

Quebec.

Mr. H. J. Lamb, U.L., spent a few days in the city last week and has gone to Ottawa. He was recently in charge of work on the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. Engineering Department.

Capt. P. H. duPerron Casgrain, of the Royal Engineers, an old Quebecer, has passed a successful examination in the Russian language and is qualified to be an interpreter. His many friends are much pleased at the success he has attained.

Major G. E. Allen Jones, Band President of the 8th Royal Rifles, called for a meeting of the members of the Bugle Band for the purpose of commencing their annual practice. The meeting took place on the 5th inst.

The War Office have granted a special Infantry Commission to Mr. F. C. Heneker, who graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada in June last. It is stated that he will be gazetted to the Leinster Regiment. This is the first instance of a graduate of the college in question receiving a commission in the old 100th or Royal Canadians.

A general meeting of the ordinary members of the Quebec Garrison Club was held on the 5th inst at the club house, called for the purpose of considering certain notices of motion in connection with the constitution and by-laws. Some 25 members responded to the call. Lt.Col. T. J. Duchesnay occupied the chair. Capt. Chas. J. Dunn, the energetic secretary, was on hand and as usual performed his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Quebec Garrison Hockey Club was recently formed in this city and held a meeting at the Garrison Club on the evening of the 5th inst. The membership is limited to the officers of the Garrison. The following office bearers were elected:—Hon President, Lt-Col T J Duchesnay, D A G; Hon Vice-President, Lt-Col Montizambert, R C A; President, Lt-Col Wilson, R C A; sec-treas, Henri A ranet, R C A; Capt, R Davidson, 8th Royal Rifles. Committee:—Capt Ouellet, 9th Batt; Mr J Ogilvy, R C A, and Mr Turner, Q O C H. The colors of the new club are to consist of maroon and white. It is expected that a match will be arranged with the officers of the Governor-General's Foot Guards of Ottawa, to take place in that city during carnival week.

Since my last letter on the subject of heavy ordnance in the drill hall, there has been added a 40 pr field gun and two 64 pr guns. The one end is now completely blocked with a 6 inch and a 9 inch gun and the 40 pr in question, occupying a space of some 90 feet by 43 and the opposite end with five carriages and four 64 pr guns. It is expected that another gun will shortly be placed in the hall to be put in position on the carriage which at present is in excess of the number required. The Riflemen certainly

have a just ground to complain, as it was never intended that the hall should be transferred into a gun shed.

Certain improvements have taken place since the last annual training, namely, the walls whitewashed and a new railing around the galleries, a much needed improvement, as the light iron railing which was originally placed was a constant source of danger. The change consists of a substantial railing of hard wood. The good work should not cease here, as the ceiling and the rafters if whitewashed would be the means of adding considerably to the general appearance of the hall and permit of a better light. This and the question of flooring and removal of the guns should be taken up at once if it is intended that the annual training of the local corps prove beneficial to them.

The 8th Royal Rifles have received an invitation to be present at the carnival, which will take place in Ottawa in January. Should the matter of transportation be satisfactorily arranged with the authorities, it is anticipated that the regiment would turn out very strong and give a good account of themselves. Doubtless it is arranged that a parade of the local troops of that city will be held and an attack on snow shoes prove to be one of the leading features of the carnival. The attack on the citadel which formed a part of Quebec's carnival, was a pretty sight and much enjoyed by the spectators, although the movements of the troops were much hampered by the condition of the fields, as they were simply one sheet of ice, notwithstanding which, however, the 8th proved themselves a good regiment on snowshoes as well as otherwise.

PATROL.

Montreal.

All the local corps are looking forward with some interest to the performance of a new play by a local author entitled "The Relief of Gordon," to take place at the Queen's Theatre next week, for the benefit of the Free Coal Fund. All the city corps are sending detachments to appear in the production, and a competition in the manual, firing and bayonet exercises is to take place for the cups presented by Simpson, Hall, Miller & Company. Major-General Herbert is to attend the last performance and present the prizes.

There is yet some uncertainty as to the establishment of a branch military school here this winter in connection with the St. Johns School. It has been proposed to take the vacant quarters of the Victoria Rifles and the Engineers at the drill hall as quarters, but this is strenuously opposed by many officers who say that the city contributed a large amount towards the construction of the drill hall for the use of the Montreal militia and maintain that the school has no right to quarters there. The accommodation proposed to be appropriated, too, is badly needed for extra accommodation

by the corps at present occupying armouries at the drill hall.

Some officers, too, object to the establishment of a temporary school here as they say if this is once done Montreal will never get the barracks and the full company she is entitled to. There are not wanting either, those who say that the proposal to establish a "one-horse" school here is a scheme to make it appear that there is no need for a school here. Naturally there would not be a very large attendance at a makeshift course, and this would give the authorities an excuse to say that this long felt want does not exist.

Lieut. Col. Houghton, D.A.G., at the Governor-General's drawing-room, had as a staff the city commanding officers and three officers of each corps.

Surprise is expressed that some of the prizes won at the last match at the P. Q. R. A. meeting have not been paid. It appears that the trouble arose out of some mistakes in the scores.

Duke of Connaught's Own Canadian Hussars.

Number One Troop furnished a smart escort for His Excellency the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen on the occasion of their drawing-room in the Montreal Art Gallery, Monday the 10th.

Sword and dismounted drill is already in full swing.

Montreal Field Battery.

Thursday, the 13th, the battery held its second assembly of the season in the armoury. It was a complete success.

About the first of the month Lt.-Col. Montizambert, R.C.A., was in the city and inspected the quarters and equipment of the battery. He found that the harness wants remending, which is not to be wondered at considering that it has been in use for thirty years.

The battery gymnasium has been opened and is already well patronized.

Montreal Garrison Artillery.

The Garrison Artillery turned out a fine guard of honor for the Governor-General, Monday, the men parading in winter uniform.

Lieut.-Col. Montizambert inspected the stores early in the month and found them in apple-pie order.

Prince of Wales Regiment.

The sergeants of the Prince of Wales Rifles held a social at their armoury on the 12th.

Everything promises a most successful year for the first battalion.

Victoria Rifles.

The armoury is being better patronized than ever this year.

Drilling is well under way, and quite a large recruit class has already been formed.