

pression made use of by Sagard (page 174), "*crosser une balle de bois leger comme l'on fait en nos quartiers,*" it would appear that it was not unlike some game then played in France. But Hermes might seem to have discovered a still earlier reference to the game, for his answer, as to when it is first mentioned, is "1608. Le jeu de crosse. Ferland's History of Canada, vol. I, page 133." This was accepted by the Spectator as correct. Upon referring to the authority cited, I was astonished to find that page 133 forms part of a chapter on the Indians, their customs, etc., and that "1608" is only a portion of the running heading of that chapter, and by no means intended for the date of the first mention of any of the customs therein described. Besides, Ferland could have given such an early date only on authority other than his own, his history being a recent publication. Hermes may perhaps be able to account for this singular error.

FIRST MILITARY ORGANIZATION ON RECORD.

Question No. 21 was : "What is the oldest military organization of which there exists an authentic record of formation," and Hermes states that it is the celebrated Carignan Regiment, which was disbanded in 1668, soon after its arrival in Canada. He says : "Tracts of land were granted to its officers and men who chose to settle in the Colony, and, in case of attack by the Iroquois or by the Anglo-American colonists, they were expected,