

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

QUEBEC.

Lieut. W. Forester of the Regiment of Canadian Dragoons, "A" Troop, and Lieut. W. E. Cooke of "B" Battery, Regiment Canadian Artillery, have returned to the city after an absence of a few days in the Maritime Provinces.

Capt. A. G. G. Würtele, U.L., and Gentleman Cadet Farley of the Royal Military College, Kingston, have been spending the Christmas holidays in this city.

Capt. F. M. Gaudet and Lieut. H. E. Burstall of "A" Battery, R.C.A., took advantage of the holiday season to pay a visit to the Ancient Capital and have returned to Kingston.

The resignation of Lieut.-Col. J. Elton Prower of the 8th Royal Rifles, although in a measure expected, is nevertheless a matter to be regretted, as he proved himself a very popular commanding officer and was well liked by all ranks. The gallant Colonel's decision to permanently reside in England is the cause of his severing his connection with the regiment.

Another loss the regiment sustains is in the person of Sergt.-Major T. P. Ross, who has found it necessary to resign his position as the senior non-commissioned officer of the corps, on account of his business requiring his absence from the city during the greater part of the annual training of the corps. He will be replaced by Colour-Sergt. Wilkinson, who has been connected with the regiment for some twenty years or more and who no doubt will give entire satisfaction in his new office.

The selection of Major H. C. Sheppard by his Honour Lieut.-Governor Chapleau, as his Aide-de-Camp, is a decided compliment to that officer, marking as it does the appreciation of his services in a similar position with the present Lieut.-Governor's predecessors in office. The public can congratulate themselves upon his appointment as he has at all times proved himself a most capable and courteous officer.

Capt. F. L. Lessard of "A" Troop, Regiment Canadian Dragoons, was offered and accepted the position of Extra Aide-de-Camp on His Honour's Staff, the position he filled under the administration of the late Governor. This appointment also meets with the approval of the general public.

The writer's thanks are due to Lieut. W. E. Cooke of "B" Battery for a very prettily designed Christmas Card issued by the corps to which he belongs. The appearance of the card reflects most creditably upon the designers, Captains Rutherford and Imlah, and forms a most pleasing souvenir of the festive season. The centre of the card consists of two circles, within the one is given a photograph of the "Father of the Battery" (Major-General Strange) and the other shows a view of the First Gun Detachment. The upper part of the card is devoted to the Mounted Division, and the lower part to the Garrison Division, all of course characteristic of the winter season. The bottom of the card contains a scroll upon which appears the following: "'B' Battery's Christmas Greeting 1892." The card in question forms a good companion to the one issued a year ago and which was also designed by the same officers.

The Gzowski Cup which was won by the Quebec Field Battery, for general efficiency, was exhibited in Capt. C. E. Holiwell's windows for several days and attracted much attention. This Battery is commanded by Major Crawford Lindsay and is composed chiefly of French Canadians.

On the 23rd December, a Hockey Match was played between teams of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars and 8th Royal Rifles, resulting in the favor of the latter by 5 games to 2. By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Forsyth, the band of the Q. O. C. H. performed during the evening. The teams were afterwards treated to an oyster supper by Capt.

Walter J. Ray, of the 8th R. R., and Lieut. W. Baldwin, of the Q. O. C. H., on behalf of the Quebec Amateur Athletic Association.

On the evening of the 22nd December, Bandmaster Hutchison, of the 8th Royal Rifles, was the recipient of a fine ebony baton, which was presented to him by the members of the band which he has organized in connection with the regiment. Needless to state, this mark of appreciation of his services speaks well for the future of the band. The baton is solid ebony with two beautiful sterling silver bands and a fine sterling silver top piece. On this top is the crest of the 8th R. R. beautifully executed and the following inscription: "Bandmaster E. Hutchinson, from 8th R. R. Band, Xmas, 1892.

The Lieut.-Governor's reception was well attended on New Year's day. There was a very representative staff consisting of members of the Regiment Canadian Dragoons, "B" Battery, R. C. A., District Staff, Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, Quebec Field Battery and Garrison Artillery, 8th Royal Rifles, 9th Battalion, 87th Battalion, etc., etc.

The *Quebec Daily Telegraph* has been advocating the holding of combined naval and military operations during the course of the present year, a matter which is well worthy of consideration and encouragement. The question has already received some attention in the press and Montreal has been suggested by one writer as the place for holding the same. Although that city is in a position of being able to furnish a large number of corps, nevertheless, this cannot overcome the fact that the Gibraltar of America is the proper place for a demonstration of the kind under consideration, Quebec with its citadel, fortifications and the forts on the opposite side of the river, all afford the best possible ground for the operations of the naval and military forces. The Government, by a liberal grant, could add very materially to the success of such an undertaking, by permitting corps from the East and West to take a part with their brothers in arms in this city. The city would also be expected to contribute to the expenditure which would be incurred as well as the merchants, who would receive ample return by the large number of strangers that would visit the city and the money that would be left in consequence.

As such an undertaking requires considerable time to arrange, in order to carry it to a successful issue, immediate steps should be taken to decide upon the advisability of holding it. Perhaps the popular D. A. G., of the 7th Military District, will take the initiative and call a meeting of the commandants of the different corps, both permanent and militia and discuss the question. Their deliberations would no doubt prove interesting and be the means of putting into actual practice what is now merely placed before the public as a desirable move, with the object of its being finally carried out.

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KINGSTON.

Sergt. Buck, of "A" Battery, spent his Christmas holidays in Hamilton.

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Veterinary Surgeon Massie, of the Battery, has purchased two fine teams of horses, which will be used by the field section at the barracks. They have been for some months under strength in the matter of horses. This purchase will therefore put them on a good footing again.

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The sergeants mess of "A" Battery hold their annual ball on January the 4th. Great preparations have been made for the event. The rooms are decorated and other ornamental work done; a first class caterer will supply the banquet, which will be an elaborate affair. Great numbers of invitations have been sent to friends in the different permanent schools at London, Toronto, Quebec, Fredericton, St. Johns, Victoria, Winnipeg, and a fine time is ensured.