

whelming defeat by staying at home. Major Radiger and the various committees are to be congratulated on the success which attended the affair and it is hoped that it is only one of a series of such evenings.

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There is a great deal of complaint among the members of the Montreal Rifle Association about the non-distribution of prizes won last summer. This should be looked into by the Committee and some effort made to have the year's business closed out in a business-like manner. It is expected that this year there will be a special effort made to induce all available shots—old and young—to join the Association; it will be a poor advertisement for it if the rewards for last year's shooting are allowed to hang over in this way.

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The officers of at least two of the Montreal battalions—the Victorias and the Royal Scots—are strong curlers, and a match is arranged to take place in a few days between these corps. Two rinks aside will be played; the players will be as follows:—

Victorias—Lieut.-Col. Starke, Major Busted, Capt. Meakins, Lieuts. Wilson, Brown, Mackeand, and Hubbard, Surgeon Campbell.

Royal Scots—Major Ibbottson, Capts. Cameron, Ibbottson and Rankin, Lieuts. Mackie, Cameron, Simms and Browne.

Lieut.-Col. Starke and Mr. Hubbard will skip the Vics' rinks, while Major Ibbottson and Capt. Cameron will lead the Scots to glory or death. The winners will be open to challenges from other military rinks, and it is expected that the Governor General's Foot Guards, and the Victoria Rifles Reserve Association will have something to say in the matter.

QUEBEC.

Mr. C. S. Cowie, of the 1st Batt. Royal Scots Lothian Regiment, has been spending a few weeks in this city. His leave of absence will expire shortly, necessitating his leaving for England in the beginning of March.

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Captain B. A. Scott, of the 61st Battalion, was in the city for a few days, and has since returned to Roberval, Lake St. John. He was recently elected mayor of the above place and is a gentleman who will do justice to the position and prove that their confidence in his ability has not been misplaced.

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Mr. F. C. Jones, of the New Brunswick Garrison Artillery, is attached to "B" Battery, R.C.A., for a course of instruction.

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Mr. J. H. Ogilvy, of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, has returned to that city, having completed his course of equitation at the Royal School of Cavalry.

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The following officers are at present attached for a course of instruction with "A" Troop, Regiment Canadian Dragoons: Messrs. J. H. Kaye, 62nd St. John Fusiliers; J. F. Scriver and O. Eddy, of the 6th Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars; F. H. C. Sutton, Queen's Own Hussars; and Mr. Johnston, 3rd Regiment of Cavalry. In addition to the above there are also from 30 to 40 N.C.O.'s and men who are undergoing a course of instruction.

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On the 23rd instant a fancy dress ball took place at the Skating Rink, the principal event of the evening being a Dominoe March, performed by several young ladies of the city. They received their instructions from Mr. Forester of the Regiment Canadian Dragoons, and the manner in which they performed the march indicated that their instructor had spared himself no pains, as the event was an unqualified success and reflected most creditably upon those taking part in it.

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The annual tournament of "A" Troop, R.C.D., will be held on the 9th, 10th and 11th of February next. A complete change of programme is being arranged from that of their last tournament and the citizens will have another opportu-

nity of witnessing an exhibition of exercises that will afford them much pleasure. It is confidently expected that the citizens will turn out in large numbers and show that the efforts of our gallant troopers are appreciated. The local corps have been invited to assist in making the tournament a successful one.

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The 8th Royal Rifles and the 9th Battalion have issued orders calling in all arms, accoutrements and clothing in the possession of the members of the respective corps, with a view of making a transfer to their new commanding officers. The result as to which corps will be in a position to make the transfer first is still a matter of uncertainty.

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A well-known individual in this district has just passed away, in the person of Lieut.-Colonel Taschereau, Brigade Major, who died after a short illness and was buried at St. Joseph de la Beauce. The funeral was of a private character and attended by Lieut.-Colonel Duchesnay, the D.A.G. of the District, Lieut.-Colonel G. Bignell, 23rd Battalion, and others.

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Parliament was opened on the 12th instant by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Chapleau, who was attended by Major H. C. Sheppard, A.D.C., and Captain F. L. Lessard, extra A.D.C. The day was exceptionally cold with a penetrating wind rendering the outdoor parade anything but pleasant. The escort was furnished by a detachment from "A" Troop Regiment Canadian Dragoons, consisting of 19 N.C.O.'s and men under command of Mr. Forester. The severity of the weather made it necessary that every precaution should be taken to ensure the comfort of the members of the escort. They paraded with great coats wearing the belts outside the same, mufflers and moccasins, and presented a most serviceable appearance and one decidedly in keeping with the climate. The stirrups being covered with flannel also served to protect the feet from the cold. This was the first appearance on record of cavalry mounted wearing moccasins, and although novel in appearance nevertheless proved itself a complete guard against the cold.

Upon their arrival at the Parliament Buildings, and after His Honour had entered the same, the escort were permitted to ride to the barracks and there warmed the inner man, a consideration on the part of the officers which was much appreciated by the men. After this they returned in time to accompany the Lieut.-Governor to Spencerwood.

The Guard of Honour was furnished by "B" Battery R.C.A., under command of Captain Farley and Mr. W. E. Cooke, and although muffled up and wearing moccasins they nevertheless were well pleased to return to barracks. The music was supplied by the bugle band and the salute fired from the Citadel Battery, under command of Captain Fages.

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HAMILTON.

The drill hall was a busy place on the night of 17th inst., there being two meetings on the programme as well as the parade and the hockey match. About a hundred men turned out on parade, the orders calling for left half battalion drill. The companies represented were E, F, G and H, the last named having the largest turn-out. Major Stewart was in command and put the men through physical drill with arms, manual exercise in review order, and battalion drill. Notwithstanding that they wore great coats and fur caps, the men were anything but comfortable, owing to the extreme cold in the immense armory. There are enough furnaces in the place to take the chill off the air if they were lighted on parade nights at least while the present cold snap lasts. All the officers were out, thus setting a good example to the men.

After the parade the second of the present series of hockey matches was played, the contesting teams being from F and G Companies. Sergt. Garson acted as referee. The game was rather quiet and was won easily by G Company's team with a score of 3 to 0. The boys of G scored their first point in the first half and the other two in the second. The teams were as follows: