



## THE WINTER MARCH OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY

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A BRIEF notice of the winter march of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery will be of interest to our readers, from the standpoint of military hygiene. The route march detachment consisted of 150 men, 140 horses, 4 twelve-pounder guns, 6 eighteen-pounder Maxim guns, 7 teams, and 1 ambulance. About twenty-five of the mounted men carried snowshoes strapped to their backs, to be used in the North country where the snow was deep. The men wore fur caps and buckskin gloves. Every man and officer wore "beef" moccasins. The guns were mounted on bob-sleighs and skids, so that both could be thoroughly tested. The ammunition (300 rounds) was carried in the boxes of the limbers, no special sleigh being used for the purpose.

The march began at the artillery barracks, Kingston, Ontario, at 9 a.m., February 15th, 1910, and when the detachment was about twelve miles out from the city, both batteries went into action in the broken country lying between the inland lakes and the Rideau Canal. The roads traversed by the batteries were, in many places, covered with deep drifts of snow, and the haulage was heavy. At noon the detachment had a good cold lunch by the wayside. Neither liquors nor beer were served, the fluids con-