

or Mason and Slindell affair, and assisted with others in the organization of the now crack corps, 7th of London, Ont., and acted on the staff of the D. A. G. during the Fenian troubles of 1866. On taking up his residence permanently in Montreal he joined the M. G. A. in April, 1878, as junior lieutenant, receiving his captaincy the same year. Having qualified for field officer appointment at the Citadel in Quebec he was successful in securing his majority in 1884, and on the 6th of the present month was gazetted as lieutenant-colonel.

At the parade Friday night a general order was read by the adjutant from Lieut.-Col. Oswald bidding farewell to the brigade as follows: "I assure you it is with great regret that I leave after having been so many years connected with you. I have become attached to the old brigade, and be assured I shall never forget the friends I am leaving. I am, however, glad to know that I shall be succeeded in the command by an officer who has served with me for some years, and who will take quite as great an interest in the welfare of the brigade as I have done. In bidding you farewell I trust you will ever remember the high character the brigade has sustained wherever it has served."

A regimental order was also read from the new commander expressing regret at the serious loss the brigade had sustained by the retirement of Col. Oswald and hoping that the same esprit de corps for which the regiment had always been noted, would continue to exist.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH.

The Sixty-Fifth took possession of their new quarters in the drill hall Thursday evening last. The corps, it is said, will be thoroughly reorganized without delay. A bugle and drum band will be added.

THE REBEL DUMONT.

Gabriel Dumont, Riel's lieutenant during the North-West campaign, arrived in the city from New York yesterday and put up at Riendeau's hotel. His arrival set the Nationalists in a flutter, and it is currently stated that he was prevailed upon to visit Montreal for the purpose of taking part in the contests in Hochelaga, Maskinonge and Laval. When Mr. Champagne, the Nationalist candidate in the first mentioned constituency, was seen he said: "You may rest assured that I will make use of Dumont in Hochelaga."

Dumont is powerfully built, and it can be seen at a glance that in his veins runs the blood of the red man. His hair is long and unkempt, and he is attired in coarse gray cloth, greatly resembling *drap du pays*. He not only speaks very poor French but at times when an expression fails him he makes use of an incomprehensible patois.

Dumont says that he is not afraid to remain in Canada as he has an amnesty from the Government in his pocket. He will deliver lectures in this city, Quebec, Three Rivers and Sorel and will seek signatures for a petition praying the Government to extend an indemnity to those half-breeds who took up arms under Riel. The petition will be read in the House by Hon. Mr. Laurier. Dumont contends that Riel died a victim to his devotion to his people. The condition of the Metis had not been bettered by the rebellion, but he had no doubt that it would have good results later on. Dumont says that he will visit France during the summer. He has lots of friends over there whom he knew in New York, and who are anxious to extend to him their hospitality. He will then return to his farm in the North-West. —*Star*.

COL. HUGHES CHIEF OF POLICE.

The long struggle for the position of chief of police of this city has been terminated by the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Hughes, Brigade Major. Col. Hughes was born at Three Rivers in 1847, and is the son of the late Henry B. Hughes, in his lifetime a lawyer and clerk of the peace of that city. His grandfather was a captain in the British army and assisted in defending Lacollé against the Americans in 1812. He is descended from an old Irish Protestant family. He was married in 1874 to a daughter of the late Dr. Leduc of this city. He obtained his military certificate at the age of seventeen from the Military School at Quebec under Col. Gordon of the Seventeenth "Leicestershire" Regiment of Foot, then in garrison at the Ancient Capital. He saw service during the Fenian raid of 1866 on the frontier, and in 1868 joined the Papal Zouaves. Returning to Canada in 1870 he commenced the study of law and was admitted to practice in 1880. In the same year he was appointed to the senior majority of the 65th on its re-organization by Col. Ouimet. In 1882 he was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Crown and a License Commissioner, and in 1883 resigned these offices to accept the position of Brigade Major of the district. During the North-West rebellion he went to the front and commanded his regiment as senior major at the only action in which a French regiment participated, Frenchmen's Butte, on the 28th May, 1885.

THE VICTORIA RIFLES.

On account of the execrable condition of the streets no outside drills or marching have been attempted by any corps here. The Vic's armoury is, however, situated just right to allow its members to get in their half battalion drills with clean boots in spite of mud and aldermen.

The annual meeting of the sergeants' mess was held on Friday last, the treasurer's and mess committees reports showing great progress made in both finances and mess property and comforts. With an outlay for the past 10 months, since the quarters in the new armoury were taken up, of nearly \$600, the treasurer was able to report all debts paid and a cash balance on hand.

The 2nd match in series "B" was shot on Saturday last, ending with Private G. Cook the winner, with 47 points. A team match with the Prince of Wales Rifles is fixed for Friday night.

Halifax.

THE officers of the Halifax Provisional Battalion celebrated the third anniversary of the departure of the battalion for active service in the North-West, by a dinner at the Queen hotel, on Wednesday evening, 11th inst. About twenty sat down to the table. No guests were allowed with the exception of Col. Murray, paymaster, who is always looked upon as part of the corps. The band of the 66th P. L. F. furnished the music. Col. Bremner presided, with Col. Macdonald, 66th, and Major Walsh, 63rd, as vice-chairmen. After the Queen had been duly honoured the usual military custom was dispensed with and toasts, songs and speeches were declared in order. Telegrams were read from several absent comrades regretting their inability to be with the rest on the occasion. The alleged Poundmaker's veritable pipe of peace, the property of one of the officers, was brought forth, lighted up and passed around in the most approved fashion. Major Weston alluded fittingly to some of the absent comrades who had answered the great roll-call and their memory was honoured. Some experiences of the different detachments of the battalion quartered at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Landing and Medicine Hat were related and some new facts brought to light for the first time. The medical branch of the campaign was humorously defended by Surgeon Tobin and T. R. Almon. The room was handsomely decorated with

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bunting, rifles, etc., and through the kindness of the commanding officers of the respective regiments and his worship the mayor, the colours of the 63rd, 66th, and H.P. B. were displayed, and handsome silver cups, kindly loaned by some of the officers, adorned the table. The large oil painting, by A. E. Well, of this city, of the officers of the corps, was exposed for the first time and much commented on. As the observance of the 10th of April has now become an institution among the officers of the H.P. B., it was decided to appoint a committee to look after the celebration next year, and the following were selected: Col. Bremner, Capt. Garrison, Major Weston, Lieut. James, and Mr. Kane.

The Second Scottish company, 63rd Rifles, celebrated the third anniversary of its departure for the North-West rebellion by a dinner at Teas' dining hall on the same evening. This year's celebration was very quietly conducted, none but active and retired members of the company being present. The evening was very enjoyably spent in song, speech and story.

St. John, N.B.

AN At Home given by the officers of the 62nd Fusiliers on Thursday evening last, afforded a delightful entertainment to themselves and their large number of friends, civil and military, who attended. Among the military guests present were Col. Maunsell, D.A.G.; Capt. Campbell, and Lieut. Wedderburn and Lieut. Sears, 8th Princess Louise Cavalry; Lieut.-Col. Armstrong and the officers of the Garrison Artillery; Capt. Hartt and officers of the Rifles.

The decorations of the room were of the most tasteful and elaborate kind that have been seen in the city for some years. One of the most striking objects was a handsome shield of red, white and blue velvet, on which were mounted 110 officers' buttons of the different numerical regiments of the British army before the change to the territorial system. The shield was surmounted by a lion and crown. This collection was made by Mr. W. H. Love and is probably the only collection of such buttons in the world. He has been over five years in collecting the same and has written over 500 letters to all parts of the world where any regiment was stationed. On either side of the shield were groups of silken colours; those of the Fusiliers being mingled with the colours of the old light infantry. Another unique feature was a collection of old rifles, guns, pistols and blunderbusses, lent by Mr. W. J. Blaine, and which were much admired by the curious. Of course the usual trimmings of the club room (a handsome decoration in themselves) remained in position, and the electric light was softened by numerous gas jets and lamps, and the polished steel and burnished brass of the different weapons and accoutrements made the scene one of dazzling beauty and one which will not soon be forgotten by the guests. The decoration committee consisted of Major Tucker, Lieut. Churchill, Lieut. Cleveland, Major Devlin, Captain Thompson and Lieut. Godard, who deserve the greatest credit for the result of their labours. The reception committee was composed of Lieut.-Colonel Blaine, Major Tucker, Major McLean, Surgeon Walker and the wives of the officers of the regiment who were all indefatigable in looking after the enjoyment of their guests. The floor committee were Major Sturdee, Major Hartt, Captain Magee, Captain Godard and Captain Edwards. The programmes were of the handsomest kind, a plain double card on which was a gold grenade tipped with crimson. On the ball of the grenade the well-known crest of the Fusiliers was stamped in scarlet. As a souvenir of the dance as well as for its beauty the ball card will be prized.

Excellent and inspiring music was furnished by the 62nd band, and dancing once begun "all went merry as a marriage bell." The programme included 16 dances, beginning with a waltz, and including 2 lancers, 1 quadrille, 2 galops, 2 polkas, 1 Highland schottische and 8 waltzes.

Ottawa.

THE annual general meeting of the Ottawa Rifle Club was held on Tuesday evening at Capt. Waldo's office, 86 Wellington street. There was a large attendance of the members. Major Perley, the president, occupied the chair. He made a short address, congratulating the members on the success which had attended the club during the past season, the interest in the weekly spoon competitions having been well sustained, and the club financially being in an improved condition at the close of the season, although the membership had slightly declined.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Major H. F. Perley, Headquarter Staff; 1st vice-president, F. C. Lightfoot; 2nd vice-president, Capt. Waldo, R.L.; committee of management, Capt. J. Wright, 43rd Batt.; Lieut. G. R. White, G.G.F.G., and Mr. James Grant; secretary-treasurer, E. D. Sutherland; auditors, J. P. Nutting and J. H. Fairweather.

The season's programme was then discussed and decided upon. The few changes from last year's are principally in the interest of the junior shots, one extra teaspoon being offered to that class provided there be seven entries for it, in the competitions for which there is no special junior spoon allotted. A series of junior season aggregates has also been arranged.

As the executive considered it had been found impossible to secure satisfactory results at the 600 yards range with the Snider ammunition now in use, that distance will be eliminated from this season's Snider competitions, except on two occasions, and 300 and 400 yards introduced.

The first shoot of the season will be held on the 5th May.

The chief event in an entertainment given by the 43rd Battalion last Thursday in aid of the band fund, was the tug of war, open to all comers, and in which the 43rd were once more victorious. The prize was a handsome silver cup offered by No. 1 Company. Capt. Percy Sherwood was master of ceremonies, and Mr. Clarence Martin starter and referee. The pulls were all interesting and close, but in every case the team which won the drop won the pull—and in fact in no case did the rope vary more than an inch or so from where it first settled, except once when one team missed the cleats. In the trial heats last night, No. 6 Co. of the Rifles defeated Ottawa College; the Field Battery defeated the Foot Guards; No. 1 team Rifles defeated the O. A. A. A., and the Dragoons defeated the Oshkosh Toboggan Club. In each case the victory was by an inch or so. In the second round No. 6 Co. defeated the Full Battery, and No. 1 team defeated the Dragoons. The Dragoons were a powerful lot but two men missed the cleats on the drop. Then the final heat came off, and after a grand struggle was won by No. 1—Messrs. Wright, Wills, Taylor and Brown. The net proceeds of the entertainment were close on \$250.

The German military papers appear in mourning for the late Emperor. "The army," exclaims the semi-official *Militär Wochenblatt*, "has lost its commander, its leader, its pattern, its best friend! Hearts are full of sadness, eyes are filled with tears. May God hear the wish of the great Kaiser for his people and his country!" "The army," says the *Deutsche Heeres Zeitung*, "mourns not only its great organizer, but also the greatest commander of whom the history of our country holds record. . . . The army will remain *rocher-de-bronze* of the House of Hohenzollern, the refuge and safety of the State, an educational school for the people; that is the oath which every soldier's heart makes to-day on the bier of the dead Kaiser."