

**Sports** With the coming of the winter season an active volley-ball and basketball schedule has been arranged to include inter-troop games and also challenge games between the best teams from the recruits in training and teams from local organizations. The staff have entered a team in the volley-ball schedule and hope to be able to give the young fellows some opposition.

A heavy period of boxing training has been completed by the troops in training and a tournament will be held to determine the best in barracks. Preliminary elimination bouts have resulted in lots of exciting boxing and keen competition. Winners were: welterweight (135-147 lbs.)—E. G. Blanchette, J. P. E. Menard, L. J. Hok and K. M. Murray; middle-weight (148-160 lbs.)—J. R. Gilholme, A. R. Wilson, W. L. Ring and R. McLaren; light-heavyweight (161-175 lbs.)—T. G. Birkbeck, J. C. Hayes, R. M. Jones and E. J. Byrne; heavyweight—O. S. Procyk, H. R. Howden, A. V. Edwards and J. B. Penz.

In addition a slugfest between six blindfolded gladiators in the ring together provided a high-light in entertainment.

**Shooting** Cpl. J. R. Zavitz took part in the Province of Quebec pistol matches at Quebec City on August 20-21. During the two-day meet he won the Quebec Open, the .22 and the .38 Pistol Championships.

At Kitchener on September 21 he won the Grand Aggregate and Deliberate Aggregate at a match sponsored by the Police Association of Ontario. These matches offer particularly keen competition, are open only to full time policemen in Ontario, and usually about 130 competitors take part. Corporal Zavitz also proved to be the top scorer in a postal match between the RCMP and the Metropolitan Police of London, England, held last winter.

At the present time the division is getting ready to take part in both the DCRA and the inter-divisional winter competitions in rifle and pistol.

## BOOK REVIEWS

In addition to the books reviewed in this column, many others have been received. Unfortunately lack of space and time prevents reviews being included in this issue. These books include three recent releases of Oxford University Press — "Ayorama", "Glooscap's Country" and "The Tree of Dreams"; two from Ryerson Press — "The Officer In The Courtroom" and "Forgery and Fictitious Checks"; "The Marching Call" and "Northern Treasury" published by Thomas Nelson and Sons.

JOHN A. MACDONALD, *The Old Chieftain*, by Donald Creighton. The Macmillan Co. of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, Canada. Indexed. Illustrated. Pp. 630. \$5.75.

Perhaps no other Canadian statesman played such a prominent role in nation building as Sir John A. MacDonald. The latter part of his political career was almost entirely devoted to leading the young country through its first infant steps toward greatness. How this was done is graphically and lucidly told in Dr. Creighton's second volume of MacDonald's biography, "The Old Chieftain".

Once Confederation was achieved in 1867, John A. MacDonald, who became the first prime minister, tackled the many problems which confronted him with courage and vision. One of his great dreams was to build a transcontinental railway to British Columbia. It was on the promise of such a railway that the West Coast Colony agreed to enter

the national parliament. "Until that road is built to British Columbia," MacDonald wrote, "this Dominion is a mere geographical expression. Until bound by the iron link as we have bound Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by the Intercolonial Railway, we are not a Dominion in fact."

But before the railway could be planned many other things had to be done first. Canada had to acquire the vast area of Rupert's Land. This was considerably more than a mere purchase. The United States, filled with an aggressive sense of her "Manifest Destiny" was exerting strong pressure to annex those lands herself. This was not as preposterous an idea then as it seems now. The American ambition had the sympathy of many Hudson Bay people in Rupert's Land. It had the approval of the annexationist bloc in Canada. Even Britain did not think it an impossible desire.

Disruptive forces within the new Do-