

decorated for the occasion, the walls being hung profusely with flags. Rifles stacked in different parts of the room and the artistic arrangement of sabres and guns at each window, with the two handsome battalion flags crossed over the stage, gave quite a military aspect to the room. Dancing was begun a little after nine o'clock and kept up till the hours began to lose their "wee sma" aspect. The scene was much enlivened by the brilliant uniforms of the officers mingling with the delicate feminine arrangement of shades and colors. The officers of the battery present were Col. Call, Lieut. Lawlor, Surgeon Pedolin, and Vet. Surgeon Morrissy. Several members of the 73rd battalion from Chatham were present, including Col. McCulley and Lieut. Mackenzie. About 70 couples joined in the dancing. The event was so successful and so greatly enjoyed by those present that the officers of the battery contemplate giving another dance shortly. Col. Call has been energetic in providing amusement and entertainment for the members of the battery this winter. The armory has been fitted up and made comfortable and attractive with reading room and gymnasium, while the weekly snowshoe tramps that have been lately inaugurated are much enjoyed by the members. These amusements have done much to keep members of the battery together and establish a strong *esprit de corps* among them.

Mounted Police Items.

The last Regina *Leader* describes a very interesting musical ride performed by the force at the barracks there. When the reporter arrived, the band, under Mr. Farmer, was playing a spirited march, and sixteen mounted policemen with lances at rest, in the large pit of the riding school, which reminded the spectator, as he gazed down from the gallery, of an old Roman amphitheatre, were putting their horses through a series of geometrical and other figures with remarkable accuracy and skill, and with a most pleasing effect. After going through a number of interesting gyrations, radiating circles and other odd figures, now walking, the next trotting, and then breaking into a gallop, the horsemen formed into line at the opposite end of the pit from the gallery, and as the band struck up "Bonnie Dundee," cantered forward to the other end, keeping the time with music, halted abruptly, broke in the centre, wheeled sharply to right and left, formed fours and cantered back along the sides. Feats were performed, many extraordinary, sometimes exciting, making one hold his breath for fear of some mishap to the riders, for it would be death to fall under the feet of the prancing steeds; often bringing expressions of admiration from the on-lookers. At the close the horses were walked out to their stables, the band playing "God Save the Queen."

Gleanings.

Commanding Officer.—"Bring your company up." Captain (just taken back into the army.) "Well, I'll go and talk to the boys and see if they'll come." C. O.—"Great stars! Where have you been since you left the army?" Captain.—"Been commanding a regiment of militia."—*Omaha World*.

The War Office seems at length to be fairly alive to the importance of arming British infantry with repeating or magazine rifles as quickly as possible. A departmental committee has been appointed to inquire into this subject, and we are assured that there is every chance of the weapons invented by English gunmakers being given a fair trial. At any rate it is almost certain, as stated by us some weeks ago, that the Schouloff repeater will not be adopted by the British army. Several officers holding high positions are strongly opposed to it.

The almost defenceless position of Esquimalt, which has been aptly named the "Queen of the Pacific," has frequently been alluded to by us, and we hail with satisfaction the fact that, within the next three or four months, there is every reason to believe that twelve 80-ton guns will be dispatched to that place from England. This heavy ordnance will have to pass over some three thousand miles of Canada from ocean to ocean, and it is gratifying to find that a survey of the bridges of the Canadian Pacific Railway has proved that they are fully equal to bear this great weight. This is as one bright point at a time when the question of our undefended coaling stations is prominently before us.

The scheme for the formation of a railway corps, which has just been approved, cannot fail to be regarded otherwise than as a most laudable undertaking, and we trust that the idea may not long be delayed in being put into practical operation. Railway battalions have long formed an important feature in the organization of the German army, and the enormous advantages accruing to an army corps from having at its command a certain number of skilled artisans capable of constructing railroad communication at comparatively short notice cannot well be over-estimated. To a certain extent the idea is not altogether a novel one in this country, seeing that there are at the present time two volunteer railway corps, one in London and the other at Liverpool, but we believe the suggestion of raising a railway corps of regulars has not before claimed the serious attention of the authorities. The men will engage much on the same lines as the post office volunteers, and overtures will doubtless be made to the existing members of the two volunteer railway corps to which we have referred to enrol themselves to the new regime. Should the idea assume practical form, the headquarters will in all probability be at Crewe. Apart from the enrolment of the necessary number of men, a task which, we take it, will be accomplished easily enough, it is proposed to maintain not only an efficient stock of tools and necessary appliances for restoring damage to existing railways, but also sufficient plant for the construction of at least sixty miles of railroad. The inestimable advantages of a corps formed on the lines indicated cannot well be over-estimated, and the scheme having been thoroughly approved and endorsed by those best qualified to form a reliable opinion as to its merits, we trust that it may not, like many other invaluable suggestions which have been made from time to time, be allowed to drop for want of support.

The announcement that some 80-ton guns will be ready in April for transportation across the continent to British Columbia has caused some comment on the other side of the Atlantic. The *New York Times* remarks that "it contrasts broadly with the utmost that the Washington authorities could announce for the projected seaboard defence of California. Yet San Francisco is at least as worthy of protection as Victoria. When it is added that an official report of the House Naval Committee of the present Congress has declared that the unarmored Chilean *Esmeralda* could alone, with her high power guns, 'lie outside the Golden Gate and lay the city of San Francisco under contributions without going within the reach of its guns,' the difference between our provision for Pacific coast defence and that of the British Government is apparent." This from a go-ahead New Yorker is rather flattering.—*A. H. G. Gazette*.

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