

Grand Spectacular Production of "Who Speaks First," with all the original scenery and electrical effects.

Cast of Characters :

Captain Charles.....Mr. B. H. Armstrong
Mr. Militant.....Mr. Heneker
Potter.....Mr. Strickland
Mrs. Militant.....Miss Britton
Smart.....Miss Gildersleeve

Worth Costumes (worth millions). Scenery by Gaslight (also by Day). Music by the Company's Orchestra.

God Save the Queen.

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Major Drury and Sergt. McIntyre, of "A" Battery, left for Montreal on 20th inst. en route for England. When passing the barracks on the train all the officers and sergeants turned out and gave three cheers, while the buglers sounded the "salute."

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One of the "inimitable six" at the R. M. C. Cadets' concert declared that his father had died of "hard drink." It was subsequently explained that the poor man had been killed by a large piece of ice falling on his head.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES.

The sixth annual general meeting of the Assiniboia Provincial Rifle Association was held at Lansdowne hotel, Regina, on Monday evening, the 24th inst., the President, Major Hayter Reed, occupying the chair. The election of officers for the current year was proceeded with, resulting in the election of the following gentlemen:—President, Mr. R. Sweet; vice-President, Mr. J. W. Jowett. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer were amalgamated and the present secretary, Mr. Mitchell, was elected secretary-treasurer; asst.-secretary, Mr. J. R. C. Honeyman; Executive Council, Major Hayter Reed, Major D. Mowat, Major Perry, Messrs. A. E. Forget, W. M. Williamson, R. J. Steel, W. J. Chisholm, E. McCarthy, T. H. Jones, A. McKinnon and J. T. Stemshorn, all of Regina; Major Bell, Indian Head; Capt. Harris and Mr. Hewgill, Moosomin; Mr. H. A. Carruthers, Kutawa, and Mr. C. Gass, Moosejaw; Range officer, Mr. W. M. Williamson; Team captains, Major Mowat and Mr. R. Sweet; Range Committee, Messrs. T. H. Jones, W. J. Chisholm and A. McKinnon.

It was decided that the range should be opened immediately, and that the weekly matches be shot, during the present season, on Wednesday afternoons, except on League match days (commencing at 3 o'clock sharp) instead of on Saturdays as heretofore. Special inducements will be offered to young shots, and on the Canadian Military League match days, viz., May 27th, June 10th, July 8th and 22nd, ammunition will be issued free of charge to all members shooting. The thanks of the Association were tendered the retiring officers, and regret was expressed that the late president, Major Reed, could not be induced to again fill the chair which he had occupied, with so great benefit to the Association, during the past three years.

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Inspector Chalmers has resigned from the Mounted Police Force to take up work as a Dominion Land Surveyor. He has been awarded a contract of township subdivision this season near Egg Lake, south of Edmonton.

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On 7th April a blaze at the N. W. M. P. barracks, Regina, which might have proved serious, was put out very quickly by the prompt and decisive action consequent on the discipline and training of the Mounted Police Force. The fire under the boiler used for heating water in the lavatory at the rear of the south barrack building burnt through the floor in some manner at present unexplained and ran along between two joists until it reached the wall, and was not discovered until the wall was burning. Though in a fair way to secure a hold on the building had it but a few minutes longer start, yet it was held in check and finally put out by water poured from above down the inside of the frame walls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At a recent meeting of the City Council of Sherbrooke, P.Q., the following resolution was adopted:—That this Council having been informed that it is the intention of the Federal Government to make arrangements for the selection of a permanent location for the annual drill of the military forces in this part of the country, which would necessitate the erection of an armory and drill shed, it is hereby ordered that correspondence be entered into at once with the Hon. W. B. Ives in reference thereto, setting forth the special advantages this locality offers for such purposes.

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Some amusing paragraphic comments on the first battalion parade of the 53rd appeared in the Sherbrooke "Gazette" and "Examiner;" they were signed respectively by "Kodak" and "Snap-shot," but evidently were penned by the same hand. Some of the personal notes are very good. We learn from them that there is a wish in the corps to have the annual outing this year take the shape of a trip to Quebec.

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Lieut.-Col. D'Orsonnens, D.A.G. of the 6th Military District, and Lieut.-Col. Pope, Brigade Major, were in Sherbrooke recently inspecting the arms and accoutrements of Capt. Morkill's troop of dragoons. They also visited Compton, Stanstead and Cookshire on the same errand.

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Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D. A. G., of Fredericton, passed through St. John on 10th inst., on his way to Sussex, to make arrangements for the meeting of the Brigade camp there on the 26th of June.

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The Artillery band will give a grand concert in the Mechanics' Institute on the 4th of May, which is the hundredth anniversary of the formation of the first company of artillery in this province. It is expected that in addition to the selections by the band some first-class vocalists will assist.

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A marked instance of the frailty of human nature occurred at London recently. One of the men of No. 1 Co., C.R. I., who deserted from the barracks there, was located at Galt soon afterwards, and a sergeant was sent after him. The sergeant secured his man and handcuffed him to himself. The two, before leaving for London, visited the hotels and got full of bad whiskey, so full that the conductor put them off the train at Ayr. The two wandered about all night and on the following day, the "prisoner" Detler arrived at the C. P. R. station, but nothing was known as to the whereabouts of his captor.

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The Perth Rifle Association held its annual meeting on 27th April, in the Commercial hotel. The gathering was large, and every man present was as enthusiastic as he could well be. Thirty-five new members were added, and the association starts off very prosperously, and with every prospect of greater interest developing in rifle shooting this year. The officers elected were:—Lt.-Col. McKnight, patron; J. Worden, president; W. Gillard, vice-president; W. Lawrence, secretary-treasurer; E. C. Sealey, assistant secretary-treasurer; R. Hesson, J. Dempsey, J. Worden, J. Baxter, W. Monteith, council; W. Gillard, W. Monteith, auditors; J. Fitchett, W. Monteith, J. Worden, W. Gillard, W. Waldie, C. Stock, range officers; J. Dempsey, J. Worden, J. Baxter, C. Stock, match committee. R. Hesson, lot 4, con. 3, Downie, very kindly offered a range on his farm, free of charge, which was accepted by the association, and Mr. Hesson was elected an honorary member. Mr. Worden was appointed to make arrangements as to targets, etc., on the new range, and have all in readiness by May 20, when the first shoot will be held. It was agreed to hold the annual matches on 15th and 16th September. The association will affiliate with the Ontario Rifle Association and with the Dominion Rifle Association. Two teams will also be entered in the Canadian Military Rifle League this year.

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There will hereafter be four companies of the 25th Battalion in St. Thomas, the headquarters of the Vienna Company having been removed there. It is expected that the battalion will be gazetted as a city battalion before camp is held in June, and that therefore the 25th will not go to camp, but drill at home.