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Miscellaneous Notes of one Week's Happenings.

PRIVATE WM. McCLAY, of the 71st Batt., died on Saturday the 12th inst., and his funeral took place from his late residence, West End, Fredericton, last Monday afternoon. The firing party, thirteen rank and file, was under the command of Colour-Sergt. George Edney, Corpl. William Gray leading. The full band of the battalion was present under Sergt. Offen, as were also Capt. Cropley and Licut. Perkins of No. 7 company, of which the deceased had been a member since its formation. The services at the house and the grave were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Payson, Methodist clergyman. The coffin was carried from the house to the hearse, and at the cemetery gate, from the hearse to the grave, by the following men belonging to the Royal School of Infantry, viz.: Ptes. J. Verdun, S. J. Brown, S. McLaughlin and C. Nason. The interment was at the Protestant cemetery, near the Hermitage. A large number of the n.c.o's and men of the Royal School of Infantry attended the funeral, thus testifying to the feeling of good comradeship which exists between the school corps and the 71st.

Capt. Harry King Stewart, of the Gordon Highlanders, who is a son of Col. Stewart, of Halifax, N.S., was married last month to Miss Gertrude Emily Romily, youngest daughter of Lady Elizabeth Romily and niece of the Earl of Minto. The ceremony was performed at St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, London, Eng., in the presence of an exceedingly fashionable gathering.

A Fredericton despatch to the St. John *Star* tells of a matrimonial mishap to John Thomas Walsh, said to be a colour-sergeant in the 62nd Fusiliers, and to have served in the North-West with an Ontario regiment, receiving three wounds at the fight at Batoche. The trouble arose out of the discovery that his newly wedded wife, Mary Ann Bates, had another husband living. She has fled to avoid arrest.

Hector McGinnis, of Antigonish, gave himself up last week to a police officer of St. John, as a deserter from "B" Battery. He says he enlisted several years ago, and in June last ran away from Quebec. Since then he has been working on the Short Line railway. He thought that the authorities would deal leniently with him if he gave himself up.

The Militia Department is still playing the sphinx on the rifle range question, neither saying nor doing anything. In view of this official inactivity the prospect of being able to make shift of the present ranges is being considered, but scarcely seriously as yet. The butts have been incorporated in the levee, and it would necessitate a considerable expense to get the targets re-equipped on the old field. As the levee curtains some of the ranges, and there is always a prospect of the proprietors disposing of the field in building lots, the acquisition of a new range appears the only reasonable solution of the difficulty.—*Star*.

#### Montreal.

NOTHING has yet been done in furtherance of Major Atkinson's suggestion, published some weeks ago, that a course of lectures should be delivered to the Montreal brigade during the coming winter. A writer in the *Star* says:—"Many volunteer officers spoken to enthusiastically favour the proposal, and it only requires some one to take the matter in hand to secure its success. The little force at Ottawa has had several successful affairs of the kind suggested and there appears no reason why they could not be made equally successful by the largest city brigade in the Dominion. If the matter was taken up there is no doubt but that Sir Fred Middleton would gladly consent to deliver at least one of the lectures, and the gallant Deputy Adjutant-General of the district would do his share. In addition, there are many officers of the force well qualified to lecture on the various topics of military education, whose services could be enlisted if the work is gone about in the right way."

The company and officers' rooms of the Victoria Rifles' Armoury have been completed and now form as fine a suite of rooms as can be found anywhere. The Armoury is nightly patronized as well as any club in the city. At the invitation of Col. Henshaw His Excellency the Governor-General visited the armoury during his stay in Montreal last week.

Lieut.-Col. Henshaw and officers of the Victoria Rifles are to hold a reception for the men of the regiment, at the Armoury on New Year's Day, from eleven to one o'clock.

The first annual dinner of the Montreal Rifle Association took place at Hall & Scott's on Saturday evening, and was a very enjoyable affair. Captain Hood, president of the association, presided, Major Edwards and Captain Win. Abbott occupying the vice-chairs. After the good things had been disposed of and the usual loyal toasts honoured, Sir Donald Smith presented the prizes won in the affiliated associations season's aggregate series, including the ram's horn trophy, won by the Royal Scots, and cash prizes of \$30 and \$20 won by the 6th Fusiliers and Victoria Rifles respectively. The toasts of the Montreal Rifle Association and the Governor-General having been honoured, the prizes for the association's monthly competitions were distributed. Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P., in presenting the prizes for the May and June competitions, made a characteristic speech overflowing with humour. Sir Donald Smith presented the aggregate prizes, as follows: N.R.A. medal, J. W. Marks, 6th Fusiliers; D.R.A. medal, J. R. Wynne, 5th Royal Scots; O.R.A. medal, Mr. Brown, 5th Royal Scots; P.Q.R.A. badge, Mr. Vaughan, 5th Royal Scots; silver cup for best aggregate of season with Martini-Henry rifle, presented by Captain Newton, won by J. W. Marks, 6th Fusiliers; aggregate for the season at 600 yards (Martini-Henry rifle), prize also presented by Captain Newton, won by J. W. Marks, 6th Fusiliers; the Association cup for the best open aggregate for the season, also won by J. W. Marks, 6th Fusiliers. The proceeding terminated with the singing of "God save the Queen."

#### Ottawa.

AT a meeting of the Sharpshooters' Memorial Committee on Monday evening the executive presented a report showing that they had awarded to the Canadian Granite Company the contract for the decoration of the graves of the two Sharpshooters, Privates Osgood and Rogers, who fell at Cut Knife Hill on the 2nd of May, 1885, and were buried in Beechwood Cemetery. The executive decided that the most suitable enclosure and headstone would be a moulded limestone curb, set on posts sunk in the ground, with a grey granite double tablet, polished face, set on a granite block resting on a limestone base, the whole to cost \$348. This work has been executed, and the foundation having been put in, will be transferred to the cemetery as soon as the weather permits. Of the several proposals that the committee have had for the erection of a monument in the city, that of Mr. Percy Wood was recommended for acceptance. It is briefly as follows:—A bronze statue and two bass reliefs. The statue to be seven or eight feet in height, emblematic of a Guardsman in uniform, in a posture of repose, together with portraits in bronze of Privates Osgood and Rogers, the whole to be delivered in Ottawa free of charge for \$3,000, payable after delivery. The committee further reported that it would be necessary to raise the sum of \$1,500 to provide for a suitable pedestal in granite, the design for which Mr. Wood will furnish free of cost.

Pte. Joseph Aughey, of No. 3 Co., G.G.F.G., died in this city on Friday last, aged 56 years. The deceased was a veteran who had seen considerable service in the Imperial Army, in India and elsewhere. He had been connected with the Guards for many years, having at first belonged to the band. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon. No. 3 Co. paraded at the drill hall, under Captain Aumond, and headed by the band proceeded to the deceased's late residence on Kent street. The service was read at St. Patrick's Church by Rev. Father Whalen, after which the remains were removed to a hearse, and the cortege proceeded to Notre Dame Cemetery, headed by the band; next followed the firing party, then the remains, followed by members of the company and members of other city bands, and many friends of the deceased.

No. 6 Co. of the Guards received their annual drill pay last Thursday evening, and were subsequently entertained at the Terrapin restaurant by Capt. Waldo. Here the election of several non-coms. took place to fill existing vacancies. Sergt. Elmitt having been appointed Hospital Sergeant, Corp. Luke Williams, who has been in the regiment for thirteen years, was next for promotion, but could not accept, as he is about to leave town. He retired in favour of Corp. Wm. Staples, who in turn also retired in favour of Pte. Heinrichs, who was unanimously elected. Sergt. Heinrichs lately attended a course of instruction at the St. John's School of Infantry and passed very creditably. Privates Shea and Hagan were elected lance-corporals.

The annual dinner of No. 1 Co. G.G.F.G., took place on Saturday last at Aylmer, whither the men had marched in good time from the drill hall, starting at 3.30 p.m. At Aylmer they were on this occasion the guests of their popular captain, Major Todd, who had provided a sumptuous repast at Ogilvie's (formerly Holt's) hotel. Besides the members of No. 1, there were present by special invitation Lieuts. Bell and Lawless of the 43rd Batt., Lieut. Taylor, Guards, and Sergt. Gallwey, No. 5 Co. The whole affair was unanimously voted the pleasantest outing the company has yet had.

The snowshoeing season was inaugurated on Monday evening, when the Rifles turned out in force for their first weekly tramp. The Guards Club had their first outing on Tuesday evening, winding up at the Coffee House, where they were hospitably entertained by Lieut. John Hodgins, the captain of the club.

#### Hamilton.

THE inspection of the 13th Battalion came off on the night of the 16th inst. with great *eclat*. Very few outside of the officers themselves have any idea of the difficulties they have had in keeping up the status of the regiment. After the old drill shed was burnt the men seemed to have lost all interest in military matters, and consequently the parades of the battalion for drill were not attended by the men in numbers to encourage the officers with hopes of making a good display when the inspection came off. A few months ago, however, a determined effort was made by the officers, aided by several of the leading citizens, to resuscitate the regiment, and their appearance in line on the Gore Friday night proved that the effort made was far more successful than the most sanguine expected. They were not only a credit to themselves but also to the city to which they belong.

At 7.30 p.m. they paraded at the armoury on James street south, and at eight formed up, and headed by their brass and bugle bands, marched to King street, near John. The field, staff and company officers comprised the following gentlemen:—Lieut.-Col. Gibson, M.P.P., in command, with Majors Moore and McLaren, and Captain Stuart, adjutant; Surgeon-Major Ryall and Assistant-Surgeon Griffin; Major Armstrong, paymaster; Major Masor, quartermaster; and Captain Adam, musketry instructor. The company officers were: A company, Captain Stoneman and Lieuts. Tidswell and Donville; B company, Major Barnard and Lieut. Ross; C company, Captain Zealand; D company, Lieut. Watson; E company, Capt. Reid and Lieut. Carpenter; F company, Capt. Gillespie, Lieuts. Hendrie and Osborne; G company, Lieuts. Mewburn and Chapman; H company, Capt. Moore and Lieuts. Cameron and Bowman. Some of the companies were over strength. The battalion numbered in all 369 officers, non-commissioned officers and men. Lieut.-Col. Gibson promptly proceeded to put the battalion through several difficult movements, which were performed in a very creditable manner, and shortly after the parade formed the inspecting officer. Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., appeared, attended by Lieut.-Col. Alger, D.P.M., Major Van Wagner and Capt. Hendrie, H.F.B. Messrs. Brown and McKay, the city M.P's, were present to witness the drill. The latter gentlemen have always taken a kindly interest in the regiment and helped it in every way in their power. For fully an hour and a half the regiment was exercised in field movements by Col. Gibson, Majors Moore, McLaren and Barnard, and at the request of the inspecting officer, Captains Zealand and Mewburn brought their respective companies to the front and drilled them in the manual and platoon and company formations. It was quite apparent that the officers and men were well up in their drill, as the several movements were performed in a very steady manner. The battalion movements were exceedingly creditable, the march past in open column, and the double and wheeling into line from the double, were nearly perfect and drew from those best able to judge remarks of "Well done 13th." After a long and hard night's drill the regiment marched to the new drill hall to the music of the brass and bugle bands. On arriving there they were formed up in close column and addressed by Col. Otter. He said it gave him much pleasure to notice a decided improvement since last year. The manual exercise of the companies was really very fair and far ahead of what they had exhibited on a former occasion, while the marching was very regular indeed. He was aware of the disadvantages the battalion had laboured under for the last eighteen months, and if the citizens had had an opportunity of witnessing their movements in daylight, instead of being compelled to be satisfied with a vague glimpse by lamplight, it would be far