

Report on Military Sports.

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Great interest is still being displayed in athletics by the men in the depôt, and some fine sport is being had in Football, Baseball, and Cricket.

The Football League is in full swing, and great rivalry is shown between sections. At present the teams are well matched, and the players are keen on their respective teams getting to the top of the league.

It is regretted that some of the football boots are such large sizes, but the smaller sizes are on the way. I cannot really say which is the worst, to be kicked by a man with a six foot wearing a nine boot, or by a man wearing boots that fit him. I should imagine the sensation to be just the same. Headquarters section is leading, and it is up to the other sections to get right after them and give them a run for their money. Remember medals will be presented for the winners of this league, and believe me they will be worth having. Take care the sergeants' mess team do not get them, as they have one or two dark horses in the back ground. Wait until R.S.M. Murray gets on the job; won't the balls and the goalkeeper suffer?

Baseball is a good rival to football, and large crowds are deeply interested in this "Real Home Sport." It is regretted that we lost the "Cavalry Game," but still we cannot win everything, and the "Mounted Fellows" are good sports, and can take a licking the same as we can. "Home run Baker did not show up so well in the last game, don't get downhearted. "Dough Puncher," Parks, Baldy, and Skinny Merrill play a very steady game, and work hard to keep their end going. Our back catcher, "Johnstone" is sure "Some Catcher," a man that can be depended on. Keep the pennant flying old top.

We have lost two games and won one, still a chance to retrieve ourselves now we have our new suits with the winning colours. White and blue always stand out well.

Our Cricket Team, ably Captained by Lieut. Docker is in great form, and it is regretted that so few men can only be selected for this team. There are quite a number of good men interested, and it has been suggested to form a second team so that other players can get a look in.

The matches played in June, up to time of writing, have been very interesting games. June 6th we played the Canadian Cavalry Depôt Team, but they were a little too strong for us. (The band were not playing the right kind of music).

We made up for this loss by playing "Westcliffe" and winning by 21 runs, McKay bowling 4 wickets.

For some time past the Committee have been endeavouring to obtain a piece of ground suitable for Tennis, but with no results. The ground in the vicinity of the camp is in a bad condition, and would take too long to fix up. Anyway something may turn up later, so do not be discouraged, strange things happen when the Committee get working.

A Toast to the New Draft.

Here's a health to the draft who're leaving
to-night
To join the boys in the battle of right,
Just a word of advice, which I trust will
not bore,
From an old 'un who's done just two
years and more.
Remember first that Canada's name
Is second to none on the roll of fame,
Treat the old times with a little respect,
Which in due time you will not regret,
When things are blue and your feeling
sore,
Just think of the boys who have gone
before.
They stuck it, and why should not you,
Like men of Canada, so are you,
Leave wine and women absolutely alone.
Just think of your mother or sister at
home,
Take a pride in your unit, respect your
chief,
And remember the land of the Maple
leaf.

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