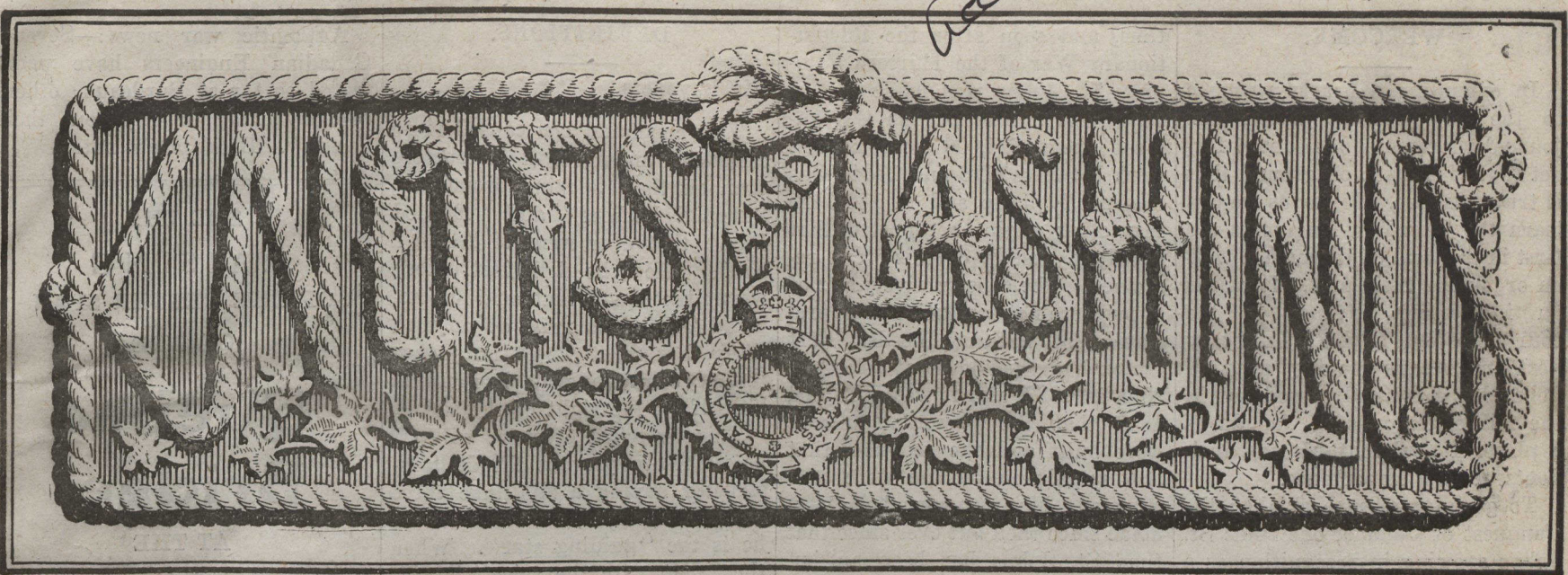


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HE ROSE FROM THE RANKS, AND BECAME OUR O. C.

Colonel Melville's Career Inspiration To All Sappers.

Born in Carlton County, New Brunswick, on March 28th, 1873, Lieut. Col. W. W. Melville is a typical production of, and lacks none of the prominent attributes which go so far to distinguish those hailing from, the early settled Maritime Provinces. Men from these provinces have asserted their superiority in many and varied spheres of life and Col. Melville is in no way an exception, having established for himself an enviable reputation as a soldier and administrator.

Starting his military career as a sapper in 1889, in the Brighton Engineers (now the 1st Field Company Canadian Engineers) he has completed 28 years consecutive service, in recognition of which he wears the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Medal.

Sapper in 1889 to Lieutenant Colonel in 1915 is an experience vouchsafed to few and one to be eminently proud of. He is not ashamed of having been a "ranker" for if he has any frills he keeps them strictly under lock and key; and it is due to the practical experience gleaned during his many stages of promotion that he maintains all officers should win their spurs in a like manner, gaining at first hand the knowledge of and insight into the sappers' life which the higher command should



LIEUT.-COL. WILLIAM WELDON MELVILLE, C.E.

Commanding Engineers Training Depot,
St. Johns, Quebec, Canada.

(Photo by Pinonnault)

His Watchword Is "Results: Give Me Results."

necessarily possess. The remarkable knowledge of, and interest in the needs and welfare of all ranks displayed by him at all times goes a long way to vindicate the stand taken by him from the viewpoint of those whose pleasure and good fortune it has been to serve under him.

At the outbreak of war in 1914, Colonel (then Major) Melville volunteered his and his Company's services for "overseas". This offer was readily accepted by the Department of Militia and Defence and he was ordered to mobilise and proceed to Valcartier Camp where the 1st Field troop was linked to his company forming the 1st Field Company Canadian Engineers, Canadian Expeditionary Forces, under his own command with rank of Major.

His work in France and Flanders, we know, notwithstanding his impervious reticence, was well and nobly done and reflects most creditably upon the service of which he forms no minor part. His duties in France included those of Commander of the Royal Canadian Engineers and involved the application of the principles of common sense and sound judgment of which he is and always has been the counterpart; and which seems to me to distinguish every officer

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WELCOME.

In extending a hearty welcome to the new venture which this journal represents, one cannot forget that it is made on ground that is truly historic. So far as we can learn the Canadian Engineers are first in the field of journalism with an organ for their unit. It marks an interesting advance in the course of events at this old military post and recalls the fact that St. Johns has frequently stood out in the military annals of Canada as a place of new ventures and incidents of first importance.

To go no further back than the Conquest of Canada, one finds St. Johns growing in recognition as a spot invested with peculiar strategic value. The historic Richelieu river was, of course, an important waterway during the French regime, but the strong posts were held at Chambly to the North and at points on Lake Champlain to the South. When the troubled days of 1775 drew near, with the prospect of an invasion from the South, St. Johns was recognized as the key to Canada. Major Preston was sent to St. Johns to construct defences during the summer of that year. He had under him a portion of the 26th regiment and a small artillery force of 30 all ranks. On September 17th, when General Montgomery made his attack, the total force holding St. Johns amounted to 567 officers and men. The siege lasted until November 3d when Major Preston was obliged to surrender owing to his supplies becoming exhausted. On the 20th of October, Major Stopford, who was commanding at Fort Chambly, surrendered that post, without firing a gun or attempting to destroy his supplies, and after that St. Johns was quite surrounded and in a desperate situation. But the surrender was not made until the defenders had put up a most plucky and stubborn defence.

In this connection it is also worthy of note that it was at St. Johns in 1775 that the first fruits of the wise policy of Sir William Johnson, Indian Agent, began to be effectively reaped by the English, for the first assistance of the Indians was received here by the English at that time. The name of this renowned Indian Agent is perpetuated in this locality by Mount Johnson, to the East of Iberville, which was named after him.

The Indians used to speak of St. Johns as the foot of Lake Champlain and there were considerable dock-yards and defences constructed here in 1814. But before that

time, and soon after the Revolutionary War of the Thirteen Colonies, St. Johns was made into a strong fort. The British Government spent £24,000 here in this work between 1778 and 1784. This was not kept up and in 1804 the inspecting engineer reported that hardly a vestige of this work remained. The constructive years of peace were not conducive to appreciation of military needs. Fort Lenox had been built at Isle Aux Noix in 1823, and it was not until 1839 that the present Barracks were built and the redoubts that still remain in outline were constructed. Many changes have been made since then but ever since that time St. Johns has been an important post and the home of many fine units in the Imperial and later in the Canadian army.

Now that the Canadian Engineers Training Depot has its home here, one feels confident that all the best traditions of the service, so well represented by the men who fought heroically and died bravely in its defence in 1775, will be maintained. There is no small influence in the historic associations of such a post. It reminds us of the truth which one of Canada's sweetest poets has breathed in the following lines:—

Not by the Power of Commerce,
Art or Pen,
Shall our great Empire stand, nor
has it stood,
But in the noble deeds of noble
men,
Heroic lives and heroes' out-
poured blood.

All the same the power of the pen is not to be despised and in extending a welcome to the new venture of the present occupants of St. Johns Barracks into journalism, one feels confident that there is a promising field for the venture and wishes it sustained power and unqualified success.

A. H. MOORE,
Major, 26th Dragoons.

BALDWIN HALL.

Those who wish to read can obtain books at Baldwin Hall—40 vols. of McGill travelling library and 160 vols. of depot books are at your disposal and can be taken away. See Spr. Durgan at the Hall.

All men are welcome at the reading and recreation room at Baldwin Hall.

Townfolks can secure "Knots and Lashings" at the up-to-date store of H. Bernard & Son, Richelieu St., every Saturday noon. Leave your order early.

DEFINITIONS.

Fix Bayonets.

This command has caused more casualties among drill instructors than all the "bucking bronchos", "Bertha barkers" and "Bottled Bass" that ever went to create a battle. He (the drill instructor) warns the squad that on the command "fix" you must do no such thing, but must watch an unfortunate comrade who has found himself on the right of the squad.

This wretched creature will (if he wishes to prevent the drill instructor having a fit) take three paces to the front. From then on he is the "guiding star". When the "man with the voice" is convinced that the "guiding star" has taken exactly three paces (and not two steps and a "shuffle") and that everything conforms with K. R. and O., he thunders the remainder of the request:—"Bay-nits!"

At this stage of the performance the "rookie" is expected to perform a physical impossibility. He must keep an eye on the man in front (the "guiding star") and another on the job in hand. The "G. S." will then raise his left arm in a horizontal position which is the signal that he is about to retire again into seclusion.

Form Fours.

All military experts agree that it is absolutely essential that a man should be able to form fours before he is fit to Defend the Empire.

Although this intricate movement may be accomplished in any number of motions, a drill instructor usually recommends three. Something after this style:—

The odd numbers stand fast, while the even numbers step on somebody's toes in the rear with the left foot and someone else's heels on the right with the right foot. The even number will then find himself viewing the landscape on the back of the odd number's neck whilst the Empire totters.

Present lack of space unfortunately prevents forming fours in the men's mess but we understand the O. C. has the matter under consideration.

How They Love Each Other!

First C. S. M. (at Football match)—"Good! Good! That's good! B Company again, eh! Good!"

Second C. S. M. (dourly)—"Hell, they OUGHT to play well—they're ALWAYS kicking!"

Authentic war news:—Several Canadian Engineers have penetrated as far as Bordeaux; others are marching closely on their "heals". Band please note.

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Col. Melville's Rise

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and man who has gained distinction on merit alone in this war.

The Colonel is reluctant to speak of his experiences at the front except in the lighter vein, but it requires very little imagination to appreciate those qualities and deeds which so well fitted him, in the eyes of his country, for the responsible charge which he now holds. His armour of silence is however sometimes penetrated when the benefit of his experience can be beneficially reflected upon those under his training in order to better fit them for carrying on the work he so well commenced.

The Colonel's slogan is "Results". "What I want is results!" he says to his instructors, "I don't care how you get them, but get them!" I haven't seen the Colonel's family coat of arms but if the motto is not "Results" it certainly should be.

Colonel Melville was recalled from France after some eighteen months service to take over command of the Engineers Training Depot, then in Ottawa. More engineers were called for, to be fully trained at that, so it became necessary to have a commanding officer just from the trenches. Colonel Melville was approached and offered the command and after due consideration accepted the responsible post. In bringing the Depot to the high standard of efficiency at which it stands today he has achieved wonders. Upwards of 5,000 men and 400 officers have passed through the Depot for service abroad, all fully trained and not a single man has been sent back from England as being unfit either physically or for the lack of training. The Depot has at present some 1000 men undergoing training and waiting the call, but the responsibility of this lies apparently easily on his shoulders owing to the splendid organizing power he has.

The Colonel we understand is one of the Mounted Section, with a strong bearing towards the Sapper. Horsemanship is one of his many qualifications acquired in his early days on the farms of New Brunswick. Possibly some of his most exciting days on horseback were experienced in the execution of his many calls to the advanced posts at the front or perhaps on the mud plains of Salisbury with his friend Colonel "Sandy" McPhail of Queen's renown, and it is problematical which of these was fraught with the most danger and excitement. Esteemed and

honoured by all who know him "Knots and Lashings" voices the feelings of the Depot in this as in other matters and salutes our Chief and wishes him life's best.

C. N. G. MILNE, Major, C.E.

OVERHEARD IN THE MEN'S MESS.

(In reporting the following little dialogue, we do not consider that we are guilty of any betrayal of confidence. And what is more, we do not believe that anyone else will think so either.)

Sapper (seating himself in a leisurely fashion and picking up the latest number of "Knots and Lashings")—"Good morning, Orderly."

Orderly—"Good morning, Sir; pleasant morning, Sir; lovely day for the "Fours". What do you wish this morning, Sir?"

Sapper—"Oh, you may bring me half a Catawba melon (be sure that it is just off the ice); boiled eggs, (and remember, I simply can't touch them if they are not boiled exactly three and a half minutes); dry toast, marmalade and coffee. Yes, you may set the percolator on the table. No, don't bother about the finger bowl, as I have a rather important engagement shortly with a particularly dear friend,—awfully jolly fellow, too!—who has been good enough to invite myself and a few of our 'set' to join him at a little game of P. T.'s this morning!"

(Note.—And now, on the level, which one of our bright young readers can tell teacher what the Sapper really did get. Also please do not all speak (or shout) at once!)

JOIN THE ENGINEERS AND WORK AT YOUR TRADE.

You joined the Engineers with hopes

To follow at your trade;
But first you'll have to know the ropes,

And learn how knots are made!

You'll have to learn to "watch your slope"

And dress up by your right;
So get a line on all the dope,
And keep your buttons bright!

If you can show that you can dance
To orders on parade,

Maybe you'll get an even chance
To follow at your trade!

Spr. D. K. WOODHOUSE.

She writes to the paymaster:—
"You have changed my little
"girl into a little boy;—will it
"make any difference?"

THE ENGINEERS' ALPHABET.

- A—stands for "'Shon!"—we all know what that means,
- B—stands for Breakfast, Bread, Bacon and Beans.
- C—is for Canteen, and Cash (and for Clink!)
- D—is for Dry Daily Duty and Drink,
- E—stands for Engineers, Evans, and Eat.
- F—is for Fatigues, which we all rush to meet.
- G—is for Generals, and Germans, and Guns,
- H—is our Hurry to Hammer the Huns,
- I—is for Iberville, Idle, and Ink.
- J—is our Joy (when we're offered a drink!)
- K—"Knots and Lashings" and Keefer and King.
- L—is for Leave, (when we get it we Sing!)
- M—is for Major Milne, Melville, and Mess.
- N—is for Nothing (it can't stand for less!)
- O—stands for Orders we promptly Obey.
- P—is the Physical torture each day.
- Q—is for Quiet, (only known in the tomb!)
- R—is the Racket that Reigns in (our) Room!
- S—is the Sergeant who Sings Comic Songs.
- T—is the Top-notch to which he belongs.
- U—is Untidy (not Us!) on parade.
- V—is the Vermin of which we're afraid.
- W—is Whiskey, Work, Woman, and Wine.
- X—the Xperience we get in the line.
- Y—is our Yearning to go overseas.
- Z—is for Zero when our fingers will freeze.

—PAT

LASHINGS

If you want to hear a good story get Sapper Morrissey to tell you how the Cavalry captured the Navy. Catch him in a talkative mood. He's not a braggart by nature.

Some of the mounted section attended a funeral at Montreal recently and were fed at the barracks up there. We understand they have ceased to grumble at the food here since that occasion.

There are others though who don't know when they are well off.

Our editor is modest to a degree but his remark at our first meeting is too good not to pass on.

The electric light went out on the occasion and he opened the meeting by remarking, "Gentlemen, it is strange that our newspaper was born in darkness and that (K)night was appointed chairman.

We believe the Sergeants' mess is an institution beyond criticism, being run on absolutely perfect lines.

To an outsider though some of the conversation would at times appear strange.

One member asserts himself by the statement, "I do like my beer, and I'm not ashamed of it.

Bets of fifty bucks to one are not unusual.

The boast of one member is: "I

am an agnostic, and I know more than the parson does, so why should I go to church? (Experience tells us that parsons as a rule know quite a deal. Ed.)

Pandemonium reigns when there is a competition between the two tables as to which can make the more noise. The advent of the chairman however has a beneficial effect.

There is one of the senior members named "Solomon" who is dogmatic to a degree laying down the law on all possible occasions. Come to think about it we are not sure of his name but at any rate he is David's son.

Sergeant Lowman reports he saw Sergeants Francis and Smith at the Grey Nuns Hospital a few days ago.

Sgt. Francis was cocky as usual and full of business but Sgt. Smith is not progressing as well as we had hoped. There are others who could be better spared from the depot and our sympathies are with him!

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OUR FIRST ISSUE

As soon as the suggestion that a Depot newspaper be published was mooted, our Colonel was approached and gave his ungrudging consent;—and moreover has shown himself both in words and action to be ready at all times to give us the benefit of his wide experience and his unstinted support.

This we think you will agree is an auspicious start; and if what remains to be done by others is only undertaken in the same spirit as our Colonel has shown, and considering the material at our disposal at this Depot, we should have no fear but that our Journal will be a credit to service literature.

We go to press, therefore, with confidence in our future; and with the satisfaction that something has been accomplished and something done.

YOUR SUPPORT IS INDISPENSABLE.

We impress upon the boys of the E. T. D. that in order successfully to conduct our Journal, their heartiest support both in contribution of manuscript, and purchase of the finished article, is of primary importance and an absolute essential.

Contributions in the shape of prose, poetry, sketches, cartoons, or photographs, are needed. Be a correspondent if you can do nothing better. Seek our advice on questions of love, courtship, marriage, separation and divorce. In making public your troubles through the medium of our columns you will have the benefit of our long and varied experiences, which you will find distinctly beneficial and perhaps sometimes amusing!

THE TONE OF OUR JOURNAL.

It is not our intention to publish what might be termed a Sunday School journal; for as Kipling says:—

“För if our conduct sometimes is not all your fancy paints
“Single men in barracks don’t grow into plaster saints!”

Yet we must remember that the general tone will be such that our journal may circulate in our homes without outraging the feelings of ordinary decency and modesty.

To those who expect to read authentic and official news from the front in our pages, disappointment is coming. The only authentic news that will be published in “Knots and Lashings” will be that of our own brewing and if some come under the influence of the brew our advice to them is: “Don’t carry the chip on your shoulder” which is but a stimulus to further concoctions, probably of a more potent nature!

“Knots” will deal with your troubles. • “Lashings” will administer the blows. It is admittedly the soldiers privilege to grumble,

“Knots and Lashings” however claims the right and prerogative to diagnose and dispose.

AIM AND OBJECT.

“Knots and Lashings” will not be entirely frivolous. Articles of technical value will be readily accepted and published. The only requisite demanded is that the articles submitted be entirely rational or irrational. Your imagination is what we want to draw upon. Your discretion should be exercised, especially when the consequences of neglect may be hard upon yourself. In other words, our aim and object is to produce a journal of an entertaining and instructional character, calculated to satisfy the tastes of the denizens of the depot and those interested in their welfare.

OUR GREAT NEED.

Is early copy! Lots of it! You can supply it! Will you? Please!

OUR TITLE HEADING.

About ten designs for our title heading were submitted by the boys. The excellence of these designs is only one of the many indications of the talent we have in our depot.

The winner of the prize of \$5.00 offered is Sapper A. J. Pugh, whose work shows excellent taste, delightful art and originality, appropriate rendering and excellent penmanship.

Such a title heading is a decided ornament to our journal.

To those who failed to win we would express our sincere thanks for their attempts, and wish them better luck next time.—(Ed.)

There are more than one thousand officers and men in the Depot at the present time. We hope that every one of them may become a

“constant reader” of “Knots and Lashings”. Send us high-brow stuff or—well, stuff that is not high brow. All that we ask is a square deal. Read, boost and CONTRIBUTION. This is YOUR paper; it is only through YOUR effort that it can succeed.

MARCHING SONG.

Now then, some of you poets:— get busy and compose a marching song for the depot. Set your verse to any air you think suits it best, or let some of our musicians select a fitting tune, or even compose one!

Don’t make it too long, but make it long enough so that it is not finished before it’s begun!

Let us have your compositions for the next issue. We will publish them and take a vote on the question.



(Drawn by Spr. B. Stevenson)

"NUTS AND RATIONS."

Let us eat drink and be merry, for tomorrow we— Eh what? Did you say, "go overseas"?

Shut the door please, I feel a "draft".

"Look to the right there and pick up your dressing". The dull monotony of this order is to be observed every Sunday at dinner parade in the Mens Mess.

Which reminds me, is it "Dressing" or Bread pudding?

Let me see, "What shall we have for a change today" Roast Beef, or Beef Roast, or—Just Beef?

The story is told of a Sapper, who, when home on leave recently, phoned to the butcher, and told him if he brought a bit of Beef to his house, he would kill him.

We have often heard that pigs might fly if they had wings, and we are convinced that the price of Pig has soared so high that the Commissariat Dept. cannot build a ladder long enough to touch it.

Scene, on the Ramparts (over by the Yacht Club). Time:—Past the witching hour of midnight. Officers returning from the last dance of the season (or was it the first?)—New Sentry (first time on guard) "Halt! who goes there?" "Friends" "Pass friends and recognize yourselves!"

At last we have a band;—a band with real Brass instruments; they play good music too! With such an inducement, who would be so mean as to try and evade Church Parade? And the way they marched around the Parade ground was great! The Sergeant has learned some new stunts in drum beating, and he seemed as proud as a pea "cook". Pardon me! I mean a peacock!

It must be about time some of our numerous four-footed friends, who make the barracks their home, and settle all their disputes on the parade ground, (when we want to pay particular attention to our drill,) were called upon to register!

"Nothing but leaves," the fellow remarked as he raked up on the ground, what the early frost and rain had caused to flutter from the trees. "Nothing but leaves" the Mess orderly said as he cleaned the remnants from each plate.

—PAT

WE WANT TO KNOW!

Whether the temperature of the water for horse troughs is now sufficiently comfortable from the bathing standpoint for the threat of O. C. mounted section to be carried out. Not wishing to be ambiguous, we refer to Farnham rifle practices and shooting on another man's target.

Whether the delay in carrying out the punishment is caused on account of a certain commissioned officer being involved.

If this is the case, whether "Knots and Lashings" will be permitted to appoint a squad of C.O.'s to handle the matter delicately.

How much a full kit and rifle weighs before and after a route march.

Whether headquarters have forgotten that we are here!

How it has been possible for a field company of engineers to properly carry on its duties without the inclusion of a lawyer in its establishment.

If the use of slang has really become fashionable among the ladies of St. Johns; if not, why is "Sam Hill" always on the tip of their tongues?

If "Jimmy Boyd" is also a common slang expression;—if so, we wonder if it is used to the same extent in Belfast!

If a major's batman puts money into the bank account of a sergeant, to whom does the money belong? (Legal editor please note and reply.)

If the government issued revolvers to officers during training period whether the number of officers would be seriously depleted when questions of seniority are dis-

cussed and the junior party consigns the senior to the lower regions!

Who is the author of the new K. R. and O.!

If a full colonel looks any better over the top of a bayonet than he does through the piling swivel. (Curtis please reply.—Ed.)

Why a certain officer never wears his medal for the defence of the Old Fort.

Why a list of casualties on that memorable occasion was never published.

What a certain sapper had been drinking in order to distinguish more or less clearly an armed cruiser attempting to land a party in front of the officers' mess.

What the object of such a landing could have been, as it is a dry mess.

Who the N. C. O. was, who, when we were not looking, took our pet corn cob and put a piece of dry rag in the bowl carefully covering it with tobacco, and when we lit it told our room mates to try and persuade us that "Rags" (the Colonel's dog) had spat on it! (Reply to P.A.T., care of Ed.)

Why more of you fellows don't write for "Knots and Lashings".

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In making this our first blushing appearance in cold print, in an attempt to record our progress—or retrogression as a Depot in the realm of sport, we hope that in some measure, assistance may be given by any so inclined who may praise, condemn, or criticise any or all events of a sporting nature. The column is wide open to all who may nurse a grouch and may feel better by seeing it in print. Questions of course are especially welcomed,—particularly ones which will most likely tie us in a knot. It will give us great pleasure, for instance to answer queries like this:—"Who scored the first goal for the Kilbirnie Ladeside against the Mossend Hibs in the second round of the Junior cup in 1907." So don't be shy, you boys, there's lots of space to spare, else we would not be on the job ourselves, at this time of night.

Athletically speaking, the season past has not been productive of anything noteworthy, in the way of sport. We held a very successful series of Field and Aquatic sports last summer and the exciting and close finish of the War Canoe Race Final, between our boys and the representatives of the Yacht Club, will remain in our memory so long as we think of St. Johns. To balance this of course, there's the series of defeats our Baseball club had to bear at the hands of the locals. You chaps who have but lately arrived have no idea how manfully we used to walk out to the field of a Sunday throughout the long summer and watch with a gradually growing indifference the flower of our ballmen endeavouring to reduce the lead. They seldom had to try and hold a lead.

The International game between Canada and the U. S. A. was quite an interesting little affair of course and was a revelation to some of us who knew little about the rooting end of it. Canada, of course, won.

Then there was the great Football match between Scotland and the Rest of the World. The representatives of the "Land o' Cakes" won rather easily, perhaps because the outside right for them that day proved to be an Irishman of the most malignant type. In all fairness to the selectors of the champion team, be it recorded that they did not know their choice of the extreme right position was anything but a "braw lad". "He played weel enough onywey tae be Scotch" said the selector on being challenged.

London, Ont., still has all the footballing honors to its credit of course. They're a fine lot of players every one of them, even if they did get a big fright when the latest Vancouver organisation threw down the gauntlet at the Depot's feet. The Pacific boys will remain pacific for many a footballing day to come, unless there comes to barracks a troop of Boy Scouts with a fondness for the game.

We did not do much in the way of Polo this year, you know, old chap, because y'know its jolly hard work, bai jove and reallah we were so deuced fagged going to all the gawden pawties in town that we felt we'd rawther bally well loaf round the jolly old rivah.

Well, now, we had a treat served up to us last Saturday and no mistake. Judging by our inter-city games we felt sure we had some pretty good footballers amongst us and quite a few of us interested in the game had been speculating on our chances of success against a really good team of regular players. When we learned that a game had been arranged between the Grand Trunk team of Montreal and our boys, some of us felt that perhaps we were a shade ambitious. We had our pet theories torn to shreds by a 4 to 1 victory which is to say the least a very encouraging performance. On the days play, I think the score very well indicates our superiority but some of the gilt comes off the gingerbread, so to speak, when we learn that the Montreal boys came down—very courageously I think—five short of their regular eleven. As most of you know this makes quite a difference, and the Grand Trunk of yesterday may be quite a different Grand Trunk of tomorrow. Their marked weaknesses lay in finishing and in the last line of defence. Had they travelled with their regular goalkeeper, I feel sure by a change in that department alone the result would have been different. One thing is certain, that, in the event of their playing us again they will not judge us so lightly—they could not very well have known what they were coming up against, else they would not have come down so weak in all departments. Our boys, for the first time in action as a representative team, did particularly well, proving themselves well balanced. Fisher in goal was hardly tested in the first half, and proved his worth in the second even if he did concede a penalty kick by a most extraordinary play.

Our backs were sound, Connah excelling in judgment and clean kicking. The half back line, generally, gave a good account of itself and supported the forwards admirably. Our front line played brilliantly at times and was never throughout the game mediocre. The play of Miller at outside right was a treat and Cameron in the pivotal position was responsible more than any other for the downfall of the visitors. Taken all round, we have a really good team here and one which ought to do credit to the E. T. D. They are however not yet seriously tested and in the event of a replay, will have to expect a harder hour and half ere they bring home again, the bacon. Mr. Ellis made an excellent referee, letting very little escape his vigilant eye. One has always to allow for an odd offside decision one way or another in football and neither side had any kick coming in this department.

It is pleasant to record that the sum of \$24.85 was collected by old Dobbin in aid of the Blue Cross fund. The horse entered into the spirit of his job most admirably and has cultivated a very realistic limp since last he acted as collector on behalf of his less fortunate fellows.

A big Boxing Tournament is in process of organisation and more will be said of this next week. We understand C.S.M. Escott, who may be relied upon as always serving up something good in this line, has charge of the arrangements, and before we let the cat out of the bag we feel we ought to give him a bit of an interview. Meanwhile so far as I know, I bid you look out for sparks flying in the vicinity of the City Hall, round about the middle of November.

We noticed a number of our boys out on the field kicking the oval leather around. There is no reason why we should not have some "Rugger" here. Mr. Bourget is the individual to go to for the purpose of organising. Get busy boys; the winter is coming when no man plays football outside.

With the winter coming on we will have to get some indoor games on the way. Volley Ball is one of the best of these and the Old Fort makes an admirable court for this game.

Of course we are to have some hockey this winter.

HAMPDEN.

OVERSEAS.

Overseas I want to go,
To these scenes of hell and woe,
Where the powers of Right and Greed
Battle hard.

Overseas, for Britain bleeds,
Her allies, too. Men she needs
To defeat that foe of foes—
Germany.

Overseas, may those who go,
'Scape the sea-wolves cowardly blow,
And bravely fight for their rights
Over there.

Overseas, where good men give
Ev'rything, that peace may live,
And the father of this strife
Be subdued.

Overseas, where envy, spite
And greed defile a throne. Right
In good time will crush those
foes
Of mankind.

Overseas, our prayers arise
Unto Thee, within the skies.
God of battles, give us soon
Victory!

Spr. H. G. MASTON.

IT REALLY HAPPENED!

A certain sapper wrote to the Old Country concerning his Last Will and Testament, and naturally gave his address as "C. E. T. D., St. Johns, P.Q., Canada".

The solicitors' clerk had never been beyond the sombre confines of Tottenham Court Road—probably—as a copy of the Will was last week received by the Sapper, carefully addressed to "Church of England Temperance Depot, St. Johns, Canada"!

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

(By our special War Correspondent.)

The German Offensive Against Italy.

While the Allied press is frankly admitting that the situation on the Italian front is very grave, "Knots and Lashings" takes a more sanguine view. It is only fair to add though that we are in possession of details denied to other newspapers. Our special correspondent cables us that the retirement of the Italians is strategic. Just when the Teutonic forces have arrived at a stage of exhaustion due to a quick advance, it is the intention of the higher command of the Italian army to issue a double ration of garlic to its soldiers. The Teutons breathing heavily will have no alternative but to inhale the vapourings of this garlic saturated army. It is left to the imagination of our readers to picture the result!

Should this scheme fail, the far-seeing Cadorna has yet another trump card. Spaghetti is to be scattered broadcast in front of the advancing enemy who will be only too eager to seize upon the opportunity to revictual his famished troops. It is the intention of the cunning Dago then to steal up unnoticed, and while the Hun is devouring the string food in the accepted fashion with head in the air, to cut his throat!

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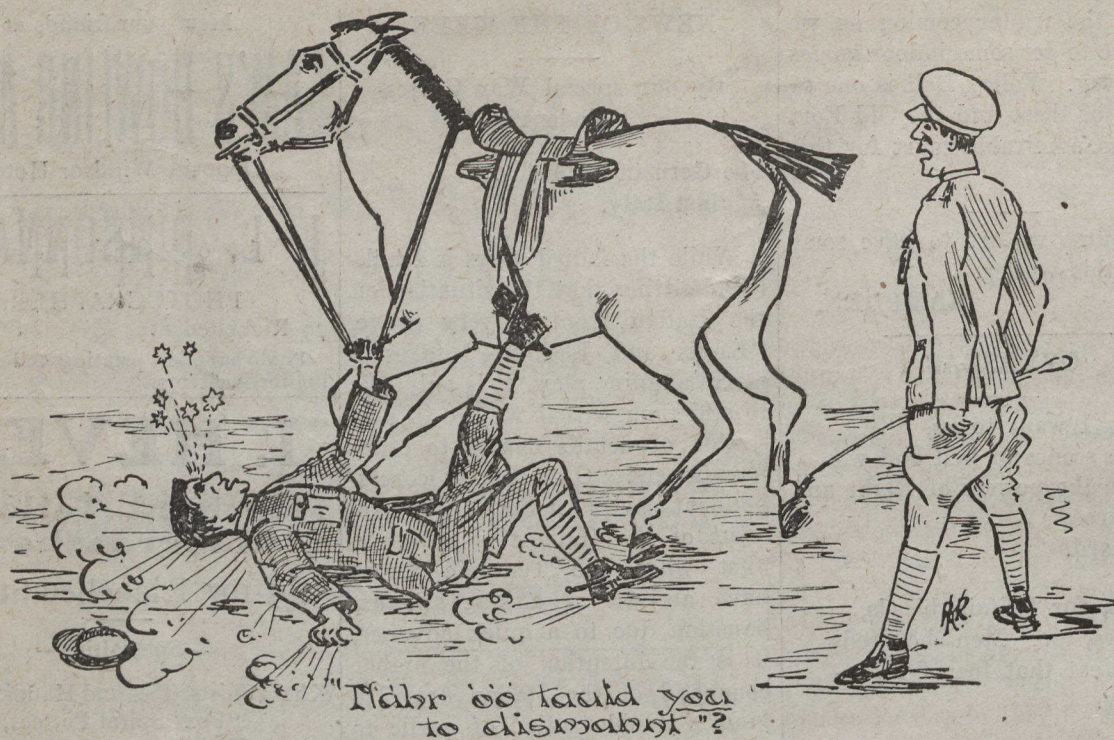
So Will the Folks at Home!

A "Knots and Lashings" News Box is in the Recreation Room. Keep it filled with News, Jokes, Satire, Poems, etc. (Sign your name to each contribution, just as a matter of good faith.) Write VERY CLEARLY, and on one side of the paper only. Write something—often.

The News Box will be emptied each Monday morning—so have your matter in early. Of course, "stop press" items will be accepted up until Wednesday night—but no later. If you will do YOUR part, we'll have a bully good paper.

"Knots and Lashings" will be on sale each Saturday, at the canteen. Price, 5 cents the copy. If you can influence advertising, let us know. We want a few more ads—as the more ads we have, the bigger and better will the paper be.

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The Paymaster has HIS troubles too. Just imagine yourself in his position upon receipt of letters making enquiries of this kind:—

One lady writes anxiously: "Now that my husband is in charge of a "spitoo", does he

"get any more pay? If not, why "not?"

It is the custom of the pay department to stamp the following on the envelope containing assigned pay.

"Please advise at once of any "change of address or inaccuracy "in name, etc."

A lady indignantly writes:— "I can tell you plainly that I "don't intend to change my ad- "dress, and there is no accuracy "in my name."

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