

remains. A Union Jack was folded around the casket, and surmounting it, among the numerous floral tributes of the various organizations to which the deceased belonged, were the busby, sash and sword of the deceased. The pall-bearers were Staff-Sergeants Clarke and Norris, Col.-Sergeants Riddle, Marks and Morrison, and Sergeant Rosser. Behind the relatives of the deceased walked the following officers of the Sixth Fusiliers:—Majors Sath and Atkinson, Captains Chambers, Mitchell and Findlay and a number of the non-commissioned officers of the corps, including Sergeant-Major Currie and Staff-Sergeant Cunningham. Following these walked a very large detachment of Oddfellows, an idea of the high esteem in which deceased was held in the order being afforded by the fact that the district officers took charge of the funeral arrangements as far as the Oddfellows were concerned. Most of the prominent Oddfellows in the city were present. Following the Oddfellows was a large delegation of the Grand Trunk Fire brigade, of which deceased was a captain, headed by the following officers:—Chief Patterson, Engineer Walker, Inspector Black, Captains Walton, Lavers, and Williams, Lieutenants Ward, L. Jehu and Alma. Sub-Chief J. Beckingham, of the Montreal brigade, represented that body. Then followed the members of the Grand Trunk Boating Club, of which the deceased was the first president, the delegation being headed by Messrs. Stewart, president; Hadley, ex-president; Hunt, secretary, and M. O'Brien. The Amalgamated Society of Engineers was represented by the officers.

The night of Saturday, 23, was practically Christmas eve at the armories, and was well celebrated in a quiet way, mostly, it is true, amongst the shooting men. At the Victoria Rifles armory it took the form of a turkey shoot, and it was a lively competition, and when the evening was over it was found that the lucky winners of the bipeds were Sergt. Allan, 24 points out of a possible 25; Staff-Sergt. Binmore, 23; Pte. Kough, 23; Sergt. McClatchie, 21; Captain Rodden, 19, and Corp. Grant 17.

There was no shooting going on at the Sixth Fusiliers armory, as this had been already done; but the lucky winners in the turkey match for a fine lot of birds, the gift of Lieut.-Col. Burland, were present to receive their trophies. The winners of the turkeys were as follows, but Sergt. J. Riddle carried one home also for acting as range officer of the match:

First Class—	
Staff-Sergt. G. Lavers	117
Pte. A. Cameron	101
Pte. T. Scott	99
Col.-Sergt. E. Pratt	96
Pte. J. Scott	94
Second class—	
Pte. Harris	107
Pte. J. Watt	101
Pte. G. Pope	95
Corp. McEwan	95
Corp. Higginbottom	83
Sergt.-Major Currie	79
Third class—	
Pte. Grimsdale	107
Corp. Smith	102

P. W. Beech	89
Sergt. G. Rosser	80
Amb. Sergt. Pettigrew	76
Pte. Bolt	71

At the Royal Scots armory the last shoot of the monthly spoon Morris tube competition took place at the 500 yards range, and among the top scores, out of a possible 50 points, were Sergt. D. Bethune, 49; Sergt. Crawford, 46, and Pte. McGown 42.

Captain Norman Leslie dined the officers non-commissioned officers and men of his company, No. 2, Victoria Rifles, on Friday evening, December 22nd, at the armory. About forty were present, and after the menu was discussed, the remainder of the evening was spent in songs and recitations.

KINGSTON.

St. George's cathedral is a treasure-house of military records, in the shape of memorial tablets to departed soldiers, and the past week has seen another monument—a large mural brass—erected in memory of men who served their Queen faithfully and well. It occupies a conspicuous place on the wall of the nave, and the names given on its polished surface are those of Captains MacKay, Stairs and Robinson, who were Cadets together at the Royal Military college, and who died in Africa within a year of each other.

Before the dedication service yesterday morning at 11 o'clock the brass was covered with a Union Jack. Britain's colors also enveloped the pulpit, bespeaking the military character of the service. There had been a celebration of the Holy Communion in the cathedral chapel at 8 o'clock, conducted by Very Rev. Dean Smith and Rev. C. F. Lowe. At 11 the Cathedral was crowded to its doors. The large military turnout included many members of the Royal Military College club—graduates of the institution. The Military College cadets occupied pews in the middle of the nave, and the men of "A" battery, who were out in full force, filled their gallery. The chapel was occupied by the 14th band.

Morning prayer was sung by Rev. Mr. Lowe, the lessons being read by Rev. E. P. Crawford, of St. Luke's cathedral, Halifax. In place of the Litany, part of the service for the dead was said by Dean Smith, who afterwards accepted the memorial from the R.M.C. club and requested that it be unveiled. This was done by ex-Cadet Leonard, C.E., the band meanwhile playing God Save the Queen. Then followed a series of solemn collects closing with the final petitions of the prayer for the Church militant. Instead of the usual sermon an address was given by the Very Rev. the Dean of Ontario, on the lessons to be drawn from the lives of the three deceased officers which he summed up in the words of the College motto: "Truth, Duty, Valor." During the offertory the band played a Dead March. The singing of the closing hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was exceedingly hearty, being led by the band, which played another march as the people left the church. Thus closed a very impressive service.

The 14th officers were all present. R. W. Leonard, who unveiled the brass, is the President of the Royal Military College club.—"News," Dec. 18th.

Major-General Herbert has ordered that the non-commissioned officers of F Company, 14th P.W.O. Rifles, be reduced to the ranks for their insubordination at Montreal on July 1st. The Major-General writes:—"I trust their comrades will benefit by the warning now given them, and that all ranks of the 14th Battalion will bear in mind that I shall not hesitate to take any step which a recurrence of insubordination may render necessary to protect Her Majesty's uniform and the name of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales from disgrace."

HALIFAX.

On Saturday, Dec. 17th, at the Garrison church parade, General Montgomery-Moore had occasion to lecture the troops, before they were marched home from church, on the bad habit they have of stamping their feet and coughing after the mid-day gun fires.

QUEBEC.

In the Provincial Legislature on the 23rd December, the Premier, Hon. Mr. Taillon, asked permission to introduce a bill to admit graduates of the Royal Military College, Kingston, to the study of land-surveying without preliminary examination on the same footing as the students of other colleges. He said that the College gave its students a good course and should have this privilege.

Mr. Stephens thought that it would be advisable also to insert in the bill a clause giving those who had passed through these college courses the preference in case of Government situations, etc. He said that something must be done for our young men and that they should be kept at home. A lack of good employment caused them to go to other countries where they found better employment and better pay. In England, India, the United States and other places graduates from Canada's Military College and other scholastic institutions are found occupying some of the highest positions, while here they cannot find employment. He thought that positions of emolument in the gift of the Government should be given to the best of our young men, though at present it seemed as though anyone except a Canadian could find good positions here. He also thought that Government situations were usually given from political reasons or favor rather than by reason of the merit of the applicants. He hoped that such a clause could be inserted in the bill and our young men be made to feel that it is worth something to be a Canadian.

Hon. Mr. Flynn said that the Legislature was not prepared to go as far as the step proposed by the member for Huntingdon. He even thought that it might, at no distant date, be found necessary to pass such legislation as would make the admission to these professions a more difficult instead of an easier matter, as is the present tendency. There are far too many