

were made by Major Stewart, Paymaster Woodburn, Lieut. Gilmour, Lieut. Eaton, Sergt.-Major Eaton and ex-Corporal Fahey.

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In the Auditor-General's report, just issued, is published the correspondence between the Militia Department and the Auditor-General upon the "irregular pay-list of the Ottawa Field Battery," in one of which the deputy Minister of Militia writes:—"My reason for applying for a Receiver-General's cheque for \$25.55 to pay the Ottawa Field Battery for duty performed in firing salute of February 25th last was as follows: A pay-list for the payment of the detachment on that occasion was sent in by Captain Bliss, in temporary command of the Battery, Major Stewart being at the time in Toronto. A doubt subsequently arose as to the correctness of the pay-list thus submitted. The Department had meantime issued the usual cheque to Captain Bliss for the payment of his men. The question of the accuracy of his pay-list having arisen, Captain Bliss, instead of paying the men, deposited the amount of the Departmental cheque to the credit of the Receiver-General. Major Stewart, commanding the Battery, now submits a new pay list, and it is desired to have a Receiver-General's cheque to the order of Major Stewart, to enable him to pay the men. The amount of the deposit made by Captain Bliss was \$25.65. The amount now required to cover Major Stewart's pay-list is \$25.55. The latter is, therefore, the amount of Receiver-General's cheque asked for.

The amount sent in by Captain Bliss was placed to the credit of the Militia Department which issued a cheque to Major Stewart to pay the men and there the matter ended."

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Lt.-Col. Toller and the officers of the G. G. F. G., opened their newly-fitted quarters, in the Drill Shed, by a smoking concert, on the 20th inst. The guests included Major-Genl. Herbert, Capt. Streatfield, A.D.C., Col. Walker Powell, Adjutant-General, Lt.-Cols. Irwin, McDonald, Ross, Macperson and Tilton, Major Stewart, and other gentlemen. Not a little of the success of the evening was due to Messrs. Belleau, Sinclair and Tripp, Capt. Streatfield and Majors W. E. Hodgins and Heron, who contributed songs, and to Messrs. Colson and Gundry, who recited.

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A military hockey match was played in the Rideau Rink on January 24th, between teams from the Rebel Hockey Club and the G.G.F.G. The match resulted in a draw, each side scoring two goals. The Guards team was Major W. E. Hodgins, Capt. P. B. Taylor, Lieuts. E. F. Taylor, C. D. Tripp and Watters, Sergt. Grout, and Capt. Bentley.

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On the evening of the 28th, another detail of the G.G.F.G., consisting of Major W. E. Hodgins and Lieuts. Taylor and Tripp, the Bugle Band and 70 non-commissioned officers and men, formed a guard for His Excellency on the occasion of the Drawing-Room. On the return to the Drill Shed the officers in command thanked the men for the large turn-out, the required number of men being only 60.

HALIFAX.

No. 3 Battery, Halifax Garrison Artillery, had their annual drive and supper on the 25th inst. This battery is celebrated throughout the Dominion for its efficiency and skill, having been victorious in almost every big gun competition for which it has entered. For two years in succession its members have won the Governor-General's prize for the most efficient battery in Canada. They are the winners of the

- Oswald Gun Trophy, 1884.
- Quebec Merchants Cup, 1884-8.
- Jubilee Trophy, 1887.
- Montreal Merchants' Cup, 1888-9.
- Governor-General's Trophy, 1891.
- Mercier Trophy, 1892.
- Turnbull Challenge Shield, 1892.
- A. and B. Shifts, 1892.
- Governor-General's Trophy, 1892.

They left the Drill Shed about 2:30 p.m., in two large four-horse teams and a double sleigh—all supplied by Robinson—and attracted much attention as they passed through the streets; some in fantastic garb, and all singing lustily. In

the first large sleigh was displayed a large broom, representing "a clean sweep," and from a flag pole was a rooster—"cock of the walk."

The drive was to Bedford; the supper at Wilson's well-known house. An excellent repast was served, the handsomely decorated tables being rendered still more attractive by the presence of the many trophies won by the battery. Capt. Flowers, commander of the battery, presided, the vice-chair being filled by Sergt.-Major Case. After full justice had been done to the viands, toasts and songs followed. Her Majesty's health was loyally honored, the company singing the National Anthem. Sergt.-Major Case then proposed "Our Colonel and Officers," which was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Curren and Lieut. Mowbray. "Our Guests" proposed by Corp. Cunningham, was replied to by Messrs. Wm. Crowe, Robt. LePine, and Sergt.-Major Gibbs. "The Press," proposed by Sergt. Weatherbe, was replied to by J. W. Power, Recorder; and Sergt. MacDonald, in a neat speech, proposed "Our next merry meeting." The speeches were interspersed with songs, all of which were well rendered. "Down on the Farm," and "Love," by Gr. James; "The Fisher Boy," by Sergt. Frawley; "Mother kissed me in my dreams," by Bomb. Fader; and song by Corporal Jensen.

During the ensuing three hours the company enjoyed themselves in various ways, and at 11 o'clock started for home, the pleasure of the drive being only marred by a heavy shower of rain, which fell just before the party reached their homes.

The committee in charge of the drive were Sergt.-Major Case, Sergeants Weatherbe and MacDonald, Corpals. Jensen, Isnor, Cunningham and Matheson, and Bomb. Fader, who are to be congratulated on the success they achieved.

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Lieut.-Col. Curren's speech at the supper above referred to is well worth special attention from the mention made of possible changes of considerable import to the Brigade. He began by referring to his early days in this battery, and complimented them in their success, and referred to the fact that the mess table of the Brigade was adorned by 19 trophies, which with but one or two exceptions were won by No. 3 battery. He informed them a possible change in the brigade would likely be made this year, and instead of 7 Batteries of 42 men each as at present, they were likely to have four companies of 100 men each, thus increasing the Brigade 100 men. Should this occur, they would have the officers who they were previously associated with, and Major Maxwell would be their Major, which latter announcement was received with great satisfaction. Regarding the drill shed, Col. Curren said that the Government have come to the conclusion that the drill shed was too far south, and that the new shed should be north of George street, as a large majority of the militia resided in the North end. It is probable an effort would be made to sell the present site and secure a site in the vicinity of Cogswell street, for which the amount realized would pay. He also mentioned that he would probably attend the meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association at Ottawa in a few days, and the question as to whether the competition should take place at Halifax or Quebec was to be considered. He favored the latter place as the most suitable, and asked an expression of opinion from the battery, who gave their opinion in favor of the trip away. He thought the battery should make arrangements to take 19 men, so as to compete in both shifts.

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The Royal Engineers' Minstrel and Dramatic Club gave a very pleasant entertainment in their library, South Barracks, on Tuesday evening 17th inst. The library has been fitted up as a miniature theatre. Stage front, curtain and scenery have been very tastefully painted by a member, Sapper Trevor, R.E. The programme was made up of songs, excellently rendered, and several selections of instrumental music by Mr. Ackworth, R.E.; the evening's entertainment winding up with the farce, "The Terrible Tinker." The programme was excellently rendered, several of the songs being encored. The farce was staged and presented in good style, and considering the small amount of stage room, the production was a great success.

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