

the Citadel by a hostile fleet coming up the river. This practice will evidently be continued in the spring of the year. In the interval the officers of the district would appreciate a lecture or two from Major Rutherford on the nature of this work, as well as from some others, which, with the room of the R.C.A. Institute at their service, would prove very acceptable.

CAPTAIN F. M. GAUDET, R.C.A., has recovered from his late illness and is on duty again in connection with the Government cartridge factory, of which he is the superintendent.

CAPTAIN R. E. W. TURNER, Q.O.C.H., who attended the meeting of cavalry officers in Toronto, has returned to the city and expressed himself as much pleased with the nature of the work performed and the organization of a cavalry association. From all accounts it will do a great deal of good to that branch of the service.

THE 8th Royal Rifles have purchased a couple of Morris tubes which will be fitted up in the drill hall and afford an opportunity of putting in some good work previous to the annual training of this corps.

AT the opening of the Legislature, which occurred on the 17th inst., the escort to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was supplied by the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars under Lieut. L. W. Drum. The guard of honor consisted of the Royal Canadian Artillery under Major R. W. Rutherford, the other officers being Major J. A. Fages and Capt. J. H. C. Ogilvy. His Honor was accompanied by Major H. C. Sheppard and Capt. Henri A. Panet, official secretaries.

THE R. C. A. Quadrille Club gave another of their popular dances on the 20th inst., which proved, as in the past, a very enjoyable one.

THE Queen's Cup, which was won by the Canadian Artillery Team at Shoeburyness, was on exhibition in the sergeants' mess room, Citadel. The comments, it is needless to state, were most favorable.

COL. BUCHAN SPOKEN OF FOR MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—There is some talk of a party being made up in Montreal to accompany the Bisley Team next year. The idea has become very popular, as the celebrations in England next year are likely to be on a most magnificent scale and of special interest to military men.

THE notice that the rank of lieutenant-colonel had been conferred on Major Roy, district staff officer, was read with much pleasure by his many friends in this district. Lieut.-Col. Roy is one of the youngest lieutenant-colonels in the force. The appointment dates back to 8th October, 1895. It is rumored that this promotion is given prior to his further promotion. It has been going the rounds, and is apparently a well recognized fact, that he will be removed to Ottawa as D.O.C., which office has been vacant for some time.

RUMOR has it that Lieut.-Col. Buchan, of Stanley Barracks, Toronto, will come from there shortly to take over the duties of D.O.C. in Montreal. Should it be the case, then Lieut.-Col. Houghton will be retired without any remuneration for his long service to the country. It is a hardship, indeed, that these staff officers who have given their whole life's work to the Canadian militia should be thus treated. Placed as officers like Lieut.-Col. Houghton are, they are put to great expense to keep up the dignity of their position and the force. It is therefore out of the question for them to prepare for the day when they will be retired, for the salary attached to such an office is none too large. Why one part of the force should have provision made for them and not another

is a matter that should be looked into by the new Government. The staff officers, who look after the welfare of the force just as much, if not more, as those on the headquarters staff, should also be put on the civil list. Those men who have to retire from such a position are utterly unfitted for any other work, and it is therefore all the more necessary that the Government should see that these officers have provision made for them after their services are dispensed with.

THE drill shed, two nights a week, is taken up by the members of the Scots Football Association. The use of the shed is being taken full advantage of, and the numbers that go to the shed to witness and take part in the sport go to prove that if the authorities would only provide some healthful recreation it would be the means of inducing likely young men to join the corps. As it is at present, there is no inducement for anyone to join. Now is the time for the authorities to see to the getting of the long-spoken-of gymnasium. It is not much that is asked, and there is no reason why a city like Montreal should be wanting these things which go towards keeping the men together and inducing others to join.

LIEUT.-COL. STARKE, of the Victoria Rifles, is to be congratulated on having opened a source of instruction to the regiment that has hitherto been neglected by Montreal corps. Route march, attack drill, etc., is now becoming a very important item in the soldiers' drill. Much benefit accrues from such training, as it not only takes the officers and men away from the same old company drill, but at the same time it braces them up and gives them a better idea of what a soldier's work really is. Two such marches have been held by the Victoria Rifles. The season is now too far advanced to have any more, but there is no doubt but what next year this course of training will be more fully carried out by the Victoria Rifles, and also by other corps.

THERE was a good muster of the men of the 3rd Victoria Rifles on Friday last to take part in the march out and attack drill. Headed by the bugle band, the regiment marched by way of University street and Pine avenue to Cote des Neiges. At this point No. 6 Co., under command of Capt. Meakins, separated and proceeded at once to the back of the mountain, which position they held to repel the advance of the remainder of the regiment, who had marched over the mountain. The work was most satisfactorily done, and was of great practical benefit to the men. Lieut.-Col. Starke was in command, and the parade state included the bugle band, pioneers, cyclists and Maxim gun detachment.

LIEUT. R. STARKE, of the Victoria Rifles, has offered a cup for competition among the sections of the regiment for Morris tube shooting. The first of the series will take place some time in December. Twenty-four teams altogether will compete. The conditions are that it is to be held by the winning team from year to year. Competitions of this kind are a great aid towards turning out good shots.

THE Royal Scots have also arranged for a good season's work in Morris tube practice. There will be monthly spoon competitions for three classes of snots, so that everyone in the regiment has an opportunity of winning a prize.

MAJOR SIMS, who has been connected with the Victoria Rifles for the past fourteen years, has sent in his resignation. He has been major since 1892 and was next for command. He was a most popular officer, and much regret is expressed at his retiring through pressure of his private business. Through Major Sims retiring Major Busted will now be right major and Capt. Meakins will take up Major Busted's position as left. Lieut. McAdam, through this moving, will get his captaincy.

THE non-coms. of the Royal Scots held a most successful concert and ball in the Victoria Hall on Friday night. There was a good attendance of the members of the regiment and also of the