

THE ROYAL SCOTS' BALL.

Montreal.—One of the most brilliant assemblages that ever gathered together in Montreal was the military ball given by Lieut.-Colonel Caverhill and the officers of the Royal Scots of Canada at the Windsor hotel on the 18th ult., and in consequence of the anticipated presence of the Viceregal party it is needless to say that out of the nine hundred invitations issued there were very few refusals, those invited making a point of attending. The arrangements, as is proverbial with any entertainment taken in hand by our volunteer corps—and the Royal Scots always maintain the reputation both of themselves and their sister corps in this respect—were all admirably carried out. The card of invitation was unique in design. In one corner was the arms of the regiment, supported by the regimental colors, entwined with thistles and the tartan of the regiment at right angles. In the left corner was a Highland soldier of the Imperial army in uniform. The decorations of the room were characteristic, and were all designed with a view to giving the ball a military character. The large dining room was set apart as the ball room, and was very artistically decorated with flags and banners, which were wisely not used so profusely as to hide the handsome appearance of the spacious room. The decorations also included some full stars and half stars, composed of sword bayonets, and these with the rich dresses of the ladies intermingled with the sombre evening dress of the civilians and the uniform of the volunteer officers, the kilted lads being everywhere conspicuous, made a very brilliant *tout ensemble*. On the western side of the room was a raised dais, with a back ground of the Union Jack, the French tricolor, and the Stars and Stripes, from which a full star of fixed bayonets shone forth with great brilliancy. The various sections of the ball room, instead of being distinguished only by the ordinary letters of the alphabet, were designated by the following suggestive names, the initial letter being of course brought out boldly: Aberdeen, Berwick, Campbellton, Dundee, Edinburgh, Forfar, Glasgow, Hawick.

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Caverhill and Major Lyman received the guests in the parlor of the hotel, and shortly after 9 o'clock the Viceregal party, consisting of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne; Captain Streatfield and Lady Florence Streatfield; Lord Frederick Hamilton; Hon. H. J. Anson, A.D.C.; Mr. H. A. Pakenham, A.D.C.; Mr. H. Erskine-Wemyss, and Mr. Oswald Streatfield, arrived and upon their appearance in the corridors, a guard of honor, consisting of one hundred men under command of Captain Strathy, Lieut. Jackson and Lieut. Miller, presented arms. Their Excellencies and suite then proceeded to the parlors, where they were received by Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Caverhill and the officers of the Royal Scots and escorted to the ball room, His Excellency taking in Mrs. Caverhill and Lieut.-Col. Caverhill taking in Lady Lansdowne. While passing along the corridors through the guard of honor the band of the Royal Scots played the national anthem. Upon their arrival at the door of the ball room Pipe Major Mathieson and Pipers Clark, McLennan and Smith proceeded down the room, playing the bagpipes. Their Excellencies having taken their seats upon the dais, the orchestra played the opening march, and the sets were formed, the following being the quadrille of honor: His Excellency the Governor-General and Mrs. Caverhill; Lieut.-Col. Caverhill and the Marchioness of Lansdowne; Lieut.-Col. Crawford and Lady Florence Streatfield; His Worship Mayor Beaugrand and Mrs. Wurtele; Lord Fred. Hamilton and Mrs. James McShane; Hon. James McShane and Madame Beaugrand; Lieut.-Col. Oliver and Mrs. M. H. Gault; Mr. M. H. Gault and Mrs. Lyman.

The quadrille over, the regular programme was proceeded with. This included twenty dances and was not completed till three o'clock. The new band of the Royal Scots, of twenty-five pieces, also played an excellent selection of promenade music in the corridors. The supper was laid in the ladies' ordinary of the hotel, and as usual reflected great credit upon Chief Steward Ebbitt. After supper their Excellencies returned to the ball room, where they remained for some time. Capt. Hood, Capt. Newton and Lieut. Linton had charge of the decorations, Capt. Hood and Lieut. Linton charge of the supper, and Major Blaiklock, assisted by other officers, charge of the floor; and Capt. Gault, Capt. Ibbotson and Lieut. Linton assisted Col. Caverhill in receiving guests, while Major H. H. Lyman was chairman of the general committee. To all of the above named gentlemen the very greatest praise is due for the excellent manner in which the arrangements were carried out.

Ottawa.—A test of the Nordenfelt gun took place at the Rideau Rifle Range on Tuesday afternoon. There was a considerable gathering of ladies and gentlemen to witness the test. Amongst those present were Major-General Middleton, Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery, Lieut.-Col. Bacon, and numerous officers of city corps. Excellent and rapid shooting was made with the gun, at a distance of five hundred yards, some eighty out of a hundred bullets fired by Capt. Douglas striking an ordinary six foot target. Several others also made good shooting with it. The weather was beautiful and no discomfort was felt by the large party gathered on the range. A marquee had been erected, and refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Major Anderson, of the 43rd, having advanced the theory of the resistance of snow to bullets, Major Todd and Lieut. Gray, of the Guards, determined upon giving this theory a test in connection with the trial of the Nordenfelt gun, which was to have taken place on Saturday last. On Friday afternoon these officers, providing themselves with snowshoes and shovels, proceeded to the rifle range and constructed a snow bank of about nine feet square, immediately in rear of the target which was to be used next day in connection with the Nordenfelt. Saturday turned out to be a very disagreeable day, a heavy wind, with drifting snow, and it was decided to postpone the trial of the Nordenfelt gun. Not to be deterred by these facts, Messrs. Todd and Gray, arming themselves with a Snider and Martini-Henry rifle and necessary ammunition, proceeded to the rifle range to give the snow bank theory a test. At 200 yards it was found that the bullets went through the snow bank (in some cases near the base, over 9 feet,) and imbedded themselves in the fence about one hundred yards in rear. At 500 yards the result was the same, with the exception that the bullets did not strike the fence. At this point the Martini-Henry only was used. It will thus be seen that this theory is a failure so far as the use of dry snow and the Martini-Henry are concerned. No doubt, a snowbank of the same dimensions, if moist, and packed, would offer a much more effectual resistance. During the afternoon quite a number of spectators came down to see the trial of Nordenfelt gun, amongst others, Lieuts. Côté and Winter, of the Guards, and Capt. Evans and Lieut. Rogers, of the 43rd, who manifested their interest in the test of the snow embankment.

On Monday afternoon the Rifles' Snowshoe Club, forty strong, tramped to Aylmer, ten miles from the drill hall. They were played through both cities, Ottawa and Hull, by the battalion band. All came in well together. It is needless to say that they enjoyed themselves at Moses Holt's. The return trip over heavy roads was made in busses. The Guards' club proposes covering the same ground next Monday.

All militiamen in town should participate in the 43rd Rifles' Snowshoe Clubs races on Saturday. They have issued a capital programme, and the Club has been so energetic throughout the season, that the events will doubtless be keenly contested. See advertisement.

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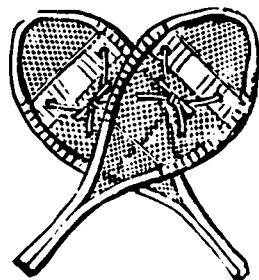
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