

Surmises are being made as to whether the *Mail and Empire* will continue the work of the *Empire* in providing a military column. The *Empire* column was increasing both in efficiency and popularity and its loss will be seriously felt by the members of the local force. Its absence leaves the military column of the *Telegram* the only one in the city, and the excellence of its military department is admitted on all hands, as being the best one ever edited in the Dominion in the interest of the local militia

Quebec.

QUEBEC, 8th February, 1895.

Captain B. A. Scott, of Roberval, is spending a few days in this city, the guest of the Hon. Mr. Shehyn.

Mr. Fred Drayner, formerly of Quebec, is in the city after an absence of a few years.

Mr. Kenneth J. R. Campbell, 6th Dragoon Guards, (Carabiniers) arrived last week and is stopping with his father, Mr. Archibald Campbell. He is looking very well after his attack of fever and the difficult work he was engaged in during the capture of Brohemie on the west coast of Africa in September last, on which occasion he acted in the capacity of political officer.

The models in wood of the old gates of Quebec, which were made by Mr. O'Leary, and which were commented upon most favourably for the accurate manner in which they represented the originals, have been secured by Mr. Carsley, of Montreal, and by him presented to the McGill University and placed in its library.

Arms, clothing and accoutrements were issued to the several companies of the 8th Royal Rifles during the week, and the preliminary training began on Friday last. Captain W. C. H. Wood, the Adjutant and Sergeant Hay were in attendance as also a few recruits. Owing to the blizzard which was in force that day the muster was exceedingly small.

Telephone communication with the drill hall is very much required and it is anticipated that the authorities will do the needful and in the near future place one in Sergeant Genest's quarters.

Now that the time for the training of the local corps is at hand it will not result satisfactorily unless alterations are made with respect to the room occupied by the guns in the body of the hall. Battalion drill is out of the question, more especially in the 9th Batt., who have two companies more than the 8th.

On Saturday the 2nd inst., the funeral of the late Major H. Roy took place. A large number of officers and men of the permanent and local militia were in attendance. The firing party and band

were supplied by the Royal Canadian Artillery. The late officer was one of the original members of the "B" Battery, when that corps was formed in 1870 in which he served as a gunner. He was in command of the Quebec Garrison Artillery during the North West Rebellion and served with them for some months in the Gitadel during the absence of the Permanent Corps who were on duty in the North West.

Captain Hudon will in all likelihood succeed to the position now vacant by the officer in question.

The second lecture in connection with the R.C.A. Institute is still to come off. It was fully anticipated that a series of lectures would be given. However the first still holds the record. Officers of the local Militia are anxiously looking to the Permanent Corps to do the needful and it is hoped that some action will be taken soon, failing which the season so well adapted to this purpose will have gone by.

The smoking concert which was to have taken place on Friday evening, was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The Quebec Military Hockey Team are to be congratulated upon their success at Ottawa during the Carnival. The trophy which they won is greatly admired and is to be seen in the Garrison Club.

The latest move in connection with the Montgomery Monument Scheme was the presentation of a letter from the sons of the American Revolution, referring to the erection of a monument and requesting to know the speediest means to adopt for the choice of proper grounds and agreeing to the style of the proposed monument. This was referred to the special committee, which was appointed by the city council on a former occasion.

It would be well for the committee to obtain the views of the public generally before taking any further steps in the matter. This would doubtless result in shelving the question indefinitely.

The "Sons of the American Revolution" is a national society organized in New York in 1889.

PATROL.

Kingston.

KINGSTON, Feb. 9th.—There is not much doing in military circles in this city just at present. The monotony is broken occasionally by morning parades of "A" Battery, R.C.A., on the streets, but these are all that the citizens are treated to in the way of military spectacles these winter days.

Among the social events of the last week in January, the ball given by the officers of "A" Battery, R.C.A., stands first. When Kingston's gallant gunners "go in" for anything in the social line, they always score a big success. They are just as invincible in this direction as

they were when struggling among the snow drifts along the pine-clad shores of Lake Superior, in the latter days of that stormy march in 1885, or when a few weeks later they shelled the rebel rifle-pits in the ravine at Fish Creek, and among the wild rose garden's at Batoche.

The decorations were very beautiful and the scene was a brilliant one, "the elegant costumes of the ladies," "the glories of the uniforms of the military men," and the more sombre garbs of the civilians, "combining to make striking contrasts, and the whole a blaze of splendor," to use the stock phrases of the "society reporter."

The officers of the various city corps were present, as were also a large number of the most prominent citizens, and the event was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Surgeon-General Bergin, M.P., for Stormont, visited the city last week for the purpose of inspecting the Tete du Pont barracks and hospital.

"The Battery," said the doctor to your correspondent, "shows evidence of a standing, as regards efficiency, as high as could be expected of any battery in the British service. The evidences of discipline are first-class, and are everywhere apparent. The equipments of the corps are also first class. The men look neat, smart and soldierly. The barracks are clean and well kept, but are not situated as favorably, from a sanitary standpoint, as I would wish.

"The battery is the best horsed of any in the country. I don't know where you could find as fine horses as there. The corps has not sufficient room for a six-gun battery to drill. There is not room for a four-gun battery to drill in fact."

Dr. Bergin will pay a visit of inspection to old Fort Henry and the Royal Military College next spring. While in the city the Surgeon-General was the guest of Hon. Senator Sullivan.

Sergt-Major Morgans, R. M. C. and Sergt-Instructor Boutellier, R. M. C., give an athletic exhibition at Lansdowne, a few miles from this city, on the 13th inst. The affair will be under the auspices of the Lansdowne Oddfellows. Sergeant-Major Gorman, of the Victoria Rifles, Montreal, is negotiating with Sergeant-Major Kelly, of the 8th (King's) Regiment, Halifax, to meet Sergeant-Major Morgans in Montreal some time next month. It was hoped that it would have been possible to have the encounter take place in this city, but for several reasons it was found impossible to do so. Morgans' friends, and the term includes all Kingstonians, are confident that he will defeat Kelly and regain the laurels lost last summer.

The band of the 14th Battalion, P. W. O. R., gave its annual complimentary concert to the citizens of this city on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, Jan. 31st, and February 1st, in the Martin's Opera House. The citizens showed their appreciation of the spirit that prompts the bandsmen to pay this compliment each year by turning out in such large