

have been sufficiently long to enable us to appreciate those soldierly qualities which you possess and which we desire to recognize to-day by requesting your acceptance of this gift.

Consider it as a memento, not only of the days that are now, but of those that have been—not only of present comrades but of those of long ago, and may the years be many before you require its aid for ought but recollection.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and much pleasure in your new position.

We are, ever yours,

The officers, non-commissioned officers and gunners of No. 2 Battery, N. B. B. G. A.

The cane bore the following inscription :—"Major John J. Gordon, from No. 2 Battery, N. B. B. G. A., 2 Jan., 1893."

Major Gordon replied appropriately.

After a further selection of music, speeches from Mayor Peters, Mr. J. D. Hazen, M.P., and Major Armstrong followed, on request, all speakers expressing themselves in their happiest styles, and warmly complimenting the band, the bandmaster, and the corps. The Hunting piece, descriptive, which came next, was so well given as to call forth an encore, and, on the conclusion of the second rendition, the building for some time resounded with applause.

Capt. Crawford then stepped forward and presented Bandmaster Horsman with a well-filled wallet, accompanying which he voiced the sentiments of his fellow-officers and all concerned in a short speech of praise, for the efforts of Mr. Horsman in having brought the band up to their present excellence. Mr. Horsman replied briefly.

Lieut.-Col. Armstrong was then called upon, and delivered a few remarks, commendatory of the band and those who had promoted its success as a musical organization. Lt.-Col. Armstrong also advanced the compliments of the season to the City Cornet band, the 62nd and the Kingsville band, and wished them every success.

The afternoon's amusement broke up with the singing of the national anthem.

Sergeant Farmer was director of ceremonies, and performed his duties very pleasantly.

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The N. B. Garrison Artillery Band gave a splendid concert on 6th inst. They were not favored with propitious weather, but despite the drawbacks thus occasioned they were greeted with a splendidly filled house. Those who braved the storm and wind were more than compensated by the feast of music spread before them. The applause and encores testified to the excellent manner in which the different performers rendered their parts. The programme was as follows :—

Overture—Eliza E. Claudio.....Mercadante Band.

Solo—On the Goodwin Sands.....Piccolomini Mr. Horace Cole.

Selection—Night Alarm, (Descriptive of a Fire at Night.) D. W. Reeves. Band.

Solo—On Venice Waters.....Roeder Miss Elliot.

Selection—I. Maritini.....Donizatti Band.

#### INTERMISSION.

Selection—St. John, N.B., (descriptive)....T. W. Horsman  
Introducing 7 o'clock in the morning, Calkers, Polka, Machinery, Arrival of C. P. R. Train, the Hackman, Mazurka, Waltz, King Street, Local Papers, Minstrelsy. Band.

Solo—Queen of the Night.....Mrs. J. S. Torry Miss Clara Watson.

Selection—Scotch Fantasia.....T. W. Horsman  
Introducing Bagpipes, Drums and Fifes, etc. Band.

Solo—My Love, My Crown.....Weatherby Mr. W. J. Starr.

Waltz—Watter's Landing.....T. W. Horsman Band.

God Save the Queen.

Miss Watson received an ovation and was recalled twice. Miss Elliot sang very sweetly and received a hearty encore.

Messrs Cole and Starr were both recalled. The playing of the band was very much admired, and they were compelled to repeat numbers five and six. The last, by Prof. Horsman, was given a grand reception.

Altogether the concert was a highly pleasing one.

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Messrs. Wm. Maxwell and Richard Craft, of No. 2 Battery N. B. B. G. A., left for Quebec on 3rd inst. to take a three months' course of instruction in the Artillery school.

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The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, of St. John, N.B., has been appointed by headquarters to represent the Boys' Brigade in Canada, and will be pleased to send parcels of literature giving full insight into the principle and methods of the organization to any who are interested in the religious welfare of our boys. A small charge, thirty-five cents, is made to cover printing and postage.

## MONTREAL.

The Royal Scots have, through Lieut.-Col. Hood, received a pressing invitation from the Scottish societies of Chicago to visit that city in July next. We learn that no definite action has yet been taken, pending the granting of the necessary authority from Ottawa.

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Lieu.-Col. Hood's resignation of the command of the Scots, which was sent in some time ago, has been returned to him for reconsideration. It is probable that he will hold it for a few weeks before again sending it in, going on leave of absence in the meantime.

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The officers of the Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery have arranged for a series of lectures on professional topics to be delivered during the winter. The programme is as follows :—

Friday, Feb. 3rd.—"The functions of Modern Garrison Artillery and its training."—Capt. A. C. T. Boileau, R.A.

Thursday, Feb. 23rd.—"Sighting and Rules for Elevation."—Capt. A. M. McEwen.

Thursday, Mar. 9th.—"The principal fortified Stations of the British Empire." (Illustrated by Lantern Views.)—Lieut.-Col. F. M. Cole.

Thursday, Mar. 30th.—"Gunpowder, Cartridges and Projectiles."—Major W. C. Trotter.

Thursday, April 13th.—"Minor Dressings and Ambulance Drill."—Asst. Surgeon J. M. Elder.

Attendance at the above Lectures, which will be held in the Armory, will count as voluntary drills. Members of the Brigade will appear in uniform.

That Capt. Boileau, R.A., should have consented to deliver the first of these papers, is an event of more than ordinary importance. The officer in question holds the honorable position of Adjutant of the Royal Artillery in British North America, and is well known as a skilful writer on subjects connected with his branch of the services, as well as a most capable and accomplished officer. Capt. Boileau's lecture cannot fail to be of much value to the Montreal brigade. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at this the opening of the series.

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It is more than probable that the long-distance marching competition, proposed in the last issue of this paper, will be taken hold of by the Montreal battalions, and carried out within a very few weeks. All the city corps will, no doubt, enter teams, and one from No. 3 Co., C.R.I., at St. Johns, may also compete.

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The question of change of uniform for the Prince of Wales Rifles is still unsettled. The samples of gray and brown clothing, worn by a few of the English volunteer corps, are on view in the regimental armoury, and have been examined by a large number. The consensus of opinion is in favour of the lighter colour. It certainly has a smarter and less dingy appearance than the very dark green uniform now