

such excellent work during the Carnival, have recently had a photograph taken of the club. This organization, which was established during the winter, has proved most creditable in every way.

A fire took place in the Garrison Club during the past week, and was quickly extinguished by the firemen. The damage, which was principally by smoke and water, does not amount to much.

Capt. A. G. G. Wurtele, U.L., of the Royal Military College, has been spending a few days in town.

The pupils of the Boys' High School will devote one half hour a day to the practice of calisthenics, and will be taken in hand for that purpose by Regt. Quarter-Master Sergt. J. Wood, of the R.C.A. The selection is a good one, and the boys will doubtless find their work of much benefit to them.

The funeral of the late Lieut.-Col. Amyot took place on the 1st inst., and was largely attended. The deceased was well-known in this city, and particularly in connection with the 9th Batt. of which he was for several years the commanding officer. He accompanied that corps in that capacity when they went to the Northwest in 1885.

An attempt was made by the R.C.A. to blow up the key of the ice bridge, but did not prove successful. There are no indications of its moving, although the Harbor Commissioners are endeavoring to have a channel cut through part of the same to reach the Louise Basin.

A number of men are attached for a course with the R.C.A., among whom are representatives from the batteries at Cobourg, Yarmouth, St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Prince Edward Island, Digby, Levis and Quebec.

The 8th and 9th Batts. are well advanced in their training and will ere long be inspected. The Q.O.C. Hussars are also at work. Up to date no church parades have taken place, and on Good Friday the usual march but of the former corps did not take place, although the invariable custom heretofore.

Lieut.-Col. G. D'Orsonnes, R.R. of C.I., has been in the city for a few days in connection with the examination of the officers who have been attending a class during the past three months.

Captain R. E. W. Turner, of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, has recently offered his services to Lieut.-Col. Domville, of the 8th Hussars, in connection with raising a troop in this province for service in the Soudan, and to form part of the corps which has been offered to the Imperial authorities. His offer has been accepted by Col. Domville, and in the event of its acceptance by the British Government, it can be readily assumed that a troop would be quickly raised and of the best material. Captain Turner is a young and energetic officer and does

credit to his corps, with whom he is deservedly popular.

Mr. J. J. B. Farley, of the Prince of Wales' Regiment, who was stationed in Cairo, has left for Wady Halfa with his regiment in connection with the Soudan expedition. Mr. Farley is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, and a son of Major A. A. Farley, of the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was very successful in the rifle matches held at Cairo, and won the grand aggregate, and came within one point of winning the championship of Egypt. At the military tournament he won the fencing contest open to all British officers in Egypt.

More care should be bestowed by officers on their dress, and not masquerade in the streets in a semi state of mufti and uniform, as seen during the past week. No less than three were so dressed, with civilian overcoat and hat, the former open and showing tunic, and with regimental trousers. This is more to be wondered at owing to the fact that they formed part of the School of Instruction which has been in session here for three months, and who are now going through their examinations. Commanding officers should visit such exhibitions with severity, not only in the interests of their particular corps but of that of the militia in general. No little discredit is placed upon the force when officers think so little of the Service as to pay no attention to dress.

It is reported that another "Provisional" appointment will be gazetted in the near future in the R. C. A. It would appear as if the Authorities have lost all touch with qualification and merit, and base their appointments and selections on political considerations. Even though excellent material is available, the Government ignore the same and at times even import officers to fill vacancies in the scientific corps, and maintain an institution in this country which they continually refuse to take advantage of. No excuse can be entertained for this injustice to Canada's militia force, and the sooner politics are divorced from the militia the better it will be for all concerned.

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#### ONE GOOD MAN.

HALIFAX, N.S., April 17.—On the 5th inst. the officers of the 66th P.L.F. held their annual dinner at the Halifax hotel. Several officers of the city corps were present. The band of the corps was also present.

Lieut.-Gen. Montgomery-Moore, commanding troops B.N.A., goes to England on leave of absence.

The officers of the Halifax Provisional Battalion C.A. celebrated the eleventh anniversary of their departure for the front on the 11th by dining together at the Halifax hotel. About 22 sat down, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

In your last issue you re-produced an edi-

torial from The Quebec Telegraph, which spoke of the Militia Department at Ottawa as follows: "That Department, from the Minister downwards, is composed of a lot of antiquated old fogies, who may have been good men enough in their day, but who have served their time, and who should be relegated as soon as possible in the public interest to private life," etc. Well, The Telegraph may be nearly correct in this statement, but there is one good soldier there, one who, though a strict disciplinarian, is loved and respected by the Canadian Artillery to a man. The artillery is admittedly the best trained, best organized, and best commanded arm of our Canadian forces, thanks to the abilities, energies and perseverance of that exception at Ottawa. It is needless to say that I refer to the assistant adjutant-general for artillery, Lieut.-Col. Irwin, and had we an officer of his ability, energy and progressiveness in each military district to direct the infantry, as he has directed the advance of the artillery, the infantry would be in better fighting trim than it is to-day. I have had the honor of meeting and serving under (for short periods, of course), almost every officer of the R.C.A., and have found them thoroughly conversant with, and fond of, their profession, and what is more, eager to impart it to us, who are not "Reglars."

It is understood that about 60 eligible male residents of Bedford, a suburban village 9 miles from here, are seeking permission to form a Field Battery there. A petition to that effect has been forwarded to Ottawa. The officers are already selected, and the only things wanting are the Government's sanction, guns, harness, clothing and drill shed accommodation. The first-named can be easily granted, but where are the four others to come from?

In a London journal appears a terrific onslaught upon Gen. Montgomery Moore for his alleged statement in an interview with an Ottawa correspondent to the effect that if Canada chose to throw off her allegiance to Great Britain, not an Englishman would raise a finger to prevent the colony doing so. The paper calls for public censure of the popular and soldierly general, and urges the Salisbury Government to recall him at once. The Britishers evidently don't know the capabilities of the "Ottawa liar."—Evening Mail, Halifax.

GRAVELCRUSHER.

#### THE QUEEN'S OWN TROUBLE.

TORONTO, April 17.—The Horse Show authorities are in full possession of the Armories, and for the past week little or nothing has been done by any of the city regiments. The granting of the Armories for this purpose at this time has proved a serious inconvenience to the regimental recruit classes, as they will have to break work for about a week, and at the worst possible