

by the "Dawn Patrol", captained by Constable White. These teams meet in the final game on February 28th to decide the league championship and we expect an interesting contest. Constable White has the high single string to date while the same member is tied with Constable Thurston for the high three-string total.

Two teams are shooting in the Halifax Garrison Indoor Rifle League and in addition, we have teams entered in the D. C. R. A. and Dominion Marksmen Indoor Competitions. In the Garrison League (Senior Division) our team is at present leading in the aggregate and is tied for first place with the 6th Machine Gun Battalion team in the Probert Cup Competition. This team has also made the high team score for the League to date—481x500. In the Junior Division our team had a poor start but has steadied down now, and on February 20th, registered two wins. O/D Starr, a member of this team, distinguished himself last match night by scoring one point less than a "possible". This should give him an excellent chance for the cup offered for the highest single score in the Junior Division.

### **"J" Division**

A Christmas Tree entertainment was provided for the children of members of the Force on December 28th, at which some 41 children under the age of 16 were present. Both screams of excitement and expectant looks on the children's faces were very marked when Santa Claus arrived down the chimney, complete with bags, boxes, etc., and for the next hour there was much tearing of paper and excited comment as presents were opened. Tea was served to the children and their parents and our thanks are heartily extended to single members of the Division for their splendid co-operation and assistance.

Two teams, one rifle and one revolver, have been entered in the D. C. R. A. Indoor Series and one team in the Dominion Marksmen .22 rifle competition. The first shoot in these matches was held in January, the revolver scores being highly satisfactory. It is expected that every member will qualify for a silver spoon if able to hold his present average. Owing to the fact that the old building which we have been using as an Indoor Range was completely razed by fire on February 15th, we are very much handicapped. However, we will endeavour to carry on in the hope that we may have a new Rifle and Revolver Range erected in the future.

On the 27th of December, the second of our monthly dances was held and proved extremely enjoyable, many favourable comments being heard from our guests regarding the festive occasion and the effective decorative scheme of the Drill Hall; approximately 120 persons were present.

### **"K" Division**

On November 14th, 1935, the last meal was taken in the Lethbridge Mess.

Since 1885—the date is believed to be August 1st, messes have been in operation at the Lethbridge Post, which, until April 1st, 1932, was the Headquarters of "K" Division (Southern Alberta District). At first there were three messes, Officers', Sergeants' and Constables'. Gradually, methods changing with the times, they have been closed until at last, only the men's mess remained. Now, with the strength of single Constables living in barracks reduced to five, economy demands that the mess be closed and the old barracks building, which has been "Home" to so many, be locked up. Quarters for the single men have been provided in the upper storey of the Sub-Division office building.

As a fitting conclusion to many happy meals, the cook, H. Parry, prepared a sumptuous repast. Not only did he prepare the meal, but he visited the various merchants with whom the mess has dealt in times past, and they showed their appreciation in material manner, making a veritable banquet possible. Truly, every comestible necessary to make the occasion a complete success appeared on the table.

At the conclusion of the meal several short speeches were made and Inspector Hutchings, appearing for the Officer Commanding, who was, unfortunately, absent