

political nature, are allowed to extend their influence to its ranks, and thereby destroy its efficiency. In the old battalion it was the boast of certain of the non-commissioned officers of one company, that no man professing a certain faith, could become a member of that company, and that nearly every man in the company belonged to a certain so-called religious, and political, secret society. In more ways than one this organization injured both the company referred to, and the entire corps. It is not claimed that the commanding officer was aware of the state of affairs, but some of the officers were cognizant of how things stood.

That the re-organized 14th will be entirely free from all such blighting influences as this, is the hope of one of the warmest friends, and most sincere well-wishers of the battalion.

There has been some talk, lately, among ex-members of the 14th of forming a Highland company in Kingston, in connection with the 47th Batt. The project is hopeless, however, as the expense would be far greater than is imagined, and funds could not be obtained. The outlook for the formation of a strong city company of the 17th, is however, exceedingly bright.

Lieut. W. E. Cooke, of "A" Field Battery has been promoted to the brevet rank of captain.

The deputation composed of Mayor Elliot and Ald. Skinner, that went to Ottawa last week to urge on the Government the construction of a new drill hall here, succeeded in impressing the Minister of Militia to such an extent that \$15,000 has been placed in the supplementary estimates to begin the work, which is to cost, in all \$25,000 to \$30,000. The hall is to be built on Government property.

VEDETTE.

Quebec

QUEBEC, 7th February, 1896.—The R. C. A. Quadrille Club gave another of their dances on the 24th ultimo, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance, among others present being, Reg. Sergt-Major Lynden, Sergt-Major Barrington, Master Gunner Lavie, Q. M. S. Wood, and Sergts Lynden, Wood, Slade, Sutherland and Sellwood.

The R. C. A. Snowshoe Club proved themselves of great service in their efforts to aid in the carnival which took place last week. They were instrumental in carrying it to a success and were to be seen on every hand. In the carnival drive they supplied a car consisting of a fort upon which was mounted a gun somewhat similar to that in the Drill Hall, and which was fired at intervals. During the week the club gave an exhibition of fancy drill upon snowshoes. For this purpose a space was marked out on the Esplanade, and promptly at eight o'clock, the club arrived and took up their position, the bugle band being in attendance. Needless to state that a large number of the citizens and strangers were present to watch the manoeuvres, which were much enjoyed by all who witnessed them. The club was under the

command of Capt. O. C. Pelletier, R. C. A., who had Mr. Henri A. Panet, R. C. A., to assist in the drill. The various movements were carried out under the direction of Sergt-Major O'Grady.

An invitation was issued by Lieut-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D. A. G., to the officers of the district, to attend a meeting at the R. C. A. Institute rooms for the purpose of seeing the new equipment invented by Deputy Surgeon Major Oliver, to take place on the 23rd Jan. In answer to which among others the following officers put in an appearance: Lieut-Colonels T. J. Duchesnay, D. A. G., C. E. Montizambert and J. F. Wilson, R. C. A., Geo. R. White, 8th Bn.; Majors, A. A. Farley and Rutherford, R. C. A., G. E. A. Jones and J. S. Dunbar, 8th Bn.; Major Hudon, Q. G. A., Major Hethrington, Q. O. C. H., Captains, Fages, V. B. Rivers, T. Benson, Imlah, of the R. C. A., W. C. H. Wood and H. J. Lamb, 8th Bn., F. Holloway and Ernest F. Wurtele, of the Retired list.; Capt. Brocklesby, 55th Bn., Major C. Lindsay, R. L., and Messrs Henri A. Panet, H. C. Thacker, J. H. C. Ogilvy of the R. C. A., Capt. Thos. Argue, Quartermaster 8th Bn., etc.

Deputy Surg-Major Oliver gave a very interesting exhibition of his equipment and which was carefully considered by those present. It was regretted that no efforts had been made to have some other equipment present in order to better demonstrate the advantages of his invention.

On the 1st inst the military hockey match between the officers of the Quebec and Montreal Garrison took place in the skating rink St. Louis St., which resulted in a decided victory for the home team. A handsome silver tankard presented by the carnival committee, thus became the property of the Quebec Military Hockey Team.

The following composed the team:

QUEBEC		MONTREAL
Lieut. R. Hale	Goal	Capt Cantlie
Capt. C. Dunn	Point	Lieut. Butler
Lieut. H. A. Panet	Cover	Lt. Armstrong
Lieut. R. Davidson	Forward	Cpt Armstrong
Lt. J. H. C. Ogilvy	"	Lieut. Dobbin
Lieut. Champion	"	Lieut. Miller
Capt. H. J. Lamb	"	Lieut. Oliver

On the evening of the 1st inst, a supper was tendered to the visiting hockey team by some of their military friends in Quebec. The Garrison Club was selected for the purpose and at about eleven the following gentleman among others sat down in the club dining-room: Lieut.-Cols. J. F. Wilson, R. C. A., and G. R. White, 8th Bn.; Majors Hethrington, Q. O. C. H., and B. A. Scott, 61st Bn., Captains W. J. Ray, R. E. W. Turner, O. B. C. Richardson, H. J. Lamb, Ernest F. Wurtele, Majors J. S. Dunbar and G. E. Allen Jones, and Messrs. H. A. Panet, R. Davidson J. H. C. Ogilvy, etc. A very pleasant evening was spent, presided over by Lieut-Col. J. F. Wilson.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst, the Lewis equipment was exhibited in the room of the R. C. A. Institute and on which occasion a representative from the permanent militia was in attendance in order to better enable those present to

compare the two. A large number of officers were present in answer to an invitation issued by Lieut-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D. A. G., at the request of Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele.

The test was a successful one and was witnessed by the following officers of the district: Lieut-Col. C. E. Montizambert, R. C. A. Forrest, District Paymaster, Geo. R. White, 8th Bn.; F. W. Gray, late Q. O. C. H.; Majors A. A. Farley and R. W. Rutherford; Captains Fages, V. B. Rivers, T. Benson, and Messrs. H. A. Panet, H. C. Thacker, J. A. Benyon and J. H. C. Ogilvy of the Royal Canadian Artillery. Surgeon Elliott and Capt. R. E. W. Turner of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars; Major Boulanger, Quebec Field Battery; Lieut-Col. Roy, Major Levasseur, Capt. J. Ouellet (Adjutant) 9th Bn.; Majors G. E. Allen Jones and J. S. Dunbar, Cpts W. C. H. Wood, (Adjutant) O. B. C. Richardson, C. J. Dunn, Thos. Argue (Quartermaster) 8th Bn., Royal Rifles; Major Laurin, 87th Bn.; Capt. Brocklesby, 55th Bn.; Captains Ernest F. Wurtele, R. L.; some of the N. C. O.'s of the R. C. A. and others.

Quite a number of military men were in the city during carnival week, among others: Captain W. B. Carruthers, of Kingston, who was the guest of Major R. W. Rutherford, Citadel; Mr. B. H. O. Armstrong, Royal Engineers, at present out on leave; Capt. Heward, R. C. D. Winnipeg, etc.

The 8th Royal Rifles have completed their complement of captains by the promotion of Lieut. H. J. Lamb. This officer was gazetted to the corps on the 21st Dec. and promoted on the 18th January.

PATROL.

Montreal.

The estimates have been scanned with great care by many local officers in the hope of finding in them some reference to the establishment of a school of instruction here.

Nothing is visible to the naked eye referring to this subject, so that unless provision be made for this in the supplementary estimates it will have to be assumed that Montreal officers will still have to look to St. Johns for instruction.

There is no denying that the presence of a company of the R.R.C.I. here would do much to improve the local battalions. The example alone they would afford would be worth the expense, while the boom it would give the recruiting and military sentiment would prove to be no inconsiderable part of their usefulness.

A field day is announced for the 24th of May. This is welcome news. It is years since a field day on a large scale has been held in Montreal and this one will be looked forward to not only by the militia but by the citizens at large.

It is to be hoped that the battalions with headquarters anywhere near this city will be induced to take part in the parade which we would like to see take the shape of a defense of the city from a supposed attack and last a couple of days.

This could be counted as part of the corps by annual training and if carried out with system would prove most interesting and instructive. The manoeuvres could wind up by the regulation march past on Fletcher's field.

Your correspondent makes the suggestion for what it is worth and hopes the eye of some of the commanding officers interested may read and inwardly digest it.

It is said that the Province of Quebec Rifle Association has been promised a grant from the provincial government of two hundred dollars.

Shades of our local boodlers—why not two thousand?