



Royal Military College Club.

NO. 6—GENERAL NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Royal Military College Club will be held in Montreal, at the St. Lawrence Hall, on Friday, the 24th February, 1893, instead of the 14th as stated in the last issue of the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE.

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On the 26th ultimo Lieut. H. du P. Gasgrain, Royal Engineers, was entertained at a dinner in the Toronto Club by Lieut. A. T. K. Evans, U. L. The following members of the club were present:—Mr. L. Homfray Irving, R. L., Hon. Secretary Canadian Military Institute, Lieut. Francis Joseph Dixon, U. L., Captain J. C. MacDougall and Lieut. J. H. Laurie, Canadian Regiment of Infantry and Mr. W. G. Warner. Lieut. Gasgrain having spent several years in India is now on leave for a few months.

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Lieut. N. G. Von Hugel, of the Royal Engineers, who had charge of the submarine defences at Calcutta for four years and who is at present stationed in Lucknow on military works, will leave India in March next and will revert to England.

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Lieut. W. F. Tilley, Royal Engineers, is at present out on six months leave of absence, and residing at Napanee, Ontario.

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Capt. J. C. MacDougall, C. R. I., took a special course of instruction at Aldershot in August last. Was attached to the 71st Highland Light Infantry, and was with Major-General Crealock's flying column for two weeks, from which he derived considerable experience in route marching, wood fighting, light attacks, outposts, infantry attacking artillery positions and other matters incidental to a field day. The column never remained two days in the same place and had to fight always *en route* to the next camping ground. From the above it will be seen that the work done comprised as many of the conditions of actual warfare as could be considered.

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Captain R. G. E. Leckie recently read an interesting paper on the Iron Ores of Torbrook, Annapolis Valley, N.S., before the General Mining Association of Nova Scotia.

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Mr. R. McColl has been requested to deliver a series of lectures on Civil Engineering to the students of Dalhousie College, Halifax.

R. M. C. No. 47.

The French Department of Intendance has been experimenting with dried bread, which is said to be superior for campaigning purposes both to biscuit and ordinary bread. From the results of the experiment, which are given in the *Revue du Service de l'Intendance Militaire*, it appears that this dried bread will absorb from five to six times its own weight of water, milk, tea, coffee, or *bouillon*. Biscuit absorbs hardly its own weight of liquid, although when thoroughly dried it contains only about 10 per cent. of water, whereas the bread contains from 12 to 14 per cent. It can be made in cubes of convenient form for packing, and will probably be found to be a not less important improvement than those recently made by Germany in the same department, as it forms, together with the soup which it absorbs, a fairly substantial dinner, besides being simple, inexpensive, and portable.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

KINGSTON.

The funeral of the late Bandmaster Carey, of the 14th Battalion, took place from his late residence, in this city, on Friday, December 2nd, with full military honours. A firing party composed of 19 members of the non-com.'s class, under Sergt. Major Baker, furnished the escort. They were drawn up at open order, in front of the house, and as the casket containing the remains of the veteran musician passed through the ranks, the party presented arms, and Bandsmen Jacobs Orser (14th) and Heyward (Battery) sounded a beautiful funeral dirge on their cornets; this dirge had been composed by the late bandmaster and used expressly for the funeral of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. The coffin, wrapped in the Union Jack, was placed on a gun carriage, which was present with a detachment from "A" Battery, R. C. A., with Sergt. McIntyre in charge. The ranks of the firing party were then turned outwards, and each file wheeled inwards. Passing in measured tread on either side of the gun until they arrived at the head of the procession, where, to the mournful strains of the "Dead march in Saul," played by the amalgamated bands of the 14th and "A" Battery, the cortege moved in slow time to St. Paul church, where the funeral service of the English Church was read by Rural Dean Carey, chaplain of the Battalion. After the service the remains were brought out of the church by members of the 14th and placed again on the carriage, after which the firing party reformed, and the procession moved to Princess street in this order:

Firing party.

Combined bands of "A" Battery and 14th (47 strong.)

Gun carriage, with casket draped in Union Jack.

Mourners.

Officers of the 14th Batt.

"A" Battery, R. C. A.

Officers "A" Battery.

District staff.

Officers Kingston Conservatory of Music.

Citizens and others.

When the funeral arrived at the head of the street at Williamsville the escort was halted and turned inward. As the gun carriage passed through the ranks three volleys were fired in the air. The military portion of the cortege, with the exception of the gun detachment, was then reformed and marched to their respective parade grounds and dismissed; the remainder accompanied the remains to Cataraqui cemetery, where they were placed in the vault. During the passage of the funeral traffic was stopped on the streets,—a mark of respect to the deceased that was appreciated by all. Great crowds witnessed the pageant.

The veteran bandmaster was the recipient of many costly and beautiful presents in the course of his musical career, among them being gifts from the Prince Consort, and the Prince of Wales, whom he accompanied as private bandmaster during his tour of Canada. Mr. Carey was in business as a music dealer, and was always upright and obliging; modesty was his chief characteristic. He has composed stacks of music, but never signed his own name to it; if he did sign at all it was simply "Algernon," the *mon de plume* he wrote under; he cared not for money or fame, he wrote music and taught it because he loved it and loved to talk about it. The musical profession of this city generally feels his loss, for he was an acknowledged leader amongst musical critics, his opinions on such matters being highly valued. He was a very skilful musician, and many of the best bandsmen have passed through his hands, among whom is one who has achieved much renown in Canada and the United States, viz., bandmaster Rackett, late of the Royal Canadian Artillery.