

and finishing with bags. Twice around was the order. The first mentioned obstacle proved itself the most difficult to get through, although the canvas cover, which was of considerable size, did not by any means prove too easy to those who had to get under it.

Trooper H. Gowen, jr., of the Q.O.C.H., took first place, with Sergt. Vallerand, of the 9th Battalion, second.

5th. Wrestling match on horseback (Royal School of Cavalry vs. B Battery, R.C.A.)—Six members of each of the above corps took part in this competition, the rule being that they were to work in pairs, the dismounting of either one necessitating the retirement of the other. This was won by the Cavalry, who succeeded in dismounting three Batterymen, who had in the meantime lost but one man. When the bugle sounded the cease two members of the Cavalry were facing two of the Battery, each side unable to gain any decided advantage.

6th. 100 yards (open to Officers of the Garrison)—Six started in this race, which resulted in favour of Lieut. Russell Hale, of the 8th R.R., with Lieut. Forrester, of the R.S.C., a good second.

7th. Tournament (Knights of Malta vs. Knights of St. John)—This was one of the most enjoyable events of the evening and was taken part in by the members of No. 4 Co., the Right vs. the Left Half, each member having another astride his shoulders, armed with a long pole with a mop on the end. There were eight knights a side. The mounting and dismounting, as well as the marching and saluting was well done under the command of Captain Walter J. Ray. Two encounters took place resulting in a victory for the Knights of Malta in each case, who quickly disposed of their opponents.

8th. Chasing greasy pig—This was the last event of the evening and did not as at first expected prove a difficult task, owing to Private J. Malone, of No. 2 Company, catching the pig in the very start. The manner in which he kept his hold left no doubt whatever but that his intention was to secure the prize.

PROGRAMME—WEDNESDAY EVENING.

1st. One mile race brought out three competitors and was won by Trooper H. Gowen, jr., Q.O.C.H., who was more than half a lap ahead at the finish. Second place was taken by Trooper John McKendry, of the same corps.

2nd. Sack race—Four entries: 1st, Private R. Hossack, No. 4 Co, 8th R.R.; 2nd, Bandsman T. Pugh, B Battery, R.C.A.

3rd. Balacava melce (Royal School of Cavalry)—This consisted of three men a side mounted, armed with singlesticks, and were distinguished by red and white plumes, and after a well fought battle the "reds" were declared the winners.

4th. Heavy marching order race

(open to members of the 8th and 9th Battalions)—Two of the former and one of the latter faced the line and made a good race. 1st, Private R. Hossack, No. 4 Co., 8th R.R.; 2nd, Lance-Corpl. D. Watson, of the same Company. The kits were inspected immediately after the race and found to contain the necessary articles.

5th. The menagerie race was very amusing and consisted in each man providing himself with an animal or bird, which he was to walk behind and endeavour to guide through the flags. Dogs, ducks, turkeys, a goose, one cat, one rooster, etc., took part in this race. The cat made a magnificent start, but at about half distance got somewhat mixed up and broke away, disappearing under the grand stand. The goose, under the guidance of Bugler Ross, No. 6 Co., 8th R.R., was the first to pass through the flags. Trooper Murray, R.S.C., guiding a dog took second place, followed by Private Price, of No. 4 Co., 8th R.R., also guiding a dog.

6th. Three-legged race—There were four entries in this event, and resulted in Lance-Corpl. D. Watson and Private Hossack, of No. 4 Co., taking first place, followed by Trooper J. McKendry Q.O.C.H., and Sergt. Vallerand, of the 9th Battalion.

7th. Tent race (B Battery, R.C.A.)—Three squads took part in this competition, representing the Band, Field and Right Sections, and the order in which they completed their work corresponds with that given above. The squads had to run the length of the hall, clear a hurdle carrying tents, poles, etc., and on arriving at the selected place to pitch their tents. This was done by the first named squad in the very good time of four minutes and forty-five seconds. It may also be mentioned that owing to the condition of the ground that iron spikes were used in lieu of the ordinary tent pegs.

8th. Skirt race, over hurdles (open to officers of the Garrison)—Six richly attired ladies leaning on the arms of gallant officers, made their appearance and were led to the starting point. The general get-up was much admired, and the height of a couple of the ladies was particularly noticeable—1st, Lieut. Forrester, R.S.C. (Cumberland Lass); 2nd, Lieut. Russell Hale, 8th R.R., (Miss Stadacona).

9th. Tug-of-war—More than the usual interest was at first attached to this competition, owing to the fact that the "B" Battery, R.C.A., and the 8th Royal Rifles had had a couple of pulls on former occasions, which resulted in their having one each to their credit. Much surprise was therefore expressed when the "B" Battery team withdrew from the contest, for reasons best known to themselves. The committee then decided to open the competition to any team composed of members of any of the local

corps. This was at once accepted, on behalf of the Royal School of Cavalry, and be it said to their credit that although placed at a disadvantage by having little or no time to prepare for the pull, they nevertheless made a very good stand. The time was limited to three minutes, the result proving in favour of the Riflemen by two straight pulls, in one minute and fifty-eight seconds, and one minute and thirty-seven seconds respectively. Capt. J. F. Burstall was in command of the Riflemen and Capt. Lessard, of the Cavalry. Both did their work in a manner to win the approval of the large number of spectators present.

In order to show their appreciation of the willingness and readiness with which the Royal School of Cavalry accepted the challenge, with a view more of accommodating the Riflemen than that of winning, as sufficient time was not at their disposal for practice, the winners decided to request their opponents to accept the prize given for that competition.

The distribution of prizes by Mrs. Prower brought the sports to a close.

The committee are deserving of praise for the efforts put forth by them in preparing and carrying to a successful issue the annual regimental sports, and as previously reported, was composed of Captains J. S. Dunbar, Ed. Montizambert (Adjutant), Walter J. Ray, C. J. Dunn and Lieut. Davidson.

Quebec, 2nd May, 1892.

The "B" Battery, R.C.A., Minstrel Troupe gave an entertainment in the Citadel Theatre on the evening of the 26th April, which proved a great success.

On Sunday the 1st May the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars and the 8th Royal Rifles attended St. Patrick's Church. The marching was very good, and a large number of spectators lined the streets through which the corps passed.

The date for holding the annual concert of the 8th Royal Rifles has been fixed for the 18th instant. The regiment will not proceed to Montreal for the review on the Queen's Birthday.

The following promotion appeared in orders "B" Co.: To be Sergeant, Corp. Boyd, vice Burke, left limits.

A meeting of officers was held after parade on Friday evening, when Capt. and Adjutant E. Montizambert read the annual report of the Regimental Committee, also a statement of the receipts and expenditure. After a consideration of the different points contained in the report the meeting adjourned until Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst.

The annual target practice is being fired at the Beauport Flats Range.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars commence mounted drill this week.