

The Carey Memorial concert, given with such signal success some weeks ago, was repeated in equally good style at the Opera house on 22nd inst., for the benefit of the House of Industry and Hotel Dieu.

The massed bands of "A" battery and the 14th battalion in full uniform, were arranged as before on gradually rising tiers of seats, filling the entire stage. The portrait of the late composer, presented to him by "his boys" a year before his death, again occupied a prominent place, fittingly draped in black.

A most attractive programme was presented, and the pieces were rendered in an almost faultless manner.

The bandsmen were at their best in the now well known paraphrase of "Nearer, my God, to Thee," with which sacred arches and aisles have rung when he who conceived its delightful cadences still held the baton. The selection was heard with the closest of attention, and was followed by a burst of applause. The galop "Sweet Sixteen," and the familiar Regimental marches closed a splendid programme.

Bandmaster T. C. Carey, of the Battery, wielded the conductor's baton in a masterly way, which showed how much of his father's ability he has inherited.

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The 14th Battalion will don white helmets this year.

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At the recent fire in the 14th Battalion band room the members of the band sustained a loss of about \$100. The room had just been improved, and new fixings and accommodations added which were destroyed by water and smoke. The sergeants of the Battalion generously offered the members of the band the use of their mess room to practice in and to make it their home, but the band had secured quarters on the opposite side of the hallway in the same building, used by the bugle band for a band room. This will be used until such time as their old room is restored.

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The evidence as to the cause of the fire on the 6th inst. was heard by Lieut.-Col. Straubenzie, D.A.G. Bandsman C. Jackson, J. Robinson and J. Wootton, caretaker, were examined, and as near as could be ascertained from their testimony the fire must have originated from a lighted match being thrown on the floor. After hearing this evidence the Board adjourned.

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On evening of 6th inst. the sergeants of the 14th Battalion met in their mess room and presented Band Sergeant James Robinson with a handsome meerschaum pipe, on which the following inscription had been engraved: "Presented to Band Sergeant Robinson, from the sergeants of the 14th P.W.O.R., April 6th, '93." The presentation was made by Staff-Sergeant McIlroy, who also read a complimentary address. Sergeant Robinson replied fittingly, thanking his brother sergeants for their kind wishes and handsome gift. After this the remainder of the evening was given up to sociability and reminiscences of the good times departed.

Sergeant Robinson left the next day at 12.40 for Winnipeg. A large number of his friends were at the station, and gave him a hearty send-off.

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The popularity of Staff-Sergeant Boutillier of "A" Battery, was evidenced by the farewell tendered him at the Tete du Pont barracks on night of 27th ult. The "send-off," which was held in the Sergeants' Mess room, took the form of an oyster supper and presentation. It was under the auspices of the sergeants of the Battery, and, besides a number of non-commissioned officers of the 14th Battalion, there were present Sergeant-Major Morgans, ex-Ald. Creeggan, Sergts. Newnham and Swaine, Messrs. McKae, Wootton, Woodhead and Parent.

After the bivalves and other good things had been awarded ample justice, glasses were filled, cigars lit, and speeches, songs, recitations, etc., listened to. Sergeant-Major Stroud presided, and the following toast list was given: "The Queen," "Army and Navy," "The Guest of the Evening," "The Ladies," "Sergeants of 'A' Battery," "The Press."

In proposing the toast to Staff-Sergeant Boutillier, Serg.-Major Stroud made a very complimentary speech, expressive of regret at losing that gentleman, and then, on behalf of his comrades, presented him with a cigar-holder and a handsome meerschaum pipe. Staff-Sergeant Boutillier replied

suitably, expressing regret at leaving "A" Battery and the city.

The evening was enlivened by songs and recitations, contributed by Sergeant-Major Morgans, R.M.C., Sergeant-Major Stroud, Sergeants Kelly and Hewlett, Staff-Sergeants Boutillier and McIlroy, Messrs. Gondin, Wootton, Swain and others. The gathering broke up at an early hour with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," and cheers for Staff-Sergeant Boutillier.

On the same evening, the gallant Staff-Sergeant was a guest at the Sergeants' Mess of the Fourteenth, and was presented with a meerschaum pipe. On the stem of the pipe was a silver plate, on which was engraved "S. S. Boutillier, from the Sergeants of the 14th P.W.O.R." Color-Sergeant T. Dunlop occupied the chair, and Staff-Sergeant McIlroy made the presentation in a short but complimentary speech. The usual toasts followed and the members of the Mess then adjourned to the Mess rooms of their brothers-in-arms of "A" Battery, where further festivities took place, as stated above. The pipe was accompanied by a package, which Staff-Sergeant Boutillier was cautioned not to open until he reached the barracks. Upon investigating it he discovered that it contained six boxes of matches.

VICTORIA, B.C.

"Easter manoeuvres," though an important feature of the training of the volunteers in England, have hitherto been unknown in Canada, and in fact are for climatic reasons hardly practicable in the Dominion outside of British Columbia. On Friday, 31st ult., the Victoria batteries of the B. C. B.G.A., inaugurated what will doubtless be a regular series of such operations here.

About 9:30 in the morning No. 4 Battery, in command of Capt. Smallfield, marched from the armoury at the Market hall, in field day order, and carrying the provisions and ammunition necessary for a prolonged defence of the position in the vicinity of Mount Tolmie, assigned for their occupation. They were allowed an hour's start in order to make ready for a fitting reception of their friends "the enemy."

The attacking party consisted of No. 2 Battery, Lieuts. Sargison commanding; and Lieut. Monro and No. 3 Battery, Capt. Quinlan and Lieut. Williams. Added to their regular equipment was a field detachment with a brass cannon. They took the most direct route to the scene of operations. At the outskirts of the city an advance guard was sent out to skirmish right and left of the highway, to guard against surprise by lurking detachments of the other side. No indications of the enemy were observed until the scouts had passed the cross-roads near Mount Tolmie, agreed upon as the outer zone of fire; but they had only advanced a few yards beyond this danger line when fire was opened by the advanced pickets of the defenders, who were concealed in a position of perfect security less than a hundred yards away. The attacking force were at once put in skirmishing order, and thrown out so as to advance from either flank, as well as from the direct front of the position held against them. The advance was made by short rushes between the numerous points of natural shelter furnished by trees, rocks and mounds. The field piece was brought into action, and helped to make things boom. The defenders, finding themselves outnumbered and outflanked, retreated in good order towards their strongest post, at the base of the observatory on the mountain top, and from this there was no immediate prospect of dislodging them, when the arrival of the provision train, with comforts for the hungry and thirsty soldiery, caused a truce to be proclaimed, and the whole force assembled at the summit.

After an hour's rest, the volunteers marched home, to the accompaniment of the sole-stirring music of the Brigade bugles and impromptu vocal selections. The armoury was reached shortly after two o'clock. Capt. Smallfield, who is at present in command of the Brigade, made a brief address, in which he expressed his satisfaction with the day's proceedings, and the hope that there would be many such events in the future.

Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D.A.G., with Capt. Ogilvie, of C Battery, gave countenance to the affair and encouragement to the participants by their presence, in mufti. A few citizens also were witnesses of the affair. The artillerymen look for another outing at no distant day.—*Colonist*.