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THE MINISTER OF MILITIA.

The militia force have good reason to be pleased with the outcome of the Cabinet changes. It having been for a long time past generally understood that Sir Adolphe Caron was likely to accept the honourable post of Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, there has been no little anxiety felt as to who might be the new head of the Department of Militia and Defence. The choice has now fallen upon Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, a gentleman second to none of his colleagues in executive ability and experience, and possessing a most enviable record as a public man absolutely without reproach. When Sir John Macdonald returned to power in 1878, he chose Mr. Bowell as his Minister of Customs, and this very trying department has since been continuously under the same able head, who has by this long service become the senior member of the Administration. Col. Bowell is 68 years old, and the change he has just made in entering upon the less onerous task of administering the Militia Department should afford him the relaxation demanded by his advancing years. That he may long be spared to enjoy his new command will we are sure be the unanimous wish of the Canadian citizen soldiery and citizens generally. For our own part we are confident that Col. Bowell's progressive and aggressive qualities cannot fail to result in material benefit to the force, if the members themselves show an interest justifying special exertion in their behalf.

A glance at the military record of the new Minister will be timely and interesting. As long ago as 1864, while he was an ensign in the Belleville Rifles, now No. 1 Company of the 49th Battalion, Mr. Bowell saw service on the United States frontier. That was during the American war, and among the thirty companies detailed for duty was the one to which he belonged, commanded by Captain Brown, afterwards member of Parliament for that

district. In the Militia General Orders of December 23rd, 1864, the service is thus outlined: "In calling out for active service this portion of the volunteer force, the Commander-in-Chief desires to express the gratification he has experienced at the numerous offers of service he has received from the Volunteer companies all over the province, as soon as it became known that men were required for permanent duty." The order further says the companies were embodied "with the object of aiding the civil power in its efforts to prevent aggression on the territories of a friendly State on the part of persons enjoying the right of asylum in Her Majesty's dominions, and to preserve, as regards Canada, that complete neutrality with respect to the war now existing in the United States which Her Majesty has enjoined on all her subjects." The duty of all officers commanding detachments, was also "to take special care that the territorial rights of the Government of the United States shall be carefully respected." For four months Ensign Bowell, who had been appointed March 4th, 1858, served with his company at Amherstburg. On the 2nd of June, 1865, he retired temporarily, but was appointed Major of the Battalion on the 22nd of February, 1867. Then, after a further service of five years he was brevetted Lieutenant Colonel, and on the 13th of March, 1874, retired retaining that rank.

Sir Adolphe Caron, upon retiring from the Militia Department after eleven years' service, has taken up the even more important portfolio of Postmaster-General, and while he remains a member of the Government the force can count upon him as a good friend and faithful ally. The period during which he has had charge of the Militia Department has been a very critical one—the most critical, it is to be hoped, through which the Department may be called upon to pass. The North West rebellion demonstrated the importance of the force in a manner which

has resulted in additional attention to the problem of securing the greatest possible efficiency, and one result has been the further development of the school system and the establishment of a Canadian ammunition factory which has become a very important adjunct. The encouragement extended to the League and rifle associations generally has helped to make the best use of the product of that factory. Continuous agitation, feeble, it is true—of the subject of annual drills has brought this requisite so near as almost to be realized; and improvements in several respects have been looked for as the outcome of the critical inspection of the condition of the militia made by General Herbert. If the concessions desired are at all obtainable, they may be looked for as a happy inauguration of the new Minister's term of office.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Parliament having been called to meet on the 25th February, the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association will, in accordance with the constitution, be held on the third Wednesday following, that is, on the 16th of March. The business transacted at this meeting is usually of a purely formal nature, the administration of the affairs of the Association being left entirely in the hands of the Council—elected half at this meeting and half by the Provincial associations—and of the Executive Committee, elected by the Council. The command of the Bisley team will no doubt be disposed of by being vested as usual in the hands of the Chairman of Council. It is to be hoped that his choice will be an officer who either by personal competition and interest or by the encouragement of shooting in his corps, has shown himself deserving of the honour.

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An expression of opinion on the subject of revolver shooting would be timely at this meeting, for the new regulations adopted

by the Executive last year had the unfortunate though not unexpected effect of completely destroying what little interest was before taken in the use of the revolver. The objectionable feature is the calibre (not less than .44) insisted on. The most successful if not the only flourishing revolver association in Canada—that of the Queen's Own Rifles—advise the use of a 32.44 revolver, but admit any weapon not exceeding .45 calibre and 7½ inch barrel. If the D.R.A. would follow suit the change would be a popular one.

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The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association will be held on the 17th March, the day following the rifle meeting. The association reports show a very successful year, and there is no indication of other than routine business to engage the attention of the members. This is pre-eminently a working association, and blooms along from year to year with very little noise.

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Militia General Orders Nos. 2 and 3 appeared in last official *Gazette*. The former contains the already published instructions respecting mourning for the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and a long list of appointments, promotions, etc. The latter promulgate the regulations under which officers of the Canadian Militia may obtain commissions in the Imperial Army, being an extract from Army Orders dated 1st January 1892, as follows:—

"1. Six commissions will be annually allotted to Canada.

"2. (a.) The age of candidates to be between 18 and 22 on the 1st January in which he is allowed to present himself for examination in military subjects:

"(b.) He must have served at least 15 months as an officer and have attended two annual trainings, or have seen active service in the field.

"3. The literary examinations will take place on the 2nd Tuesday in April and the 2nd Tuesday in October in each year.

"4. The examination in military subjects of those candidates who have previously passed the literary examination will be held in September in each year."

Applications of Candidates must be sent in through the regular channel to the Adjutant General's Headquarters, Canada, so as to reach him by the 7th June. If received after that date they cannot be forwarded.

Copies of the regulations and full information as to the manner of making appli-

cation can be obtained from the Deputy Adjutant General of each Military District.

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The most notable of the New Year's honours conferred by Her Majesty was the elevation to the Peerage of Sir Frederick Roberts, commander in chief of the army in India. It is recognised as the just reward of a career in which merit and modesty have been equally combined. Sir Frederick Roberts has made his reputation by achievements of the highest order. His famous march from Cabul to the relief of Candahar has been universally praised as the most brilliant feat of modern campaigning. Of more enduring importance even than his crushing defeat of Ayoub Khan are Sir Frederick Roberts's labours for the reorganisation of the Indian Army and the fortification of the North Western frontier, and in perfecting the defensive organisation of the great Eastern Empire.

THE N. B. PROVINCIAL RANGE.

A meeting of the committee in charge of the fitting up of the new range for the New Brunswick Provincial Rifle Association, at Sussex, was held on Friday, 15th inst., at the office of the secretary, Capt. J. T. Hartt. Besides him there were present President Parks, Lieut.-Col. Beer, Major Arnold, Capt. Kinnear, Capt. McRobbie, Capt. Thompson, Messrs. Hunter and P. A. Melville.

At a previous gathering of the committee the form of the parapet had been decided upon, which was, in effect, to have the face and sides of logs, and filled in. Since then new ideas have been advanced and a reconsideration of the former resolution was carried. A motion passed to have a parapet faced with round logs, cross tied in the centre and the mound sodded up in the rear. It was shown that the earth work when settled would last much longer and the liability of danger to the marker would not be so great.

Then came up the question of targets. The sash target had been adopted, but as new design had been prepared by Lieut.-Col. Beer, Major Arnold and Major Markham, it was thought desirable to take these into consideration.

Col. Beer put forth what he considered the disadvantages of the sash target. What they wanted was one with as few details as possible, and if the sash principle were adopted they would find it necessary to replace the fittings which were liable to get out of order. He explained the double target a model of which he had on view, and stated that about one-third of the time now occupied could be saved by it. The same principle could be applied in a single target.

Capt. Kinnear thought that the saving

of time was not so essential as it was to have the marksmen ready. He knew of instances when targets were in readiness while the men were five minutes in getting in position.

Capt. McRobbie thought it too much of an experiment to try the double target. He was in favour of others doing the experimenting and the N. B. Association getting the fruits of it. He moved the adoption of the sash principle for targets.

Capt. Hartt had never seen the sash target operate badly, nor had he ever heard of trouble, and it was easily repaired. He would like to see it adopted with the same system of signalling as now in use.

The president paid a compliment to Col. Beer for his ingenuity in preparing the designs and kindness in submitting them.

By a vote the sash target was then adopted.

A committee, consisting of Col. Beer, Capt. McRobbie and Capt. Hartt, was named to prepare plans and specifications on the design for a parapet, etc., handed in by Col. Beer, to be submitted to the general committee.

There had been two plans for a pavilion. Each provides for a building 32x36 ft. At one end will be an office for the secretary, and in the rear a committee room. At the other end will be a refreshment booth, and the centre of the house will be occupied for storing targets, and in the back a series of closets to be used by marksmen. Extending along the front will be a verandah. This, it is thought, will cost about \$300.

Votes of thanks were passed to Col. Beer, Major Markham and Major Arnold for their kindness in supplying models at the request of the association.

The non-observance of the provisions of the paragraph in the Queen's Regulations which states that officers attending volunteer prize distributions should do so in full dress, has led Major-General Hall, commanding the English North-Western district, to call attention to the regulation and to request that it be complied with in future.

As a solace to Prince Christian, who recently had an eye put out by the glancing of a bullet fired by the Duke of Connaught whilst out hunting, one English paper remarks upon how many one-eyed distinguished men there have been, and names Lord Wolseley and Nelson. Recently, when the seemingly unfounded report that Lord Wolseley might be the next Governor General of Canada was going the rounds, it was remarked by one of his newspaper admirers that he possessed fascinating qualities similar to those which enabled Lord Dufferin to make his vice-regal court such an attraction. As a coincidence it might have been added that each had but one eye, a fact rendering it more easily practicable to be blind towards the disagreeable side of public life.

Regimental News.

TORONTO.

Affaires de militaire take up very little of our time at present. Save for an occasional company dinner or smoking concert, one could almost imagine that Toronto had exiled her citizen soldiers. However, indications are plenty that active work will soon be with us, and more of it, I imagine, than we have had for some years past. Negotiations about the new rifle range are at a standstill, owing to the inability of all concerned to procure a better rate of transportation from the G and Trunk Railway than that of 25 cents return fare. This of course makes the selection of the Mimico site next to impossible.

Despite the inclement weather, work has never altogether stopped on the drill hall site. Teams have been at work all winter drawing cement and stone and clearing the ground. It is often remarked that the site the new hall will occupy will not give best results as regards space of parade ground, and without a doubt placing the hall on Chestnut street, running north and south, would give more parade ground outside, while the grounds, if enclosed with a suitable fence, would present a much better appearance from the avenue.

Judging from the activity displayed every Thursday night the 48th Highlanders are going to make an exceedingly creditable appearance and fully justify the expectations of Lieut. Col. J. I. Davidson and Major A. M. Cosby. The regiment is exceedingly fortunate in possessing two such good officers, and, it reports be true, one of the best and hardest working officers in the city is going to make the third. Of course at present it is mere rumour, but if true the 4th are to be congratulated on their good fortune. May they prove themselves worthy of such officers. The mere fact of officers transferring from the old corps to the new can have but one effect, that of making the bonds of fellowship firmer than ever.

The many friends of Capt. H. McGee, of the Queen's Own Rifles, will regret to hear that for the last six weeks sickness has laid its heavy hand on him, but a ray of hope has at last dawned and that hand is getting lighter and lighter, so that in a short time it is hoped the genial Captain will be around once more fully restored.

THE BUGLERS' RECEPTION.

Carrying out the idea of entertaining different companies of the regiment, the buglers of the Q.O.R. had the members of C and D companies as their guests on Saturday evening at their handsome mess rooms, corner Church and Colborne streets. Both companies turned out in full strength, and they enjoyed about two hours and a half of the best fun they have had for some time. The buglers, under

the direction of Bugle-Major Swift, opened the programme with a fancy drum march, after which the bugle-major explained the necessity of the companies becoming acquainted with their respective company bugle calls. Sergeant Woods sounded C and D company calls several times for the benefit of those members. The balance of the programme was varied enough to suit the most fastidious. Instrumental and vocal music was given by the following:—Messrs. Rugg, Forbes, Coulter, Mackle, Winters, Stevens, T. Baker, Hordon T. Woods, Ahison, Morrell, Davies, Davidson, Thomson and Sergt. Woods. A feature of the evening was a farce got up by Corporal Ross, intitled "Judge McGinty's Court." The fun in the court scene was uproarious; and Corp. Ross, Messrs. Kane, Kennedy, Cuthbert and several of the buglers carried out their parts to perfection. Capt. Maconnock, seconded by Capt. Knifton, a vote of thanks to the buglers at the close of the entertainment.

Arrangements are pending with the management of the World's Fair for a trip of the Q.O.R. buglers to the exhibition, and everything points to a certainty of their accepting the terms.

In the event of such acceptance, Bugle-Major Swift proposes to increase the strength to forty members. Some \$3,000 will be necessary for expenses, and of this \$1,000 has been guaranteed by one of the officers of the regiment, who knows a good thing when he sees it, and evidently is favourably impressed with the idea.

EX-CHAPLAIN ACHESON.

We hear continually of the ex-members of the Queen's Own from all parts of the world, and the latest news of one of them will no doubt be read by many who remember the genial comrade of '85. The following is from the *New York Herald* of the 16th instant:—

Rev. E. Campion Acheson, Dr. Rainsford's senior assistant at St. George's Church, has received a request to take the rectorship of the Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church at Middletown, Conn. He has not announced his decision on the offer, as he has a similar one from a church at Sandusky, Ohio.

Mr. Acheson is an earnest mission worker. He became associated with St. George's three years ago, taking the position he now holds on the retirement of Dr. Wilson. He came from All Saints' Church, Toronto, where he was an assistant. He graduated from the Wycliffe College there. In 1885, when the Riel rebellion broke out in the Northwest, he enlisted as a private soldier in the Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto, and acted also as chaplain of the regiment. He distinguished himself at the battle of Cut Knife Creek where he snatched a comrade from some of the murderous half-breeds and bore him under fire within the Canadian lines. The rescued man, however, was fatally wounded while Mr. Acheson was carrying him.

The clergyman has done good work among the poor of avenue A. He desires an independent charge, however, and he will leave St. George's after Easter. The charge offered him at Middletown was once held by Dr. McCormell, of Philadelphia, who is mentioned as the successor of Bishop Phillips Brooks.

A smoking concert of the Q.O.R. ser-

geants' mess takes place on the 28th inst. and a very good programme has been provided.

The annual dinner takes place on Friday, February 26th.

Although it is yet a long way off, the Queen's Own are discussing the probability of their taking part in the big review it is proposed to hold in Montreal next 24th May. They all unite in a desire to go, the thoughts of the pleasant trip of 1889 being exceedingly agreeable.

BREECH BLOCK.

THE GRENADEER OFFICERS.

The officers of the Royal Grenadiers held their annual meeting Saturday evening. Lieut. Col. Dawson, A. D. C., occupied the chair, and Capt. McLean acted as secretary. Capt. Bruce presented the financial report which was most satisfactory. The expenditures were the largest in the history of the regiment. The principal items in the expenditure were for drill instruction, band, rifle association and new equipment, including clothing in excess of Government issue. These amounts are entirely on regimental account, and do not include the expenditures by the individual companies. The report of the Band Committee presented by Capt. Hay showed that the band was in a most efficient condition. Lieut. Chadwick presented the report of the Mess Committee, showing an increased balance on hand. The Rifle Committee's report showed that at the Ontario and Dominion Rifle Association's matches the team representing the Grenadiers took, on the whole, the highest place of any regiment in the Dominion. They won three and probably four places out of the twenty on the Wimbledon team.

The following committees were elected for the ensuing year:—Regimental, Capts. Bruce and Gosling, Lieut. Stimson; Band, Capts. Hay and Cameron, Lieut. Irving; Mess. Capts. Tassie, McKay and Heward and Lieut. Chadwick; Rifle, Capts. Bruce and Harston, and Lieut. Pringle; Entertainment, Capts. Tassie, Gibson, Lieut. Chadwick, Sweetnam, Lehman, Assistant Surgeon King, Lieut. Stimson. It was decided to re-engage Sergt-Major Cox, at an increased salary, and to present him with a sword suitably engraved to replace the one lost. The officers spoke very highly of his efficient and painstaking services to the regiment during the past three years. Patterns for a new winter uniform were shown, and it was agreed to adopt one of these; for the non-commissioned officers and men the cap will be a black wedge with bag, edged with scarlet. It was also decided to organise a supernumerary sergeants' corps, to hold occasional mess dinners, to hold annual services in memory of the members of the regiment killed in action in the Northwest, to increase the number of men in the ambulance and signalling corps and to increase the annual contributions to the regimental fund of the majors and lieutenant-colonel.

ATHLETIC

Sports and Pastimes

The Toronto *Globe* publishes a large photographic group of the Osgoode Hall Rugby Football team, in a supplement to its issue of Saturday last, and styles it "Champions of Canada."

The sporting editor of the *Globe* is not usually very well posted, and he is catering for the press of the Queen City, either of which reasons is possibly sufficient to excuse him for his ignorance and bad taste in dubbing the Osgoode Hall team Champions of Canada.

The Ottawa College Football Club are the Champions of Canada, and it ought to be beneath the dignity of a newspaper of standing such as the *Globe* to attempt to mislead its readers in the manner it has done.

The Osgoode Hall Club are champions of the Canadian Rugby Union, and deserve great credit for getting there. I have no desire to detract from the glory of their well earned victories, but before they lay claim to the title of Champions of Canada, they must prove their right to the claim by defeating the hitherto invincible Collegians from the Ottawa College.

A number of lacrosse clubs are now holding their annual meetings preparatory to the general convention. These meetings bring forcibly before us the very unsatisfactory state of affairs existing in lacrosse circles about professionals.

In theory there are no professional lacrosse players—Indians excepted. In practice there are dozens, and the effort to secure the services of one professional or another, and avoid discovery in doing so, is causing more trouble and annoyance to clubs, and doing more serious and permanent injury to the game, than all these redoubtable professional players are worth.

I have heard numerous suggestions made about the way to overcome this trouble; among others, a proposition that all clubs shall submit their books for inspection by an officer of the association, and that he be allowed to examine and check their receipts and disbursements, at any auditor might. This might or might not accomplish the desired end. It probably would not, as there would doubtless be devised some ingenious method of deceiving the examining officer. It would be simple enough to defer a division of the surplus among the club players until after the inspector had reported all in order.

I am of the opinion that it wants but dignity and courage to put this matter on a perfectly satisfactory basis.

I would advocate a resolution being

adopted by the National Lacrosse Association recognizing professionals and professionalism, and giving permission to all clubs to play amateurs, mixed teams, or all professionals as they may please.

If a man cannot afford to give time and money to take part in a game without receiving a recompense, and others want his assistance, why on earth should he not be paid for his services, and what is there derogatory in his taking payment?

Professionalism at any athletic sport appears to carry very mistaken ideas on this continent. In England the advantage of professionals, their status and position are much better defined.

Every county cricket club in England has its quota of professionals who play regularly with them against amateurs, none of whom suffer any disadvantage thereby, but rather gain by the advantage of competing against men probably stronger and in better training than themselves.

It may be claimed that there are many players who do not want to be classed as professionals to the loss of their amateur standing.

We have to make some sacrifices in this world, and few have to make more than the impecunious. If, then, a man cannot afford to play lacrosse without pay, he ought to consider himself very fortunate to be able to play well enough to be paid for his game.

It only wants action on the part of the Association by giving clubs permission to play professionals on their teams, and one or two courageous players who will come forward and say "We want to play lacrosse but cannot afford to do so unless paid for our time," to settle the matter; others will follow like sheep.

I would not like to see our lacrosse teams become altogether professional, but I do not think there would be any danger of this. We have too many good, bonafide amateurs, who can well afford to play the game for love of it, to permit of its descending to the level of baseball. It would rather, I believe, put it on a par with cricket in the old country.

Professional players might be utilized as groundsmen, trainers, or in a dozen different ways, and do good service to the amateur players, and the game, instead of being the greatest difficulty it has to contend with.

SKATING.

The Council of the Canadian Amateur Association have determined that the programme for figure skating which they forwarded to the National Skating Association of the United States shall govern the competitions at their annual championship gathering, which it has been resolved to

hold in the Victoria Rink, Montreal, on the 18th February.

The date of the championship races has been fixed for 20th February, and they will take place on the M.A.A.A. rink.

The annual championship skating races of the Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Association are announced to take place in the Victoria Rink, St. John, N. B., on the 17th February. The following are to be the events:

One furlong; quarter mile; half mile; half mile backwards; one mile; three miles; five miles; hurdle race (220 yards, 6 flights, 2 ft 3 in. high); one mile for boys under 16 years, and individual figure championship.

Entries close Saturday, 13th February. Competitors not representatives of an amateur club must present credentials in support of their amateur standing.

An entrance of 50 cents is charged for each event. The track is circular, with 14 laps to the mile. All entries are to be made with J. F. Maher, secretary, P. O. Box 352, St. John, N. B.

It is unfortunate that the Maritime Provinces have chosen a date so nearly identical with that selected by the Canadian Amateur Skating Association for the championship meeting.

If it had been otherwise some of the Montreal fast men might have easily been persuaded to attend the meeting in St. John, as the trip is an easy one to make now over the Short Line.

NEWS FROM NORWAY.

A Reuter's telegram from Hamar, Norway, says: "At the International Skating contest, resumed here to-day (2nd June), the three mile race was won by Hagen, the Norwegian skater, Smart, the English champion, being second. The former covered the distance in 8 min. 46 2-5 sec., and the latter in 9 min. 13 1-5 sec. Hagen thus beat the world's record, which was 9 min. 3 2-5 sec., a result which was hailed with great enthusiasm. In the one mile race Hagen again beat the record, his time being 2 min. 49 sec., as compared with 2 min. 51 1-5 sec., the previous best record. Smart covered the distance in 2 min. 53 1-5 sec."

A grand fancy dress carnival is to be held in the Belleville Skating Rink on Thursday, the 28th inst.

ANGLING.

The 13th annual dinner of the Lorne Fish and Game Club was held at the Lakeview House, Lachine, on Wednesday, 20th inst.

A sumptuous repast was prepared for some thirty members who were present, and the tables were handsomely decorated with orchids, chrysanthemums, and other flowers.

The menu card, received from a friend in Philadelphia, was rich in design, and reflected credit on the artist and writer.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Wm. Wilson, who has recently met with a serious accident, the chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Boyd.

All toasts were drunk in silence in consequence of the death of the Duke of Clarence.

It is said that an Order-in-Council is about to be passed, upon the recommendation of Hon. Mr. Tupper, to provide that no license to fish in the inland waters of Canada shall be issued, except to British subjects resident in the locality in which the fishing is to be done.

This action on the part of the Hon. Minister of Marine is well timed, and fair reciprocity in the line set us by the politicians of the United States.

We recommend it to the attention of the officers of the Pelee Island Fishing Club, and to those gentlemen who recently purchased the fishing privileges of Lord Mount Stephen.

BOWLING.

The Canadian bowling team won another victory on Saturday night in their home match with the M.A.A.A.

Their majority was 319 points, as the following score will show:

M.A.A.A.	Strings.	Total.	Ave.
R. Summerhayes	145 174 178	497	165 ² / ₃
T. L. Paton	153 193 140	486	162
J. R. Gordon	171 163 181	515	171 ² / ₃
F. H. Gardner	122 176 116	414	138
A. G. Gardner	153 132 191	476	158 ² / ₃
A. G. Higginson	194 162 156	512	170 ² / ₃
Total		2900	

Canadian.	Strings.	Total.	Ave.
E. Turgeon	168 175 144	487	162 ¹ / ₃
E. Martin	219 171 225	615	205
E. Normandy	148 181 179	508	169 ¹ / ₃
R. Belfaire	181 172 151	504	168
M. B. Desmarreau	201 173 150	524	174 ² / ₃
M. Perreault	150 205 226	581	193 ² / ₃
Total		3219	
M.A.A.A.		2900	

Canadian majority 319
 Referee—H. A. Henshaw. Umpires—Messrs. Gilbault, Gorman and Miller.

SNOWSHOEING.

The annual open steeplechase of the Montreal Snowshoe Club was run over the regular mountain course on the evening of the 20th inst.

A large number of members of the Montreal and sister clubs were present to witness the start, for which six competitors appeared. All got away together, and it was evident a hard struggle was in store for the contestants.

Ness was unfortunate enough to break one of his shoes, otherwise it is hard to say what the result would have been.

Those who had crossed to the club house before the start in order to see the finish, soon caught sight of W. Gentleman coming in at a good pace, followed very soon by George Baillie with Wilson almost at his heels. The finish was as follows:

1st. W. Gentlemen, 21.05; 2nd George Baillie, 22.19; 3rd J. F. Wilson, 22.58; 4th. Wm. Bullie, 23.06; 5th. C. R. Goodwin, 26.46; 6th. J. Ness, 26.46.

The Argyle Snowshoe Club of Montreal will hold their annual open and club cross-country races to Lachine on the 30th inst. This event is now looked upon as one of the chief events of the season, and the entries received this year give promise of a grand tussle.

The St. George's of Winnipeg had their first race of the season on Saturday, 16th inst.; a three mile run for "green" men. The entries were J. F. Hall, H. S. Steat, A. Youill, H. Belt, J. A. McMurray, and C. McGinn; the last three, however, did not come to time. Mr. Hall won the event and the club medal was presented to him by Mrs. G. R. F. Harris, wife of the President.

The annual ball of the St. George's (Winnipeg) is announced to take place at the Manitoba on 5th February, and is being anxiously looked forward to in society circles.

THE GUN.

It is not unusual to hear Canadians boast of their freedom from the annoying restrictions of licenses, permits, etc., to carry firearms.

I am very doubtful as to whether this freedom is a blessing or otherwise. The frequency of accidents, resulting in injury and loss of life, in consequence of youths, children and other irresponsible persons carrying firearms is a matter of serious import; and each one reported makes one feel more strongly that the imposition of a nominal fee for a license which would only be issued to adults might diminish considerably such useless waste of life.

It may be said that the enactment of such a measure would be simple enough, but its enforcement a more difficult matter.

The knowledge that a law existed, the infraction of which would mean being locked up for a month or more, would deter most lads from incurring the risk of punishment, and do much towards preventing such lamentable accidents as that which occurred to one of three lads rabbit hunting near Hamilton recently, through which he lost his life.

CURLING.

The Granite club of Toronto have defeated the Toronto club for the City Championship trophy. Eight rinks a side were played with the following result:

AT GRANITE RINK.	
Granite.	Toronto.
C. N. Candee,	J. S. Russell,
R. McClain,	A. B. Cameron,
H. W. Williamson,	A. C. Gibson,
W. C. Matthews, sk. 25	John Wright, skip . . 18
W. C. McLarrie,	T. G. Brough,
O. F. Rice,	R. C. Dickson,
W. O. Thornton,	R. S. Gamble,
W. Lawrence, skip. 20	F. O. Cayley, skip. . 19
I. Kilgour,	G. E. Keith,
W. Mandeville,	J. McCracken,
W. Davidson,	N. Snarr,
C. C. Dalton, skip. . 24	J. Pain, skip 19
F. Boomer,	J. H. Horsey,
G. S. Crawford,	H. Harman,
D. L. Van Vlack,	Capt. Macdonald,
A. R. Creelman, sk. 17	W. F. Davidson, sk. 22
Total 86	Total 78
Majority for Granite, 8.	

AT VICTORIA RINK.	
Granite.	Toronto.
C. E. Edwards,	C. W. Taylor,
W. Creelman,	T. Hodgetts,
W. Crooks,	A. W. Godson,
R. W. Spence, skip. 16	L. A. Tilley, skip . . 26
W. G. Hamilton,	James Tennant,
H. C. Webster,	A. S. H. Hector,
J. Wilson,	P. G. McNabb,
C. Dempsey, skip. . . 17	A. E. Maddison, sk. 22
G. W. Carroll,	T. Edmunds,
C. H. Baird,	W. Hargreaves,
G. Hargraft,	R. Pringle,
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H. J. Brown,	Dr. Spilbury,
G. H. Gooderham,	P. D'E. Strickland,
A. Bertram,	H. A. Drummond,
W. J. McMurry, sk 26	A. F. Jones, skip. . . 11
Total 82	Total 75
Majority for Granite, 7.	
Total majority for Granite, 15.	

The Granites are sending four rinks to Detroit on Friday to play a return match with the Detroit clubs who visited Toronto during the International bonspiel.

The skips chosen to represent the granites are C. C. Dalton, W. Badenach, A. R. Creelman, and W. Thornton.

NOTES FROM THE TOWNSHIPS.

The St. Johns curling rink, says the *News*, has been struck with the prevailing dullness of the times. Never before at this season was there so little playing since the club was formed. In consequence of this apathy, the committee have called a meeting of the club for Friday evening to consider the advisability of utilizing the rink two nights in the week for skating purposes.

The Huntingdon curling rink opened on Friday week, and the "roarin' game" has been booming ever since. It is the intention of the club to get another set of blocks and run two rinks, as the membership is too large for one rink.

ONTARIO TANKARD.

The second drawing in Group No 9 for the Tankard has been made as follows:—

Markham vs. Caledonian,
 Granite a bye.

The Port Arthur and Fort William Clubs played on the 18th inst to decide which should represent the Thunder Bay district in the Tuckett trophy match at

the Winnipeg bonspiel. The game was 16 ends, two rinks a side, and was won by Port Arthur by 15 shots.

Portage la Prairie has defeated Carberry for the district medal match, and for the primary competition for the Tuckett trophy.

The "roarin'" game has had quite a boom this winter in Quebec owing to the formation of a new club, the "Victoria," who occupy a portion of the Skating Rink building on Grande Allee. The formal opening of the Victoria Club took place on Thursday afternoon last at two o'clock, by a match between a rink from the Quebec Curling Club and one from the Victoria. An exciting game was played. The following composed the teams:—

<i>Quebec.</i>	<i>Victoria.</i>
W. S. Champion,	R. Harcourt Smith,
E. C. Fry,	Dr. C. C. Sewell,
W. Tofield,	G. R. White,
W. Brodie,—skip.	F. Holloway—skip

The primary competitions of the Canadian Branch R. C. C. C. for the Branch tankard and Governor General's prizes began at Montreal and Ottawa on Tuesday 25th instant.

CYCLING.

The formation of a Canadian Century Road Club has been determined upon and a meeting for the purpose of organizing is to be held in Toronto on the evening of the 28th inst.

Invitations to attend this meeting are to be extended to members of the City clubs, the Royal Canadian bicyclists, unattached wheelmen, and delegates from Hamilton, London, Ottawa, and all other Canadian 'cycling centres.

It is proposed to make the new club an organization of resident Canadian bicycle riders, open to any Canadian amateur.

The objects of the club are to be the advancement of road riding, the improvement of roads, and the general promotion of 'cycling.

Each member of the club is to receive a club badge, and on the completion of every hundred miles within a specified time, proof of which will have to be furnished to the chief centurion, the member will receive a gold bar to be attached to the badge. Extra bars are to be presented for record centuries and greatest yearly mileage.

HOCKEY.

The Ottawa Hockey Club have again successfully defended the championship, defeating with ease the redoubtable ex-champions, the Montreal Amateur Athletic Club.

The result of the game does not indi-

cate the true strength of these clubs, and if the M.A.A. play the champions again during the season there will certainly be a much closer struggle, if not a different result.

The Ottawas were at their strongest, for although Young was said to be ill, it was imperceptible in his play, which was as usual a fine exhibition of skating and good hockey. Their opponents were unfortunately weakened by the absence of three of their most important, if not best, players. The absence of their point and goalkeeper was a very serious affair when meeting a team as strong as the Ottawa rush line, and the want was very clearly perceptible, especially in the second half, when the Montreal point seemed to lose his head, repeatedly getting too far forward, leaving the goalkeeper unprotected to meet the rushes of Bradley, the Kirbys or Kerr, with the inevitable result—loss of a goal.

The O.A.A. Club played a very perfect team game, and are improving in respect each match they play. It would be invidious to draw comparisons where all played without apparent fault, but Bradley's rushes, although criticised by some as selfish, were very fine, and usually successful.

Mr. P. D. Ross was referee, and his decisions were, as might be expected, very impartial, and satisfactory to all. The teams were as follows:—

<i>Montreal.</i>	<i>Position.</i>	<i>Ottawa.</i>
Shaw	Goal	Morel.
Barlow	Point	Russell.
Routh	Cover Point	Young.
Elliott	Forward	C. Kirby.
Lowe	"	H. Kirby.
Lee	"	Bradley.
Irving	"	J. Kerr.

From the very start the Ottawas rushed the play, and throughout the best portion of the time their opponents were on the defensive. The first game was taken by Lee for Montreal in 4 minutes. By a pretty rush H. Kirby scored the second in 3 minutes, and Montreal scored the third, Elliot doing the needful in 3 minutes' play. The next four games were taken for Ottawa by H. Kirby, C. Kirby, Bradley and C. Kirby, in 2, 3, 3 and 1/2 minutes respectively.

The Montrealers were completely shut out in the second half, while Ottawa scored five goals. The first three scored were put in by Bradley in 3, 9 and 6 minutes, the other two by Kerr and C. Kirby in 4 and 8 minutes.

The Quebec Hockey Club are the next challengers, and although little is known of them outside of their own city, there are rumours that the champions will have their work cut out for them if they intend to retain their title.

The Quebecers are said to have some very fast skaters and to play a very good team game.

The match will be played on Thursday of this week in the Rideau Rink, Ottawa.

The Ottawa Juniors played two games in Montreal on Friday and Saturday last in the intermediate championship series. On Friday they met the Maples and disaster in the Crystal Rink, being defeated by 8 games to 4. For the victorious team Gilellans, Virtue and Quillan played a splendid game, while Clark, Cox and Hill were especially noticeable among the Ottawas.

On Saturday they met the Victorias and suffering from the loss of two of their best men, Grant and Rosenthal, both of whom were injured in the game on Friday evening, they were defeated by 5 goals to 0, by the same team whom they had so handily beaten in Ottawa last week.

The M.A.A. defeated the Victorias in the intermediate championship series in the Crystal Rink on Thursday last by 8 goals to 2.

SECOND DRAW IN THE ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

The following are the competing teams in the second draw of the Ontario Hockey Association championship series:

Osgoode Hall v. Athletic or University, on Athletic or University ice.

Granite Colts v. New Fort, on Granite ice.

Wanderers v. Granite, on Granite ice.

The above ties are to be played on or before January 29th.

The Mounted Infantry School, Winnipeg, played the third of a series of games against the Victoria Hockey Club of Winnipeg on the afternoon of the 16th inst. The teams were:—

<i>Infantry School.</i>	<i>Position.</i>	<i>Victorias.</i>
Corporal Jones	Goal	G. H. Merritt
Lieut. Williams	Back	F. Higginbotham
Private Kerr	Half-back	J. C. McCulloch
Corporal Stacey	"	A. Norquay
Lieut. Evans	Forward	A. Armitage
Capt. Armstrong	"	H. T. Howard
Corporal Strachan	"	W. R. Rowan

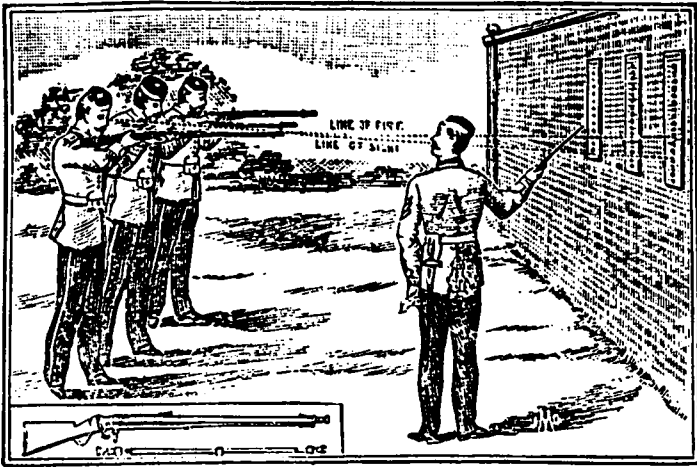
The match resulted in a victory for the Victorias by a score of 7 goals to 2, scored as follows: Two for the schools by Lieut. Evans, and for the Victorias five by Howard, one by Armitage and one by Rowan.

ATHLETICS.

I regret to learn that the meeting which was to have been held in Halifax on the 19th inst., with a view to the erection of an athletic club house containing gymnasium, swimming baths, etc., did not take place, and that it is understood the matter has been dropped.

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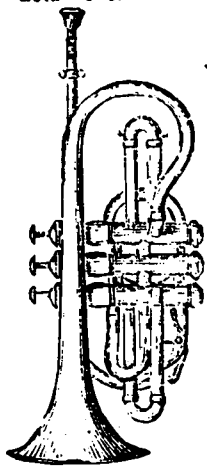
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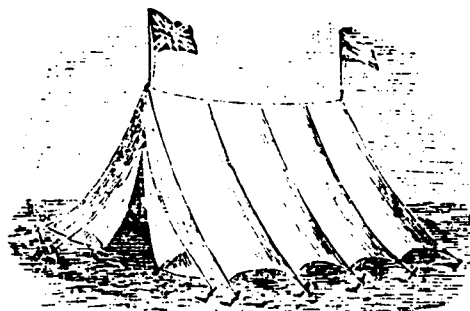
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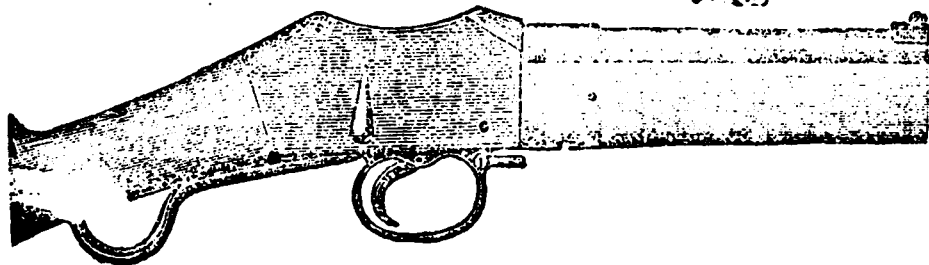
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