

Carmody officiating. The procession was very large indeed, consisting of, in addition to the usual firing party of the 1st Leicestershire regiment, the voluntary attendance of the same regiment, about 100 N.C.O.'s and men of the Royal Artillery, and a similar number of Royal Engineers, a full representation of the officers, warrant and non-commissioned officers of the staff and various corps of the garrison. Also the full band and drums of the 1st Leicestershire regiment; also a large number of civilian friends. The body, surmounted by the Union Jack and deceased's helmet and sword, was conveyed on a gun carriage, manned by a voluntary party of Royal Engineers. They carried his body to the Pavilion barracks, after which it was removed to the military hospital where an inquest was held. His death is a great surprise to those who had seen him on active duty in the morning. The deceased came to Halifax as a sergeant in the 20th regiment in 1876. He had been about 36 years in the service and was provost-sergeant for about 14 years. He left a widow but no children.

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Sergt. Parkes, 1st. Leicestershire regiment, the new Garrison Provost Sergeant, is one of the old stamp of N. C. officers and a man of good abilities. He has seen good service. He stands at present the oldest sergeant and oldest soldier in the regiment, having 24 years service. He has a 19 years record as a N. C. O. He is well liked in his corps, both by the officers, N. C. O.'s. and men. He has a good war service record, having served with the 1st Leicestershire regiment in the Afghan war of 1878-79-80. In 1885 he was selected by the inspector of signals to proceed to Egypt in charge of a detachment of signallers, where he did excellent service and was specially brought to the notice of the general officer commanding. He has the honor of wearing the Afghan medal and clasp for Ali Musjid and the Egyptian medal and star for 1892. As a signaller he was in charge of the regimental signallers for nearly 12 years, and is known to be one the best heliograph signallers of the day. Last year he was told off with the column to Shad's Bay as a signaller, with a view to opening communication with the column thrown out towards St. Margaret's Bay. After a short time he succeeded in opening communication with the heliograph, which had never been done before in this station.

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An item in a local paper reads :

"31st Hussars :---Lieutenant E. H. Lewis, from the local Canadian military forces, to be second lieutenant."

No mention of this distinguished corps appearing in the Army List, many would be glad to learn when it came into existence.

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Among the many visitors to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on New Year's day appear the names of most of the officers of the Imperial and local troops of this city, including General Sir John Ross, Lieut.-Cols. North, Ryan, Curren, Rolph, McShane and Mowbray.

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The non. com. officers of the Royal Engineers entertained their friends at a smoking concert on New Year's eve, in their mess rooms, which were tastefully decorated with bunting. The chairman proposed the health of the Queen, which was drunk with much enthusiasm, after which an excellent programme of vocal music was gone through. Following this, the following toasts were given:—

Col. Hill and officers R.E.

Mr. Forsyth, Garrison Secretary Major, by Q.M.S. Reeve, who spoke of the esteem in which he is held by all ranks in the garrison. (Drank with musical honours).

Mr. Forsyth responded.

The Visitors, responded to by Mr. Edwards.

The Army, responded to by Mr. Howlet.

The Navy, responded to by Mr. Johnson.

Our comrades at home and abroad.

The Chairman (musical honours).

The chair was filled by R. S. M. Snelling in a very able manner. Midnight brought Auld Lang Syne and a Happy New Year.

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On the 31st December a fine-looking young man walked into the brigade office, and presenting himself to the commanding officer, said :—"I have decided to join the British army, and ask you to accept me. My home is in Stanstead,

Que., and although my people are well-to-do, yet my love for service is such that I will not be satisfied until I become a soldier." The officer suggested that he join the Horse Guards. The man, however, preferred to join a "shifting" regiment, and, after having passed a successful examination, was attached to the Royal Artillery. J. G. Feltus, the name given by the man, was sent to quarters at the citadel. It seems now that all through the preliminaries attending his enlistment the man was not in his right mind. When he awoke yesterday morning he said to one of his comrades :—"Can it be possible I am a soldier, and so far from home?" He stated to his room-mates how he had taken "turns" while travelling for his father last November, and had squandered hundreds of dollars while laboring under this infirmity. Revelations which came to light yesterday show young Feltus is the son of the managing member of the firm of Feltus & Co., wholesale jewellers, Stanstead, Que. His people, when they learned of his joining the army, were greatly surprised. The would-be warrior left home some time ago, and for a while his whereabouts were not known. The man's father was communicated with.

On the 5th inst., a gentleman presented himself at the citadel gate and said he was R. S. Feltus, uncle of the new-made soldier. He was shown to the sergeant, and after telling the story of young Feltus' exploits, he was permitted to have a talk with the young man. Uncle and nephew talked for quite a while, the former being willing to pay at once the one hundred dollars necessary to effect the young man's discharge. The latter agreed to call on his uncle, at his hotel, in the evening. From what transpired at the hotel, it appears the doctor suggested that young Feltus be permitted to remain in the service for three months, as the "turns" he is subject to may be cured, as a result of the drills he would be subjected to. The result of this interview was wired to the man's father, and the uncle will be governed by the reply. When the uncle saw his nephew at the citadel, the latter had \$305 in his boot leg, which he was willing to give his uncle, and from which money for his discharge will be taken. It is alleged Feltus sold \$300 worth of spectacles to a Halifax druggist for about \$15. The druggist was waited upon by the uncle and the spectacles returned. Young Feltus will leave the army at the end of three months.

## ST. JOHN.

The Band of the New Brunswick Brigade of Garrison Artillery held a very enjoyable "At Home," on New Year's day, in their quarters. There was a very large attendance, including the officers of the Brigade, and many of St. John's most prominent citizens.

The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens and bunting, and above in the gymnasium a committee were engaged in the providing refreshments, which were dispensed among the company below by an efficient waiter.

It was about 2.30 when Bandmaster Horsman rapped for attention and the players took their places on the stand. All the pieces were rendered in the well-known masterly manner of the Artillery Band. The first was the No. 5 Battery March, a composition of Mr. Horsman's; the second an overture, To Eliza E. Claudio.

Here a presentation took place, whose evident unexpectedness to the recipient added much to the enjoyment of the affair. It was the presentation of an address and a handsome cane to Major Gordon, of No. 2 Battery.

The address, which was read by Capt. Baxter, was as follows :—

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 2nd, 1893.

*Major John J. Gordon, N. B. B. G. A. :—*

SIR,—The pleasant gathering to which we have been invited to-day is the more enjoyable to us as the first public occasion on which we have met you since your promotion to the rank of major.

We desire, therefore, to heartily congratulate you on having received the reward of your many years of work performed in the brigade as gunner, non-commissioned officer, subaltern and captain. We have been under your command during only a portion of that time, but our terms of service