

OUR BOYS IN HALIFAX.

Their Daily Life and Routine Described by Trooper D. A. Morrison.

Of our arrival in Halifax I need not speak, as a number of the boys have written home about that. Our troop is very comfortably quartered in the Horticultural hall of the Exhibition building, which is heated by four large stoves. Our beds are composed of straw-mattresses and pillows, with one rubber blanket and four heavy army blankets for each man. We make up our beds on the long tables used for the fruit exhibit; we sleep very comfortably there, more so than if we were on the floor, but we must turn over.

The balance of our troop (4th troop, B squadron) arrived from Canning on Thursday the 11th, followed by 1st. and 2nd. troops, composed of the Winnipeg Dragoons with whom were also six of the North West Mounted Police, and twelve rough riders, on Saturday, the 13th. We went down to the station to meet the Winnipeg men who were all supplied with horses of the broncho type, none of these horses were shod, and it was a surprise to us to see them climb the steep ice covered hill to the exhibition building without a slip.

The first three days we were here spent in becoming acquainted with our surroundings, and in seeing the sights of the city. There being no officers with us, ex captain Armstrong was acting sergeant. I must say I wish it had been possible for our own boys who have thrown up their commissions, to have retained them, as it would be a pleasure to serve under our own officers. Armstrong has made himself deservedly popular among the boys by doing everything in his power to make things pleasant and by granting passes to the boys when they wished to get out to see friends.

Picket duty began on Thursday night (the 11th); a stable picket of six men being appointed from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. Relays of two men each, two hours on and four off.

Major Borden arrived from Canning on Friday. Saturday afternoon we were put through two hours of drill from ten to twelve, which consisted of bareback riding. As a result of this, our first trial here, three men were sent back. They were greatly disappointed, and it seems rather unfair to have allowed them to come this far and then be sent back.

Major Williams (Winnipeg) arrived Saturday afternoon to command our squadron. At his first visit to the grounds we were on parade, and he inspected the men. He has a fine appearance, a good voice, and is considered by some of the boys to be rather strict, but he is just the sort of commander we need. Since his arrival we have been under strict military rules.

The writer had his first experience of guard duty on Saturday night from eleven to one o'clock, and five to seven. The night was mild, so I did not find it as bad an experience as I had expected, although the last half hour became rather tedious. Sunday the public were admitted, and the buildings and grounds were thronged with visitors. It is estimated that 10,000 people visited the grounds. Among the visitors I saw several St. John people. The N. W. mounted policemen and the bronchos seemed to be the centre of attraction for most of the visitors.

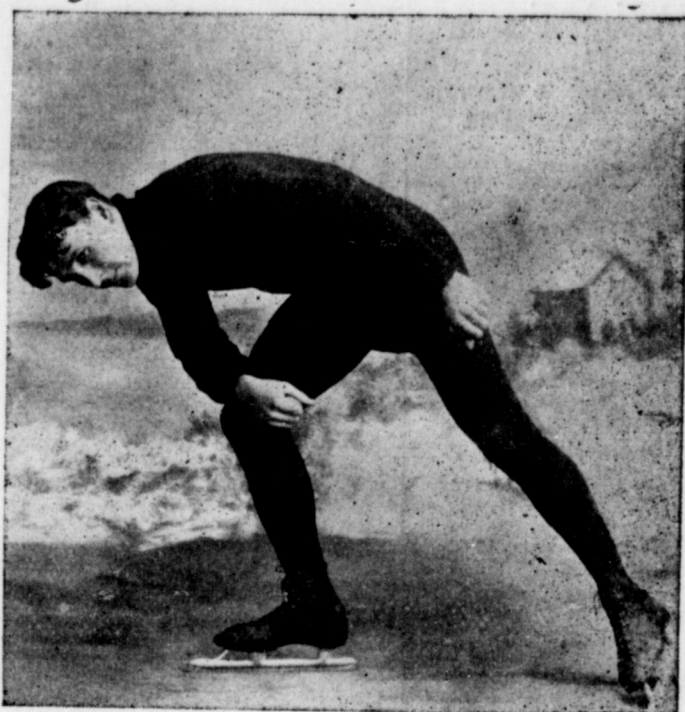
On Monday we got down to hard work and since Saturday the place has assumed a more military appearance and things are being run on strictly military lines. At present this is the order of duties for the day.

Reveille at 6:30 A. M.
Stables at 7 (consisting of watering, leading the horses cleaning the stables etc)
Breakfast at 8 a. m.
Parade for drill at 10 a. m.
Stables at 12
Dinner at 1 p. m.
Parade at 2 p. m.
Stables at 5 p. m.
Tea at 5:30 p. m.
Retire at 7 p. m.
First Post at 9:30 p. m.
Last Post at 10 p. m.
Lights out at 10 p. m.

Our new uniforms and kits were issued on Monday (the 15th). The men are all well pleased with them which are fatigue uniform of dark navy blue serge with red piping; forage caps similar to those worn by the 62nd, and close fitting tunic with white collar. Our kits contain one sweater, two suits of underclothing, three outside shirts, three pairs socks, two pairs gloves, two handkerchiefs, one pair of towels, one pair suspenders, razor, strap, soap and brushes innumerable, also necessary fixings for the care of the horses:

also knife, fork, spoons.

Some folks remarked upon the rough appearance of the bronchos, but one of the men retorted. These rough, and perhaps hard looking horses will be there at the finish. They are rather undersized, long haired, innocent looking animals but as two or three amusing incidents have borne testimony to, their innocence is only seeming. Upon their arrival, one of our boys in a spirit of mischief attempted to ride one of them back to stable from watering. He made a good attempt at mounting, but was no sooner on the horse's back than he found himself thrown to his right front. After this he was content to lead him back to the stable. Monday afternoon one of Winnipeg Dragoons was thrown two or three times and had his face badly cut. And on another occasion when one



BART DUFFY.

of these wiry little animals had been taken to the armory to be fitted with a saddle, one of the rough riders after several ineffectual attempts to manage him gave it up, and lieutenant Ryan, of the Canning contingent took him in hand. He was thrown once, but succeeded in mastering him and bringing him safely back to stable.

Fresh troops are arriving daily now, last night our stables being rather crowded, lieutenant Parks, myself and one or two others moved our beds to the glass cases where the butter was on exhibition and found we could sleep very comfortably when 'put in a glass case'.

Our boys are now looking forward to two weeks more of camp life and drill here in Halifax, as the Montezuma has now been definitely declined, and the Milwaukee (of the same line) will take her place, sailing about February 5th.

We have nothing to complain of in the food given us. It is well cooked and plentiful. As a sample of one day's bill of fare, today we had for breakfast, fresh fried haddock, fried potatoes, bread and butter, coffee. For dinner, soup, roast beef, potatoes, carrots, pie, bread and butter, coffee. For supper, cold meat, fried potatoes, bread and butter, jam, coffee. Some of our friends will probably remember 'The Iceman' ('Bob' McIntyre) who was so much in evidence at the Institute the night the contingent left St. John. I might say he seems to be enjoying life here, and is cultivating a vigorous appetite. In fact all the boys are in good health and spirits and are able to do full justice to the things set before them at meal times.

The arrival of the mail is the event of the day. The boys crowding around the sergeant as he calls out the names of the fortunate ones.

The Mounted Police are splendid specimens of manhood, fine stalwart well built fellows. They wear broad brimmed, drab felt hats, with tight fitting regulation brown tunics and topped boots and spurs which give them a particularly smart appearance.

GOES FROM ST. JOHN.

Hay and Other Provisions for South African Forces.

The big English steamer "Massapequa" which is to carry hay and other provisions direct to South Africa from this port for British forces, is indeed a staunch ship—a good type of the sturdy freight carriers produced by the Mother Country. She has been loading at the Government Pier, South End, since Wednesday last but will in all probability not be ready for sea until the latter part of next week.

One of these late stormy days a representative of this paper climbed aboard the big craft and found the officers a ruddy-faced lot of good-natured Englishmen, all of whom were Bristol citizens. They said

their ship was regularly employed in the western Atlantic trade, chiefly between New York and London, but her last voyage was from Leeds. It was in the big American metropolis that Capt. Cook received his orders to proceed to St. John.

The "Massapequa" has a carrying capacity of 4500 tons. Hay will be the chief item in her cargo, although flour and canned goods are also to be sent out. The hay which has already arrived has been scrupulously inspected by Prof. Robertson of the Government staff.

It is expected the "Massapequa" will take about 83 days to run to her destination. She is easily a 10-knot craft and a steady plodder. It will be her first experience in South African water and needless to say, her crew and officers are delighting in the opportunity of thus, even temporarily, entering Her Majesty's service.

BART DUFFY IN NEW YORK.

He Skates Before Thousands and is Favorably Commented Upon.

Bart Duffy, the amateur champion skater, returned from his American trip during the latter part of last week, looking well and feeling in first class shape. During

his journeys in the screaming eagle's domain the genial ex-car conductor did a great deal to demonstrate the peculiar value of Mr. Robert Bustin's spring skate, which, it is understood, Mr. Fields has about sold to an American steel goods firm for a snug amount. The Americans will produce the skate from their factory, if the sale is consummated.

Whilst in New York Duffy says he skated on the Brooklyn and St. Nicholas Rinks and Central Park and was in no small degree a drawing card, although Bart made this remark with a modest modulation of the voice, and which he afterwards attributed was due to the fame already made abroad of St. John by Hughey McCormick, the Breens, and others. The papers "wrote him up" and pictured him on every excuse.

It was next to impossible to get on any matches, in fact if one was arranged; the American skaters would want unheard of handicaps. At that rate Bart thought it better to adhere to his skate demonstrating and let racing alone. Among the youthful flyers in the great metropolis is Sarony, son of the eminent photographer, and who is really a wonder for a 16-year old. He is coming to Canada this winter and perhaps as far as this city.

No local races have been arranged for Duffy yet, but before very many days elapse he will be chasing himself on the old Vic's ice at his usual lively clip.

Duffy has also had an offer from the management of the big ice carnival at Pittsburgh. He is wanted for speed skating during the week of sport commencing the 28th but as yet the St. John man has not decided whether or not he shall go away, although the terms offered him are liberal and very tempting.

Musical at Home.

The musical member of a musical family will appreciate a conversation reported by the Chicago News:

'Do you play any instrument, Mr. Jinn?'
'Yes; I am a cornetist.'
'And your sister?'
'She's a pianist.'
'Does your mother play?'
'She's a zitherist.'
'And your father?'
'He's a pessimist.'

This reminds us of another fragment of contemporary talk.

'Don't you think' asked the young girl graduate, that Miss Spring is a charming protegee?'

'Wal,' said Uncle Solomon, with deliberation, 'I guess she is a mighty sweet protee! I'm sure her cousin, Miss Chalmers, is a charming protee, and her aunt Lucrece is an excellent sculptress and her mother used to be a capable dishwasher. It is a talented family, hers is.'

WORK OF THE RED CROSS.

Official List of Supplies Prepared by Lady Tilley for "Progress."

Lady Tilley has kindly furnished Progress with a complete and official list of all the hospital supplies made up by the Red Cross Society of New Brunswick, through the various branches, in this city, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Rothesay and Sackville, and which were shipped away to Halifax early in the week for transportation to South Africa with the second contingent. These goods are for the use of the Canadian soldiers who are wounded and stricken ill, and include every comfort of clothing desired by those laid aside. The appended lists are complete and more fully given than those published earlier by the daily papers.

On Monday last before the Red Cross cases were packed the goods were exhibited at Lady Tilley's home, Carleton House, Germain street. They filled several large tables, heaped high and were excellent examples of needlework.

Following is the make-up of the various boxes:—

ST. STEPHEN BOX NO. 5.

14 flannel dressing gowns.
2 dressing jackets.
12 flannel night shirts.
20 twill cotton hospital sheets.
14 fleecy night shirts.
17 sets of pyjamas.
29 prs. slippers.
13 Florence Nightingale bed jackets.
7 down pillows.
12 hot water bottles.
2 cases lime juice.
5 bottles bay rum.
9 lbs. castile soap.
1 box sea foam soap.
14 doz. invalid cups.
6 qts. cranberry jam for drinks.
4 bottles raspberry syrup.
9 lbs tobacco.
42 doz. safety pins.
1 gross pins.
2 doz. packages toilet paper.
34 doz. bath towels.
24 doz. handkerchiefs.
13 doz. testaments.
Headache and comfort powders.
Stationery.

FREDERICTON BOX NO. 4.

22 hospital night shirts.
7 flannelette shirts.
38 flannelette night shirts.
10 white cotton night shirts.
15 pyjama suits.
12 Florence Nightingale suits.
12 pairs Indian slippers.
2 pairs wool slippers.
2 flannelette jackets.
2 pairs men's drawers.
2 undershirts.
19 pairs bed socks.
1 box bandages.
1 box adhesive plaster.
20 boxes wool soap.
12 housewives.

ST. JOHN BOX.

Following is contents of box 3.
3 doz. bottles lime fruit tablets.
28 hot water bottles.
25 rubber air pillows.
4 rubber bed pans.
2 doz. hair brushes.
2 doz. carbolic soap.

21 lbs. castile soap.
1 doz. atomizers.
1 doz bottles toilet water.
1 doz bottles tooth powder.
1 doz. bottles Florida water.
12 yds. rubber sheeting.
1 doz. boxes mustard leaves.
3 doz. boxes vaseline.
6 doz Fallers earth boxes.
86 packages stationary in each, 1 pad paper, 2 packages envelopes, pencil and sharpener.
Large quantities toilet soap.
4 doz. packages toilet paper.
1 doz. rubber ice bags.
2 doz bottles Bovril.
1 doz bottles Abbey's salts.
6 jars beef essence.
6 boxes jubbees.
6 down Union Jack pillows.
Medical cases (for nurses).
Part of these supplies were from Fredericton.

ST. JOHN BOXES.

The following is the contents of boxes 1 and 2.

34 grey flannel shirts.
42 pajamas suits.
33 shaker flannel hospital gowns.
Package of bandages.
78 Florence Nightingale bed jackets.
27 shaker flannel shirts.
74 hospital shirts.
164 doz. handkerchiefs.
164 colera bandages.
43 tam o'hanter.
12 caps.
36 esmarch bandages.
15 bath towels.
50 yds. grey cotton (for bandages).
50 yds. canton flannel.
36 prs. hospital felt slippers.
6 prs. linen duck suits.

Lady Tilley says that as long as the war continues the Red Cross work will go on and in all probability more calls for supplies will be made upon the New Brunswick Societies. Dr. E. Sterling Ryerson of Toronto is the Canadian president of the movement and he will go to South Africa to superintend the distribution of Canadian aid to the wounded.

More branches of the noble work are being instituted throughout the various sections of the province, under Lady Tilley's direction. The ladies are showing much enthusiasm in the work and are prepared at any word from Dr. Ryerson to duplicate their efforts of the past few weeks.

The officers of the St. John branch are:

Lady Tilley, president.
Mrs. Sears,
Mrs. (Col) McLean,
Mrs. (Col) Markham,
Mrs. (Col) G. W. Jones,
Mrs. E. A. Smith, treasurer,
Mrs. Chas Harrison, Mrs. Keltie Jones,
Mrs. Eatough, Miss Ada Dunn and Miss Alice Walker corresponding secs.

'Yes,' said the returned volunteer, 'we were often forced to skirt a native town during a drenching rain.'
'Sort of a rainy-day skirt!' giggled the girl who shops without an umbrella.—

Sore Hands



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