

ranks together. With the consent and support of the officer commanding, fortnightly meetings are to be held at which readings on subjects interesting to military men will be read. Songs, recitations, instrumental music, etc., will also be a feature of the meetings. These meetings are open to all members of the corps and their friends, and the men from the other corps are also cordially invited. They will be held on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Confirmation of rank is given to some of the Montreal officers who attended the recruit class of instruction for officers at Montreal. They are: Second-Lieuts. Heriot and Hamilton, 6th Fusiliers; Second-Lieut. Brown, 1st P.W.R.; Second-Lieuts. Starke, Hiam, Rodden, Stewart and Fisher, of the 3rd Victoria Rifles.

In a recent issue of the general orders Lieut.-Col. Charles Musgrove Boswell and Lieut.-Col. Frederick C. Henshaw have been made lieutenants-colonel in the reserve of officers dating from 14th Feb., 1887, and 15th July, 1887, respectively.

The Montreal squadron of the 6th Hussars will put in their annual drill at headquarters. Mr. C. S. Stevenson, manager and secretary of the Exhibition, has granted liberty for the squadron to put in their annual drill there immediately after the Exhibition. On account of this Capt. Whitley is having the squadron turn out two nights a week for drill, and the attendance is good. Since the troop has been made a squadron there have been a number of young men who have joined and when they go to camp it will be up to full strength.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of No. 2 Co., 2nd R.C.A.: Hon. president, Capt. Collins; president, Sergt.-Major Barwell; treasurer, Sergt. J. T. Wilson; secretary, Sergt. Clarke.

Major Roy, brigade major, Montreal district, is expected back about the middle of October.

The late Quartermaster-Sergt. W. McArthur, 3rd Victoria Rifles, was buried with military honors on Sunday week. The body was removed from Strong's Hospital to the sergeants' mess during the forenoon. Deceased was held in high respect by all ranks, and as a tribute to his memory large numbers of the regiment paraded at the armory, where an impressive service was held by the Rev. Mr. Smith, of St. James the Apostle Church. A firing party of 18 men, under Sergt. Rivet, marched in front of the gun carriage, on which was the coffin. The detachment from the battery was under the command of Sergt. Kendal. Following the gun carriage were the men of the regiment. At the rear of the men was Lieut.-Col. Starke and several other officers. At the grave the customary three volleys were fired.

The Toronto World says: "The proposal to have the 65th Battalion, of Montreal, visit Toronto next Queen's Birthday is one that will meet with general approval in this city and in the province of Ontario generally. The French-Canadian volunteers may depend upon meeting with a hearty reception if they decide to pay a fraternal visit to Toronto, either next May or at any other time. A visit of this kind would have a decided effect in bringing about a more harmonious feeling between the French and English-speaking people of the Dominion. By all means let the officers of the city corps send down a hearty invitation to their fellow-soldiers of Montreal to spend a day or two next spring in the Queen City." The idea of having the French-Canadian regiment visit the Queen City is a good one. There is not enough of that intercourse between the different battalions that should be. By such it helps to broaden the ideas of each, and at the same time breaks down that barrier of prejudice which exists to a great extent among the different corps.

D. Co., Royal Scots, held their annual company match the other Saturday at Cote St. Luc. There was a good turnout of the

members, and Lieut. Oliver was in charge. Sergt. Harbeson took first place with 69 points, being 13 points ahead of the second man.

Putnam Phalanx, of Hartford, Conn., visited Montreal on Wednesday. There was no military display, but a few of the members visited the drill hall in the evening, when the Highland Cadets went through some very smart movements. A company of the Royal Scots in full dress acted as a guard. The drill shed was crowded.

It is to be hoped that the new Government will do something in connection with the powder magazine at Cote St. Luc. The present one is far from being what it should be. The other day some tramps again broke into it and stole quite a quantity of ammunition and adjourned to a field some distance, where they amused themselves by keeping up an "independent fire." The attention of the authorities has been drawn several times to the dilapidated condition of the place. It would pay them to erect a proper magazine and caretaker's house, so that he could be on the grounds all the time. The thefts mean not only a loss to the Government, but to the P.Q.R.A. and Montreal Amalgamated Rifle Associations.

The 65th Mount Royal Rifles held their annual rifle matches at Cote St. Luc on Saturday. There was a good attendance.

Sergt.-Instructor Hawker, of "A" Squadron, Montreal, and Gunner M. C. Powers, of the Garrison Artillery, will have a number of bouts during the Exhibition.

Saturday next will see the close of the shooting season at Cote St. Luc ranges, when the Montreal Rifle Association will hold its annual meeting.

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BAD STATE OF BEDFORD RANGES.

HALIFAX, N.S., Sept., 14th.—The Artillery camp at McNab's Island, ordered for the 7th inst, was postponed to the 14th inst. Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, R.C.A., is to be camp commandant, with Capt. Benson, R.C.A., as his adjutant. Lieut. Cayley, Royal Artillery (a graduate R.M.C., Kingston, 1888) and four sergts. will be the instructors.

The rural camp at Aldershot, N.S., commenced on the 8th inst., Lieut.-Col. Irving, D.A.G., commandant, with Major Black, brigade major, second in command. The troops of this district will drill until Oct. 3rd, one half going into camp on the 8th, and the other half on the 22nd inst.

On the morning of the 7th inst. the 66th P.L.F. proceeded by special train to Bedford for the purpose of performing their annual target practice, but owing to the heavy rain then falling, the range was in such a state that it was considered impossible to carry out the shooting; they, therefore, returned to the city at 9 a.m. By the way, I understand that the Government allowed large sums of money recently to keep this range in order, but the fact that a shower of rain renders it useless for shooting would indicate that the money was not spent to the best advantage.

The cost to the Government of another special train on the 17th inst. and the loss of another day's work to the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the battalion, is the result of the scientific (?) drainage and bridge-building lately practised on this range.

The staff-sergts. and sergts., Royal Artillery, kindly invited the same ranks of the 1st C.A. to a shooting match on the Imperial Rifle Range, McNab's Island, on the 7th, but owing to the uncertainty of the weather it was postponed. The troops of this fortress will hold their annual mobilization on the 6th proximo, the city brigade of militia have been asked to take part.

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