

A grandson of deSalaberry, the victor at Chateauguay a hundred years ago, is to lead a French-Canadian battalion which is to be mobilized in Ottawa shortly. The newly-appointed C.O. is a civil servant and it is hoped to have a good percentage of French-speaking civil servants in the ranks of his unit. To add a further reminiscent touch, the battalion should be named "*Voltigeurs*."

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All correspondents of *The Civilian* should now be settled down to a new year's work. At the holiday season the editors make due allowance for special distractions, but February should see every one in harness again. Several distant friends have not yet sent in their first budget with a "1916" date-line.

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With fellow-sympathy and fellow-pride, as co-workers under British government, the civil servants of Canada have read, in cable despatches, the name of the Civil Service Rifles in the list of regiments suffering severely on the firing line. Such honor as this is denied to the Canadian Service because its fighting men are dispersed among the hundreds of regiments, battalions, batteries and other units raised in Canada during the past eighteen months.

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Don't forget to save your waste paper for the soldiers' benefit funds.

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There is desultory talk of a Civil Service company in the new English-speaking battalion soon to be raised in Ottawa. There is plenty of material. A popular civil servant as company commander would make the scheme a sure success.

In the midst of a bombardment of atrocious names, it is refreshing to note that the Russians have occupied Kum.

## Women's Column.

### THE MASQUERADE.

A picturesque and enjoyable masquerade dance, under the auspices of the Women's Branch of the Civil Service Association, was held Thursday evening, January 20th, in the Y.W.C.A. Over one hundred and fifty young ladies in costume were present and enjoyed an evening of dancing. Many and varied were the costumes, including the quaint Colonial, the early Victorian, peasant costumes of the various European countries, Pierettes and Pierots, fairies, ballets, summer boys and military gentlemen.

Before unmasking, prizes were awarded to Madame Pompadour as the prettiest, the Wild Man from Borneo as the most original, and Sis Hopkins as the funniest. All three played their parts perfectly throughout the evening.

During the evening a very graceful demonstration of the modern dances was given by some of the maskers.—COM.

### DE SALABERRY TO COMMAND.

Captain Rene De Salaberry, of the Department of Justice, who went to the front with the Second Battalion. C.E.F., has accepted the offer of the Minister of Militia to raise and command the French-Canadian battalion which is to be recruited at Ottawa. Capt. De Salaberry is a grandson of the De Salaberry who fought at Chateauguay in 1813. Before the war he held a commission in the Governor General's Foot Guards. He was wounded in the leg by a shrapnel fragment at Ypres early last autumn but made a successful recovery in the hospital at Dieppe.