

WINNIPEG.

On Monday evening, 6th inst., the officers of B troop Royal Canadian Dragoons, entertained the returned eastern hockey players and a few friends to dinner at the officers' quarters, Fort Osborne. The invited guests in addition to the team were J. S. Ewart, Q.C., president of the Manitoba Hockey Union; F. L. Patton, vice president; Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G.; President Merritt, of the Victoria club, and Mr. Joseph Hall. The band of the Troop was present, and furnished music during dinner. After the cloth was removed a short toast list in addition to that to the health of Her Majesty was disposed of. "The Team" was responded to by Capt. Evans and J. C. G. Armytage; "Officers and Corps" by Capt. Heward, commandant, Capt. Gardiner and Lieut. Williams; "Manitoba Union," by J. S. Ewart, Q.C.; and "The Champion Skater," by John McCulloch. Messrs. Hall and Higginbotham also gave several duets on mandolin and guitar; while songs were contributed to the fund of entertainment by Capt. Evans and Gardiner and G. H. Merrit, and R. Girdlestone presented his inimitable Red River jig. The party broke up about 12.30 after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

HALIFAX.

The officers of the 1st Halifax Brigade G. A. dined together at the Halifax Hotel on the 9th inst. Among the guests able to be present were three ex-colonels of the brigade, viz., Lt.-Col. W. H. Creighton, Lt.-Col. Thos. Mowbray, and Lieut.-Col. Geo. Mitchell; also Majors Fred. Bullock, Reserve Militia; Capt. Peacock, 1st Leicestershire Regiment, and several of the leading citizens. The band of the brigade was stationed in the corridor and their playing added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

The Monday evening lectures for the non-commissioned officers and men have been fairly well attended, and those who have availed themselves of them consider that the time has been well spent.

Gun drill for officers and non-commissioned officers only will be carried on through the month of April, if the weather does not prevent, but as the gun shed is in a tumble-down condition, drill can only be done on fine evenings.

A smoking concert was held on the evening of 20th inst. at York Redoubt to bid farewell to a few of the Royal Engineers stationed there, and who are to leave for Bermuda very soon. A pleasant time was spent and the songs were sung in good style. The step dancing by Sapper Andrews was a feature. A very becoming toast was also given by Michael Brogan, an old Crimean hero. Sappers Andrews, Butler, Breally and Cotten, amused the company by walking into the room in very ancient costume.

On the night of 21st inst. the residents in the vicinity of the Wellington barracks were aroused from their slumbers by two loud trumpet blasts. They were followed by the cry of fire. Soon the barrack square was alive with soldiers and almost immediately after flames were seen shooting from a chimney in the officers' quarters at the extreme south end. Sparks were scattered in all directions by the wind. After hard work on the part of officers and men the flames were subdued.

Lance-Corporal H. Nethercote, 1st Leicester regiment, school assistant R. A. park schools, was, prior to his departure for Jamaica, the recipient of a handsome present from the children of the garrison. The presentation was made on behalf of the children by T. Greenwood, and consisted of a silver cruet and a pair of cut glass salt cellars.

The plate presented to the late Capt. W. G. Stairs by Sir Charles Tupper on behalf of the citizens of Halifax in London, December, 1890, was recently on view in the former city. A large punch bowl, the most valuable piece, was bequeathed to the Royal Engineers mess at Aldershot where it now is.

The troopship Jelunga, Capt. Mann, arrived here at 8 o'clock on the morning of 23rd March, from Bermuda, after a very fine run, having left there Monday afternoon at four o'clock. She brought from Bermuda the 1st Battalion Liverpool or King's Regiment, formerly known as the Eighth. No mishap occurred on the passage, and all were well when they arrived. The troops landed and marched to the Wellington barracks, through the north gate of the dockyard, at 11:30, headed by the band of the Leicestershire regiment. The men of the new regiment are a good-looking body.

The corps is composed of 23 officers, 1 staff-sergeant and 888 men, and attached to it are 5 ladies, 23 children, 31 women, 40 children, 2 servants, 2 horses and 6 dogs. Following is a list of the officers of the King's:—

Lieut.-Col. J. J. Hamilton; Major G. R. Stone, Major L. S. Mellor; Capts. H. J. W. Guise, G. T. Elliot, W. Clayton, H. W. B. Johnson, R. L. Hartley; Lieuts. W. A. Adams, W. S. Bannatyne, C. J. Stevenson, F. C. Ommanney, K. L. Tupman, F. J. Howard, J. Hyslop, L. M. Jones, Schofield, C. L. Parmiter, V. T. Bailey, F. J. Austen; Capt. and Adjutant, H. J. Evans; Lieutenant and Quarter-master, T. H. Pollard.

The King's Regiment was raised in 1685, and bears a most distinguished record. It took a prominent part in the defence of Canada against the American armies of invasion in 1776 and 1813, and has since then at several times been stationed in British North America. It is one of the few regiments in the service which bears "Niagara" on their colours.

On Sunday morning, 18th March, the Leicestershire regiment went to the Garrison chapel for their farewell service here. The building was packed by the soldiers and their friends, and the streets in the vicinity were thronged by people, who were anxious to see the regiment on its march to church, and hear the fine band for the last time previous to their departure on Saturday.

The first battalion Leicestershire Regiment—better known as the Seventeenth "Tigers"—took their departure from Halifax on Saturday, 25th March. They left barracks at 10 o'clock a.m., and were played to the transport steamer Jelunga at the Dockyard by the fine band of the King's regiment.

Great crowds of people viewed the troops along the route, and many secured admission to the Dockyard and steamer to bid their soldier friends a last good-bye.

In the Dockyard the departing regiment was first formed in a square. The men were attired in heavy coats and white helmets, and presented a fine military appearance. One company at a time filed off to the transport, and embarked in good order and high spirits.

When all were aboard the band struck up "Auld Lang Syne." A few very affecting scenes were observed. One young woman cried bitterly on the wharf and would not be comforted. Others were noticed having a quiet cry in the background, while fair and sorrowful, though calm faces, could be seen at every turn. Outside the Dockyard gate a damsel cried aloud in the bitterness of despair, "Three times have I been left a widow at the Dockyard gate."

The Jelunga sailed in the afternoon.

The last week in the garrison was a busy one to the outgoing warriors. On Monday morning the regiment was inspected by General Sir John Ross, who on the whole seemed much pleased with them. The evening was a very jolly one to the officers and their friends, being entertained at a dinner given them by the Halifax Club. This is an honour that has not been conferred on a regiment for many years. It was a great success, and it was decidedly the wee sma' hours before the merry guests took their way homeward. The speeches, which were quite an event of the evening, were very good, though some of them verged on the pathetic.

The Halifax papers are incorrect in calling the new regiment, the "King's Own"; that title belongs to the present Royal Lancaster Regiment, formerly the 4th. The old 8th has always been proud to call itself the "King's." The additional title of "Liverpool" imposed on the latter corps was a piece of War Office legislation, which was most unpopular with the regiment concerned.