

News Notes of General and Local Interest

The Convalescents of the Church Hill Hospital have formed a cricket team and are now trying to arrange a game with the sergeants of this brigade. Details are lacking at this time, but the lads in the military blues are said to have gathered a strong team and will probably give the sergeants a run for their money.

The football season opens again next month and the different teams are again looking ahead to the strenuous play of camp competition. It is rumored that the Command Depot is to put a strong team in the field. To judge by the support they are now giving their baseball team, we feel safe in predicting that they make every effort to win at soccer as well.

Saturday is "Portsmouth Day" and the baseball team, football team, brass band, attended by as many of the lads as are fortunate enough to secure passes, will make the trip to the Coast City on that day. The two teams will meet the A. S. C. team and the ladies' football club, while the band will entertain the city people and the visitors with stirring music during the day. Special cars will be provided on one of the trains leaving here in the morning and return may be made late in the evening. The editor hopes to be one of the party but?

That the officers' mess is soon to be artistically decorated was learned this week when we were told of plans for the work. On one side of the large fire place will be painted the Seaforth badge, while on the opposite side will appear the emblem of the unit to which the majority of our present officers belonged. The work is to be done by a well known local decorator and will do much to make the quarters more comfortable and home like.

There will be no issue of The Clansman next week—not because we think we need a rest, but because we have extra work on our hands which is going to more than keep us busy for about six days. We will resume publication the following week, when the paper will appear in a larger and more elaborate form. Watch for it.

The new band of the neighboring re-

serve is plodding along in a way that is truly surprising. When we said in a recent issue that it gave promise of becoming an organisation of more than ordinary merit we did not realise just how near the truth we were. They are making progress by leaps and bounds.

Saturday and Sunday evenings proved to be extremely busy ones for the neighboring village. It is with regret that we heard of the breaking of a window in the store of Deas & Son and of the theft of a few bottles of liquid refreshments. This same store had once before suffered the same loss. No track has been found of the guilty parties.

Haslemere stores will close for two hours and all business suspended for that time next Saturday afternoon in commemoration of the third anniversary of the war. Church services will be held and an invitation has been extended to all soldiers who are in the village at that time to attend.

Another general shake-up in the battalion this week and as a result some scores of stripes have been taken down. It is one of the fortunes of army life and it is to the supreme credit of the lads that there has been so little kicking among the reduced ones.

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