

The 48th Highlanders are out with a desire to meet other regimental teams at hockey, and have already arranged a match with the 13th of Hamilton. They are desirous of meeting teams from the city regiments and promise them a good game.

A match at English billiards was played Thursday, the 3rd Jan., at the 48th Sergeants' Mess between Cr.-Sergt. Atkinson and Sergt.-Maj. Huggins of the 13th, and Staff-Sergt. Harp and Cr.-Sgt. McKinnon of the 48th. Honors were even until the last string, when the 48th jumped to the front and won by 30 points. The Hamilton men retrieved their honor by outplaying Sergt.-Maj. Robertson and Cr.-Sergt. McKinnon at a subsequent game.

The new winter coats issued at the beginning of the year to the Dragoons are very swagger and a great improvement on the ungainly great coat. They are now by long odds the dudes of the force here.

Cadets from the Royal Military College were here in force during the holiday season, and a fine looking and likely lot they appear. Their appearance was very creditable, although their regard for the custom re smoking in daylight, whilst in uniform, was honored—in the breach.

There are no less than 99 attached officers, non-coms. and men attending the present course at Stanley Barracks, which taxes that place to its utmost.

Dr. Fotheringham, an ex-member of the Q. O. R. Sergeants' Mess, recently presented that mess with a handsome inkstand mounted in silver on a portion of the backbone of a horse found on Cut Knife battle ground. The relic, which was picked up by the donor on a recent trip over that ground, makes a very handsome present, and occupying as it does a very prominent place in the mess ante-room, is thoroughly appreciated by the members, who appreciate in no small degree the pleasing recognition from one of their old members.

Ottawa.

Headquarters' Notes.

The very air is full of rumours as to friction in the Department of Militia and Defence. It is exceedingly hard to get any reliable information as the officials are very secretive. However, the general impression is that the trouble has risen over the purchase of the new rifle. Some of the Toronto papers published an article stating that Major General Herbert had resigned. This was promptly contradicted by the *Empire*. One thing is, in our humble opinion, certain and that is, if from any cause Major General Herbert should resign before the completion of his term of office, the force at large would receive a set-back from which it would take some time to recover.

The long looked for militia list will soon

be out. The proofs have been returned from the printers' hands and very shortly we will have a list which will reflect credit on its compiler.

The hockey team from the department of Militia and Defence were beaten by the Public Works on Wednesday evening—five to nothing.

Military Display.

The Military Display Committee of the Carnival, which was dissolved on the retirement of General Herbert from the chair, has been re-organized with nearly all the members of the old committee. Major Bliss is acting as chairman, and Captain G. Shepherd Bowie, sec. This will form one of the principal features of the Carnival as the militia are to form the defence in the attack on the Ice Castle; they have also charge of all military features in the "drive" and each corps in the city proposes to have a car in the procession representing their respective arms. There will also be a series of hockey matches between the military men, and as the officers are to attend the ball in uniform, we can safely promise that any of our comrades who visit Ottawa during Carnival week will receive a royal welcome, though unfortunately we cannot promise them a vice-regal one.

Sergeants Dine.

Tuesday last the Sergeants of the 43rd Batt. held their annual mess dinner at the Grand Union. The dining-room was prettily decorated for the occasion and an elaborate menu had been prepared by mine hosts Daniels and Alexander. The chair was filled by Sergt. Major Mahoney and the vice chair by Sergt. Grant. After the good things had been discussed the gathering was called to order by the president and the customary toasts were drunk: The Queen; Our Officers, responded to by Lt.-Col. Wright, Major Sherwood and Captain McKay; Our Sister Corps, responded to by Sergt.-Majors Powell, P.L.D.G., Ingram, O.F.B. and Davis, G.G.F.G. Songs were sung, speeches were made and in fact a jolly good time was held, which only can take place in that most enjoyable of all social clubs, a military mess.

Lieut. Watters of "A" Company 43rd, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture to the men of his company, this week, on Canadian law and its application to the militia men. If more officers would explain to their men the exact position in which they stand as soldiers, there would be less friction between officers and men.

No Colonel Yet.

Still the Governor General's Foot Guards are without a Colonel. The present senior officer, Major W. D. Hodgins, is an official of the Justice Department, the department whose head is Sir C. H. Tupper. This minister has never shown himself to be a strong friend of the militia force as evidenced by the forced retirement of Lt.-Cols. Tilton and Anderson, both of his former department, Marine and Fisheries, and whether the minister will see fit to allow an official of his new

department to take command of the Guards remains to be seen. It is to be hoped that he will do so, as Major Hodgins is just the man who is needed to bring the Guards back to the position they once held—one of the foremost in the infantry corps of Canada.

Quebec.

QUEBEC, 8th January, 1895.

Captain George H. Ogilvie, R. C. A., Kingston, spent a few days in town during the holiday season, and has again returned to duty.

Major Prevost, the superintendent of the Government Cartridge Factory, was the recipient of an address of congratulation from the employees, on the new year, to which he made a feeling and fitting reply.

Gunner McCarthy, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, was buried with the usual military honors on the 3rd inst. The coffin was covered with several beautiful wreaths. The band of the regiment was in attendance. Among others present were Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, Lt.-Col. Wilson, Captains Inlah and Fages and Mr. J. Ogilvie.

Some of the members of the R. C. A. had an enjoyable time on New Year's day. They turned out in a four-in-hand, gaily decorated, and drove through the streets of the city for the greater part, if not for the whole of the afternoon.

A number of ladies and gentlemen had the pleasure of visiting the quarters of the "B" Battery and the Citadel on Christmas Day, accompanied by Lieut.-Cols. Irwin, Montizambert and Wilson. The decorations were very pretty, and needless to state the arms, equipment, etc., in such order as to reflect most creditably upon the officers and men.

A local morning paper has taken to designating the Royal Canadian Artillery as the "Royal Artillery," when referring to that corps. This is misleading and should be discontinued. The first name is the correct one and should not be overlooked. We have no reason to desire to lose the national part of the name, and it would be in order when such errors are made that they be pointed out. Perhaps it was not noticed by those to whom it directly refers, as otherwise one is inclined to believe they would have the necessary correction made, as they doubtless do not desire to be known or rather erroneously known by the name which belongs to the Imperial service only.

The following Canadians serving in the Imperial service received promotion to the rank of captain in the course of the past year: In the Corps of Royal Engineers, Lieuts., P. H. du P. Casgrain, D. H. Ridout, N. G. Von Hugel, T. C. Skinner, H. Slogett, G. S. Cartwright, G. M. Kirkpatrick, H. C. Nanton, Lieut. E.