal Schools of Cavalry and Artillery, with the exception of the few necessarily detained on duty, guard, etc., sat down to discuss the following excellent bill of fare, provided by the caterer, Sergt. Pugh, R.S.A. :-

Menu.—Fish.—Salmon, cream sauce and cucumbers.

Entrees.—Salmi of chickens, curried kidneys.

Joints.—Roast Beef and horse radish sauce. Roast Turkey, Ham and Tongue, Spring Lamb and mint sauce.

Sweets.—Charlotte Russe, Wine Jelly, Meringues, Fruit Pies, Strawberries and cream.

Fruits.—Apples, Oranges, Peaches, Pears, Bananas, Nuts and Raisins.

Vegetables.—New Potatoes, French Beans, Green Peas.

Drinks.—Tea, Coffee, Beer, Lager Beer, Ginger Ale, etc.

The head table was occupied by the

Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants of the two corps and invited guests.

The chair was taken by the Master Gunner, supported on the right and left by the Sergt.-Majors of the Royal Schools of Artillery and Cavalry. The large staff of waiters, under the charge of Sergt. Thomson discharged their duties efficiently and to the entire satisfaction of the large assembly. When justice had been done to the good things provided, the chairman proposed the usual toast to Her Most Gracious Majesty. After this had been drunk with the customary honors, the Master Gunner rose to propose the toast of the evening. He said that His Excellency, on the afternoon of his departure, had personally expressed to him his wish to do something "to show his appreciation of the conduct of the men of the Permanent Corps, Cavalry and Artillery, at Quebec, with whom he had been much connected during his five years residence in Canada." Although very busy bidding adieu to his friends and fulfilling the many necessary duties expected on the eve of his departure. His Excellency had made all necessary arrangements himself, and personally obtained the necessary permission of the Minister of Public Works to use the Government Ball Room, and had shown an interest in the whole matter that was most kind and flattering to those he wished to benefit. "A supper to all hands, Cavalry and Artillery, to be enjoyed together" was his idea, "when he hoped the men would have a good time and drink the health of the Countess and himself."

The chairman added "I think we have all had a good time, and cannot now do better than carry out the instructions given, I have therefore the honor to propose the health of the generous donors of the feast, the Earl and Countess of Derby."

This toast was most enthusiastically received, and the chorus of "He's a jolly good fellow" was almost loud enough to make one imagine that the kind givers of the entertainment could hear it.

"Far across the maple trees
O'er long leagues of rolling seas
Across the purple heather."

The healths were drunk of the "Ministers of Public Works, and Militia," who had granted the use of the Ball Room.

"The General Officer Commanding, Major-General Herbert"

"The Officers of the Permanent Corps, Cavalry and Artillery."

"The Press."

"The Dinner Committee," Sergt.-Majors R.S.A. and R.S.C.

"The Chairman."

"The caterer," Sergt. T. Pugh, whose exertions had met with such success."

The party broke up at a reasonable hour, well satisfied with their entertainment, and wishing all prosperity and health to our late Governor-General and his good Countesses. We may add that necessary provision was made to supply the unfortunate duty men with their share of the good things.

The Earl and Countess of Derby honoured the Sergeants' Messes of the School of Artillery with most beautiful photographs of themselves, and their autographs, which will be kept in high esteem in memory of the donors.

HALIFAX.

H. M. S. Mohawk, Lieut Commander Bayley, arrived on the morning of the 16th from Bermuda. This is her first visit to Halifax. She is a sister ship of the tartar, now on this station, and of the ill fated *Serpent*, which was lost in the Bay of Biscay, two years ago.

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The flag of Italy, a combination of green, white and red with the national coat of arms for a centrepiece, flies from the Halifax consulate. In the absence of Consul General W. J. R. Fisher in Newfoundland, F. W. Hanright, of the law firm of Hanright & McKinnon, is acting Italian Consul. His first opportunity of experiencing any substantial dignity in the consulship was when the Italian steel cruiser *Etna* arrived Friday morning, the 14th, from Bar Harbor, Maine. The *Etna* is a flagship and has Admiral Magnaghi on board. *Etna* was built at Castellam in 1885, has twin screws, two spars, or gun masts, two funnels and is 3,470 tons displacement. Her armament consists of two 10-inch guns, one forward and one aft, six 6-inch guns in sponsons, three on each side, and 15 rapid fire and machine guns, four torpedo launching tubes. She is a deck protected cruiser of an indicated horse power of 7,700, which is capable of driving her 17.5 knots. Her length over all is 288.5 feet; breadth 43.5 feet; draught 19.2 feet. In appearance she resembles the *Blake* in miniature. The *Blake* is nearly three times the *Etna's* displacement, has three times her horse-power, can steam five knots an hour more and has 11 more guns than the Italian. The *Etna* with two consorts took part in the naval parade at New York.

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Col. Domville, instead of going into the Canadian Militia Department, as it was erroneously reported he was about to do, has gone into the service of that great organization, the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, and has become the manager of the business of the association in this Province.—*St. John Globe*.

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The annual target practice of the two Scottish companies of the 63rd Halifax Rifles was held at Bedford on the afternoon of the 12th in a steady downpour of rain, which thoroughly soaked the "boys" and very materially reduced the chances of high scoring. Major Crane was in command and Surgeon Campbell was in attendance, but fortunately found no more serious task than to have a crack at the target. Major Bishop's prize—a silver headed cane—for most centers was won by Sergt. Creighton, and Col. Walsh's prize for third class shots and recruits, by Private W. Davison—both of the 1st Scottish. For Captain Silver's challenge cup four teams have competed, and the 2nd Scottish stands first with Nos. 3 and 4 to shoot. The following are the companies and prize lists:

First Scottish Company, Capt James—		Pts.
56—Private C. T. Burns -	-	69
5—Sergeant Stenhouse -	-	67
5—Sergeant Creighton -	-	60
4—Private A. Myer -	-	58
4—Private Fred. Taylor -	-	53