

Fages, W. E. Inlath and Messrs. H. C. Thacker, Henri A. Panet, and J. H. C. Ogilvy of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Major H. C. Sheppard, Major C. Lindsay, R. L., Mr. Francis Joseph Dixon, U. L., Hon. Corresponding Secretary of the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, Captain Ernest F. Wurtele, R. L., Messrs. A. A. Bartlett and A. G. Peake of the P. E. I. Battalion, of Gar. Artillery.

On the 30th ult., the officers, N. C., officers and men of the Artillery Branch of the service, who had been in attendance for a short course of instruction with the Royal School of Artillery, left for their respective homes.

In the month of December last whilst workmen were employed in making repairs in the interior of the present military store house, the remains of thirteen American soldiers of Gen. Montgomery's army, who were killed in the attack of Quebec, Dec. 31, 1775, were unearthed. They were placed in a suitable coffin and reinterred under the flooring of the same building.

During the recent visit of the Hon. J. C. Patterson, who was then Minister of Militia and Defence, the two young daughters of Mr. G. M. Fairchild, Jr., obtained his permission to place a tablet to mark the last resting place of the thirteen American soldiers, the cost of the tablet being met by subscription among the American friends of the young ladies above mentioned. It is contemplated that the tablet will bear the following inscription:

"Beneath this tablet repose the remains of thirteen American soldiers of General Montgomery's army, who were killed in the assault on Quebec, Dec. 31st, 1775. Placed to their memory by several American children."

The local militia force is to be congratulated on the fact that they are in possession of a plank walk leading from the Grand Allee to the Drill Hall. This was a much needed improvement, as can be amply testified to by those who have had occasion to go to the hall during the past few years. Doubtless this is due to the energy of the efficient caretaker, Sergt. Genest, who succeeded in having the same placed in the fall, and which is duly appreciated at the present time. It is anticipated that other improvements will be in order, such as the white washing of the ceiling and rafters, which would materially improve the body of the hall. The flooring of the hall would also prove acceptable as it would mean the removal of the guns which now occupy much space which should be devoted to the Infantry. There is one improvement which is desirable to have at once, the placing of a telephone in Sergt. Genest's quarters. The advantages of so doing are so great and self evident that it is wondered that the matter has not been attended to long ago. Let us hope that the merits of the able caretaker will be considered, as well as the advantages to be derived by all those that are in touch with military matters. The expense is trifling and should not be

allowed to stand in the way of efficiency.

Major J. Secretan Dunbar, of the 8th R R., has returned to duty after an absence of a few days in New York City.

Mr. F. A. O'Farrell, of the 87th Battalion, is attached to letter F Company of the 8th Bn. for the period of their annual training.

The 8th Royal Rifles will commence their church parades on the 21st inst. It is expected that the regiment will march out on Good Friday.

A board of officers will assemble at the drill hall on the 12th inst., for the purpose of reporting upon the loss by fire of two rifles.

Recent promotions in the regiment have been as follows:

Letter "B" Company, to be Corporal Private Alex Bullock, vice D. McCarthy granted his discharge.

Letter "D" Company, to be Lance-Sergt., Corporal C. E. Brodie.

Letter "F" Company, to be Lance-Sergt., Corporal J. Norton, vice Presho, promoted.

To be Corporal, Private Pratt, vice Norton, promoted.

To be Corporal, Private Young, vice Phillips, retired. PATROL.

Montreal.

It begins to look as though the projected Queen's birthday review in Montreal may fall through. No decision has been arrived at as to the nature of the parade and the suggestion does not appear to have met with such enthusiasm as might reasonably have been expected.

Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., of the Fifth Military District, has been confined to his room for several days suffering from a severe cold.

A bowling match between the Reserve Association and the Sergeants, to take place this week, is the sensation of the hour at the Victoria Rifles Armory.

The Royal Scots non-commissioned officers have made great preparations for their annual ball, which is to take place Friday evening.

Sgt. J. Broadhurst, of the Royal Scots, is now the first waiting man for the Bisle Team and has been notified by the secretary of the D.R.A. to hold himself in readiness.

Major C. E. Gault is retiring from the Royal Scots on account of pressure of business. Major Blaiklock will now get his regimental rank. The company officers of the Royal Scots have been posted for duty as follows: A Co., Captain Carson and Lieutenant Campbell; B Co., Captain Simms and Lieutenants Miller and Evans; C Co., Captain J. Ibbotson and Lieutenants Meighen and Oliver; D Co., Captain Cantlie and Lieutenants W. A. Cameron and Burns; E Co., Captain Browne and Lieutenants Armstrong and Mackie; F Co., Captain George Cameron and Lieutenants Forbes and Adair.

Lt. Col. Strathy, commanding the

Royal Scots, has presented a cup for competition, between the companies this drill season. The company in the battalion winning most points for drill at the efficiency competition gets the cup. Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock are giving cups for the companies of the respective half battalions attending drill most regularly.

All of the local battalions are hard at work at their annual drills. The attendance so far has been good in the Victorias, and in the other battalions fair.

The Adjutant-General.

To the Editor *Canadian Military Gazette*:

SIR, - The present seems a proper time to make the suggestion to the authorities that the long and distinguished public services of Col. Walker Powell should receive official recognition. As father of the Canadian Militia he gave to the existing force its first semblance of order. Since then, during these thirty-five years, he has quietly and unobtrusively, but efficiently discharged his duties. Why the extraordinary success which crowned his efforts as an organizer during the rebellion of 1885 was not then officially recognized, is a matter I have never been able to understand. That without a central directing power at headquarters the whole expedition would have been a miserable failure is undeniable. That Col. Powell was that guiding spirit is absolutely true. Ten years have elapsed since these stirring times, yet Col. Powell is still at the helm. It is not too late to recognize his past worth and truest merit. Will not the volunteers of Canada unite in urging the government to recommend him for the K.C.M.G.? No more gallant knights or true soldier ever wore spurs. Sir Walker Powell would be a title worthily won and honourably borne. Let each man write the Minister of Militia personally asking that on the Queen's birthday of this year he may have the pleasure of seeing the announcement of Col. Walker's preferment. I will do so for one.

Yours truly, MILES.

Lindsay, March 29th, 1865.

Correspondence.

To Editor CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE,

Last summer I saw the Maxim gun, owned by a Montreal corps, I forget which, at Ottawa, on the occasion of the Dominion Rifle Association matches, and was an admiring spectator of the effect, moral and otherwise, of a fusillade from it, at the targets, and ever since, I have been wondering why more of the city corps of the Dominion, and some of more well-to-do rural corps, did not make an effort to provide themselves with one.

There is no doubt in my mind of the immense advantage that would accrue to a corps armed with one of these guns; for instance, when a "spurt" of quick and accurate firing was needed, and the need nearly always arises in some part of an action, you have a gun capable of firing, say 600 shots per minute, manipulated by a first class shot (no other should be allowed to handle the gun)