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Kingston.

KINGSTON, Nov. 27th.—Sergt.-Major Morgans R. M. C., and Sergt. Instructor Page, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Toronto, met at the Kingston Amateur Athletic Association's tournament here on thanksgiving day in a lance versus bayonet competition. Sergt. Page was mounted and armed with a lance, while Sergt.-Major Morgans, on foot, was armed with the bayonet.

The contest was close and exciting, until the three last bouts, when Page got the better of his opponent. The score, at the close, stood: Page 5, Morgans 3.

Later in the afternoon the same men met in a sword versus bayonet contest, Page on horseback wielding the sword and Morgans on foot being armed with the bayonet. In this event Morgans showed his wonderful skill with the bayonet, and scored four points in quick succession, his opponent failing to reach him. Score: Morgans 4, Page 0.

The clever manner in which Sergt. Page handled his horse was the subject of much admiring comment.

Page and Sergt. Instructor Boutellier, R. M. C., met during the tournament in a bayonet versus bayonet contest (on foot.) Boutellier, who belongs to "B" Battery, R. C. A., but is attached to the staff of the Royal Military College, is one of Sergt.-Major Morgans' pupils, and does credit to his teacher. He proved more expert with the bayonet than the dragoon, and won after a spirited contest with a score of 5 points to Page's 3.

A tug-of-war between the "A" Battery team and that of the 14th Battalion P. W. O. R., was to have been pulled, but owing to the absence of some of their men the latter did not oppose the artillerymen.

However, Rockwood Asylum entered a team against the gunners, but with very poor luck. The artillerymen won in two straight pulls.

Farrier, Sergt. Scott, of "A" Battery, pulled for the first time with the team representing his corps.

The rival teams were composed as follows:—"A" Battery, Sergt. Kelly, Capt. Farrier, Sergt. Scott (anchor), Sergt. Long, McLachlan, Ryder, Fannon, Finch, Huxley, Benson.

Rockwood Asylum: W. Shea, Capt. Kennedy (anchor), Graham, Ross, McCammon, Dehaney, Davidson, Williamson, Shea.

The Balaklava Melee, between sub-divisions Nos. 1, 2 and 3, of "A" Battery, was won by No. 3.

The same three sub-divisions afterwards engaged in a mounted bareback wrestling competition which was won by No. 3.

Bomb. Simons, of the battery, sparred three rounds with D. L. Carey for a silver medal, but proved no match for the professional.

The officers of the 14th Battalion P. W. O. R., have postponed their annual meeting for one week, on account of the absence through illness of Lt.-Col. Smith.

The 14th Club has received its charter of incorporation, and now stands on an equal footing with all other similar clubs in the Dominion.

Mr. A. Cunningham, barrister, will be granted a commission as provisional 2nd lieutenant.

The test of the new Martini-Metford rifles received a short time ago by the 14th Battalion, was completed at the Barriefield ranges, on Saturday, 17th inst. Although the atmospheric conditions under which the shooting was done, were decidedly unfavorable, very good scores were made.

Twenty rounds were fired by each of three members of the testing party, ten at 400 yards and ten at 500 yards. The others fired at one range only.

Following are the scores:—

	400 yds.	500 yds.	Total
Corp. Newman..	38	33	71
Capt. White.....	41	29	70
Pte. Cotton.....	34	17	51
Capt. Hora.....	36	36	72
Lieut. C. M. Strange.....	31	31	62
Pte. Vanalstine.....	21	21	42

Pte. Milligan tested one of the new rifles on thanksgiving day at the penitentiary ranges, firing at 200, 300 and 400 yards. He scored 33 points out of 35, at 200 yards, standing, and a possible at each of the other distances, firing from the "prone" position.

The R. M. C. Cadets gave a ball to their friends on the eve of thanksgiving day. The affair was a big success. The officers of each of the city corps were invited and the majority were present.

On thanksgiving day the band of the 14th Battalion gave two concerts in Martin's opera house. The attendance was fair and the musicians netted a fair balance.

Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia, accompanied by departmental architect and engineer White, visited the city recently, to inspect some repairs that have been made to old Fort William Henry. He stated in the course of an interview, that there was no possibility of a new drill-shed being built in this city during the coming year, as the sum which would be required for the purpose had not been included in the estimates. At any rate, he said, new barracks for "A" Battery are more urgently needed than is a new drill-shed. He would like to see new quarters for the battery erected in the neighborhood of the old fort.

The "Daily News" is publishing a history of the 14th battalion from its organization in 1863, down to the present day.

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Toronto.

The Toronto Tommy Atkinses are thinking of holding a special Thanksgiving day to commemorate their release from the heavy surfeit of parading and drilling that they have undergone this season. No definite plan of celebration has yet been formed, although some one suggested the idea for all to combine and firstly, get up a manual exercise of about 64 motions; secondly, commit to memory the infantry drill, rifle manual and firing exercise, standing orders of the Guards, and history of the Levis camp, and, thirdly, adopt some scheme whereby five suitable tin trophies be awarded to the five most efficient city corps in No. 2 District, any rules or conditions to govern said trophies to be called the Jimmy-gee-whiski tankards.

There is an old saying that nothing succeeds like success, which is perfectly true, yet some people think that anything will succeed, as long as you drop sufficient of the sensational into it. About the meanest and most despicable action that a notoriously dirty rag of an evening paper has ever been guilty of, was the attack, through its columns, a short time ago, on the secretary of the Ontario Rifle Association.

What enhanced the vileness of the attack was the fact that this officer was confined to a sick bed and at the time unable to take steps to counteract the action of the paper in question.

The charges have by no means been substantiated, nor do any expect that they will, though in order to give people an idea that the information was genuine, the whole of the inner life of the officer in question for the last five years was laid bare to an inquisitive and uninterested public. Some say that the means taken to get some of the information was at least unwarrantable, if it could not be designated by the legal name of trespass.

The testing of the Martini-Metford rifles has just about finished, and not before it was time too. A couple of weeks ago was the last test, and the conditions were anything but favorable. Hardly any of the competitors could get anything like a decent aim through shivering with cold and the dull light of an autumn day by no means counteracted the coldness of the weather. These converted rifles may be very good, certainly one great point in their favor is the absence of recoil, yet that is not everything, and it would not be just to the militia to adopt these rifles on the tests that have been made so late in the season.

The Garrison church parade for the fall of 1894 is now a thing of the past, and despite the bitter cold day the parade was creditable indeed to the corps comprising No. 2 District. The parade was as follows:—

Staff-Col. Otter in command; Major Buchan, Staff Officer; Orderley Officer, Lieut. Laurie; Lieut.-Col. Gravely, Sur-