

numbers as filled the house to the doors. Not a seat remained untaken at either performance, and standing room contented the late arrivals.

The affair was a huge success in every way, and the music, both instrumental and vocal, was excellent. Kingstonians are proud of "the 14th band," and never miss an opportunity of manifesting their pride.

Major Drury, commanding "A" Field Battery, R.C.A., is to be a candidate for the wardenship of the Provincial Penitentiary here. The position is not yet vacant, but it is understood that the present warden will resign before long.

Senior Major Shannon, of the 14th Battalion, P. W. O. R., and managing director of the News Printing Company (Limited), was elected president of the Canadian Press Association, at the meeting of that organization held in Toronto the last week in January.

Lt.-Col. Cotton, D. A. G., of this city, inspected the armories of the 57th Battalion, "Peterboro' Rangers," at Peterboro', a few days ago.

Miss Clapham, of Quebec, visited her sister, Mrs. Ogilvie, wife of Captain Ogilvie, of "A" Battery, R.C.A., last week.

Surgeon Major Neilson, of "A" Battery, has the first installment of an intensely interesting article entitled "The Royal Canadian Volunteers 1794-1802," in the issue of the V. R. I. Magazine for the quarter ending November 1894.

The Canada Gazette of Saturday, Jan. 26th, contained the following order relating to the 14th Battalion:

14th Battalion "The Princess of Wales' Own Rifles"—That part of General Order (4) of the 19th February, 1892, permitting Major Joseph William Power to resign his commission, is hereby cancelled, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "Major William Power is permitted to resign his commission and to retain the rank of Major on retirement."

The gymnastic class of the 14th Battalion, P. W. O. R., have resumed their practices under the instruction of Sergt.-Major Morgans, R.M.C. The gymnasium is large and poorly heated by one small stove, and the men complain that they cannot enter into the exercises with the same degree of "warmth" as they would were the means of heating more adequate. As it is, splendid progress has been made, and the beneficial effect of the winter's training will be apparent when the corps begins spring drill.

The long-looked-for militia list has at "long last" been received.

A prominent militia officer of this city states that the blame for the withholding of the special long service medal from those members of the Canadian Militia who are entitled to it must rest with the authorities at Ottawa. The officer refer-

red to asserts that he saw the warrant for issuing the medal to the Canadian Militia, and he cannot understand why its provisions were not fulfilled by the distribution of the decoration. If this is the case, and no one who knows the officer who makes the statement would think for an instant of doubting his word, the wearers of Her Majesty's uniform in Canada are suffering a great injustice which should be righted at once. Our volunteers receive little enough compensation for the trouble and expense they are put to for the privilege of serving their country, and no one has a right to deprive them of the token by which their Queen expresses her recognition and appreciation of their services.

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The flooring in the drill hall is nearing completion and there is much rejoicing in the armouries as a result.

"Cartridge Box" publishes a story to the effect that Captain Harry Freer, so well known in the Canadian Militia, has joined the Japanese army and has attained the rank of general on the staff, whatever that may mean. "Cartridge Box" recklessly calls Captain Freer's old regiment the historical 38th South Staffordshire the 37th, and gets somewhat mixed up over the circumstances under which he became attached to the then Infantry School Corps. No mention is made of Captain Freer's services as A.D.C. to the G. O. commanding during the Northwest Rebellion nor of his being mentioned in despatches at Batoches. "Cartridge Box" has a very original way of describing Captain Freer's severing of his army connection. He writes: "He rejoined his regiment in Gibraltar; but as the life was too slow got his discharge and came back here." Ye gods and little fishes. Fancy a captain "getting his discharge."

An elaborate telephone circuit has been installed in the drill hall.

The ex Sergeant-Major of the Royal Scots claims that he has been illegally dismissed and has demanded an investigation. The general has granted a court of enquiry.

Major Perley, of Ottawa, delivered an interesting lecture at the military institute, February 1st, on the "Ballistics of the Rifle."

"C" Company of the Royal Scots, Captain J. S. Ibbotson, held its annual meeting the first of the month. The company fund carries over a balance from last year.

Armory Sergeant Johnson, of the Garrison Artillery, has resigned.

The Vics' reserves held their second camp fire of the season, February 8th, Captain Sully in the chair. All present passed a very jolly evening.

The non-com. class of the Prince of Wales Rifles has resumed work for the season.

The Victoria Rifles have begun their annual drills, the companies meeting as follows: Numbers 1 and 2 companies, Monday; 5 and 6 on Wednesday, and 3 and 4 on Thursday.

The Garrison Artillery held a midwinter parade on Saturday, February 2nd. There were 125 men in the ranks. The regiment left the drill hall at a quarter past three and made a good appearance in their winter uniforms, with the field officers mounted. Lieut. Col. Cole was in command. The officers were Major Reid, Captain and Adjutant Featherston, Major McEwen, Captain Collins, Capt. Wynne, Lieutenants Barton and Howard and Sergeant-Major Fellows. The non-commissioned officers were also present in large numbers. They marched to the club house. Previous to quitting the club house songs and dancing were indulged in until the "fall-in" sounded for a light lunch.

Captain John Hood sends a letter to the press in which he says:—

"The well known and enterprising military outfitting firm, Messrs John Martin, Sons & Co., have come to the front and placed in my hands two handsome trophies for a first and second team prize, and also a revolver and a rifle-shot's outfit for a first and second individual prize. These prizes will be competed for and are now thrown open to regimental teams composed of 15 members of any regiment in the Fifth Military district. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range, with one sighting shot at each range. Position, kneeling at 200 yards; prone, with head to target at 500 and 600 yards. Rifle optional. Entries may be addressed to P. O. box 2003, on or before Wednesday, 13th instant.

"The competition will commence on Saturday, 16th inst., at 8 p.m., and will be continued every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, until all have fired.

"A meeting of the captains of teams will be held in my office 207 St. James street, on 13th inst., at 6 p.m., for the purpose of arranging all details for the satisfactory carrying out of the match, and it is hoped that instead of only three battalions competing, that at least one team will be entered from each regiment in the district.

"This competition will occupy the teams for the next three or four weeks, and so keep to the front the interest in military matters, until the beginning of the drill season, when I hope to be able to take up the question of revolver shooting for the officers of the Montreal force."

"I" Company association, Sixth Fusiliers, held its annual meeting on the 8th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season: Hon. president, Captain Converse; president, Col.-Sergt. Pratt; hon. secretary, Pt. C. S. Gee; executive committee, Corporals Maple, E. E. Garlick, Privates Isam, Lowe and Hilton; recruiting committee, Sergt. Harrison, Private Lowe and Private Isam; rifle committee, Col.-Sergt. Pratt, Sergt. Lane, Private Long; auditors, Sergt. Harrison and Private Cahill.

The following battalions have entered teams to compete for the trophies pre-