

FOURTEENTH BATTALION NOTES.

The Band of the 14th are unanimous in tendering the leadership of the band to Bandmasters T. C. Carey, A. Battery, R. C. A., eldest son of their late Bandmaster.

The band contributed a beautiful floral emblem to the beir of their late leader, made to represent a Lyre.

The firing party and band appeared for the first time since 1886 in their full winter uniform, and looked very fine.

A very pleasant time was spent at the formal opening of the new club rooms of the officers of the 14th Batt., Lieut.-Col. Smith entertaining his officers and their friends in a manner that charmed all visitors.

Lieut.-Col. Kerr has been made an honorary member of the club.

There is considerable talk among the N. C. O's. and men, about the desirability of holding Morris tube practice in the drill shed this winter, and the majority are in favor of it.

The annual business meeting of the band took place last month in the band room, Artillery Park. The Secretary's report showed the earnings of the band for the last year amounted to \$1,600.00. New furniture had been purchased, and after all expenses had been paid, a very snug sum was still left in the treasury. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers. Bugle-Major J. S. Robinson was re-elected President, Bandsman Coates, Treasurer, Corporal Abernethy, Secretary and Financial Manager. After the business had been disposed of refreshments were served.

The date for the Grand Assault of Arms by the Sergeant's Mess of the 14th, has been set for the 11th of January, in the Opera House. The class is making rapid progress under the teaching of Sergt.-Major Morgans, and performs all the different exercises to music without any word of command. The band of the regiment has kindly tendered their services for the entertainment. The committee who are to look after the details are Sergt.-Major Morgans, Stage Manager and Instructor; Bugle-Major Robinson, Musical Director; Color-Sergt. Dunlop, Leader; Asselstine, Graham and Filtz, General Committee.

ARTILLERY ITEMS.

Winter clothing has come into wear at the Barracks.

Major Drury has purchased a very promising young filly.

Armorer-Sergt. T. Worth has just completed an elegant piece of workmanship in the form of a miniature cavalry sword and scabbard, which was forged out of steel, everything even to the smallest detail being complete. Another piece of work which he has done at odd times, is making the British Coat of Arms out of different scraps of iron that accumulated in his workshop.

Sergt. Percy Hewgill is a member of St. George's Cathedral Surplined Choir.

James T. Stroud, an ex-member of the battery and 14th, and son of Sergt.-Major Stroud of "A" Battery, has left for St. Paul, Minn., where he has secured a lucrative position in a boot and shoe factory as assistant bookkeeper.

The Sergeant's mess held another of their monthly quadrille parties in their pleasant rooms about the middle of last month. A very enjoyable time was spent until an early hour tripping in the mazy whirls of the light fantastic to the merry strains of the regimental orchestra, which played enlivening music until the party retiring. Refreshments were served in the dressing room about midnight. The older members of the party amused themselves with whist,

cribbage and other games while the "youngsters" were engaged in the ballroom.

Frank Kelly, the popular Band Sergeant of the Battery, having completed six years of service on Dec. 8th, re-enlisted for a further term of three years.

Gunner J. Rousseau ("A" Battery) is an extremely powerful man and performs some very clever heavy lifting feats, amongst others the putting up of a 178 lb. dumb bell ten times from the shoulder; his lifting with hammers and other appliances is also very remarkable, and no doubt in this small man of Kingston—for he is of medium stature—a possible rival of some of the so-called heavy lifting champions may be looked for, he intends to start rigid training shortly. He is certainly a very powerful man and could, without doubt, give a good exhibition. At the assault of arms to be given by the 14th sergeants he is to perform the feat of lifting the whole class on a platform, holding them there while the band plays "God Save the Queen."

Gunners Murray and Porter are hard at work every day in the blacksmith shop practicing for their examinations for farrier sergeant, which takes place about New Year's.

STIENSALES.

LONDON.

The annual athletic sports of No. 1 Company, Canadian Regiment of Infantry, were held at the Barracks on the afternoon of Thursday, 20th ult. A large number of ladies and gentlemen from the city were present. The starters were Captain R. Cartwright, Captain S. J. A. Denison and Lieutenant A. Carpenter, the judges being Lieut.-Col. Smith, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col., the Hon. M. Aylmer, Dr. Sippi and Mr. H. Carling. Following is a list of the sports with the name of the winners:—Best dressed soldier in marching order, Sergeant Cooper 1, Corporal McKeller 2, Privates Henry and Black equal. Marching order race, 100 yards, West 1, Henry 2, Black 3. Throwing cricket ball, J. C. Ross 1, G. Evans 2, West 3. High jump, Algrove 1, Tasker and O'Rourke 2. Putting shot, Algrove 1, West 2, Burnand 3. Running long jump, West 1, Evans 2, O'Rourke 3. Quarter-mile race, West 1, Hickey 2, Henry 3. Wheelbarrow race, West 1, Hickey 2, G. Evans 3. One hundred yards race, West 1, Algrove 2, Evans 3. Men's race, over 40 years, Seymour 1, Mearns 2, Havard 3. Girls' race, Lillie Kennedy 1, Minnie Walsh 2, Ruth Emery 3. Married men's race, 150 yards, Miller 1, Tasker 2, Evans 3. Sack race, 80 yards, West 1, Hutchison 2, Downey 3. High jump with pole, Pinel 1, Donnelly 2, Cranston 3. Potato race, Jones 1, Black 2, Lance Corp. Gibling 3. Mile race, Miller 1, Hickey 2. Manual and firing exercise, Sergt. Davis 1, Sergt. Cooper 2, Corp. Brown 3. Blindfold race, Henry 1, Jones 2, Hickey 3. Half-mile race, West 1, Miller 2, Hickey 3. Obstacle race, Jones 1, Algrove 2, Smith 3. Egg and spoon race, Miss G. Smith 1, Miss Richardson 2, Mrs. Denison 3. Boot and shoe race, Jones 1, Hickey 2, Tasker 3. Committee men's race, Millie 1, Cockburn 2, Burnand 3. The tug-of-war with the Asylum team was won after a 45 minutes' struggle by the Asylum men. The barracks allowed the second pull to go by default. The names of the Asylum team are as follows:—John Pumphrey (anchor), Geo. Taylor, A. Sippi, D. Mooney, H. Donnelly, F. Monshead, W. Kitchen, M. Bowers, Geo. Angus (captain.) The committee in charge of the proceedings were Major B. T. Vidal, Surgeon M. J. Kanavan, Capt. R. Cartwright, Capt. S. J. A. Denison and Lieut. A. Carpenter, the sub-committee being Lance-Corporal Gibling, Private J. Cockburn, Private B. Burnand and Private H. Millie, with Col.-Sergt. E. D. Griffiths, treasurer, and Private H. Millie, secretary.

The soldiers at "D" School had a novel experience at an early hour on the morning of 30th November, when they were marched in two companies to London West and indulged in considerable reconnoitering, and an attack by one company upon the Dundas street bridge, which was heroically defended by the other.