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The Ball given by Lt. Col. Curren and Officers of the 1st Nova Scotia Brigade Garrison Artillery on Friday Sept. 25th, at the Lygax Hotel, was one of unusual size and grandeur. Seldom of the same kind taken place in the provinces. No noise or trouble was spared to make the whole entertainment a complete success, which it undoubtedly was.

All the arrangements were on such an elaborate scale, and the guests numbered many hundreds.

Out of the thirteen hundred invitations issued, over half accepted and were present. It was quite late in the evening that the same across friends for the first time—while some were never with at all—so numerous were the guests, and so extensive the accommodation.

As the various military and naval uniforms combined with the very smart dresses made it a most brilliant scene, the large display of electric light showed everything off to advantage. Colonel Mrs. Curren received everybody in a room adjoining the hall, which was elaborately decorated with lovely lilies and other choice flowers. The large dining room was given up to dancing and in the morning from that was the refreshment room, which provided all the best of light refreshment before the supper room was opened. The supper was a most recherche banquet, specially noticeable were the selections of sweets and fruits, while all kinds of more substantial delicacies were spread in abundance.

Upstairs the long landings and passages were furnished with black and arm-chairs, under a subdued light.

The music room was arranged as a boudoir tastefully decorated with lovely bouquets of flowers on small tables.

Out of the large french windows of it, one stepped into the redunervatory, very prettily lighted with Chinese lanterns, and led to there a stair-case led on to the roof of a long building overlooking the Harbour.

Here was quite a fairy scene. Hundreds of small lights in wire gauze glasses lit up this balcony. It was a very warm night, and so thoroughly enjoyable was the fresh cool air there, in the comfortable seats arranged all round.

The band of the Leicestershire Regiment played to perfection in a case was stationed just outside the ball room. The lovely strains of music could be heard in the distance from the balcony, and made it a truly pantomime scene.

Some of the dresses made their first appearance and were very black or white ones, which is always advisable where forms are worn. While others we'll trust made their last appearance, and will not be "tittivated" up for any of the six coming dances.

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