

the Dominion Rifle Association matches at Ottawa this year, again won the London Merchants' Cup. The entries this year were not as large as in 1890 and 1891, but an increase may be confidently expected next year, if the matches are fired with Martini-Henry and Snider rifles. Your council desires to acknowledge with thanks the following grants. His Excellency the Governor-General, silver and bronze medals; the Dominion Government, its annual grant of \$1,800; the Ontario Government, its annual grant of \$1,000; the Canada Company, its annual grant of \$120.75, and Mr. William Mulock, president, a donation of \$100. Your council desires to thank the following officers for their valuable services rendered in the management of the matches: Major Mason, 13th Battalion; Major Sam Hughes, M.P., 45th Battalion; Major Macdonald, 48th Highlanders; Major Bruce, Royal Grenadiers; and Capt. Mercer, Queen's Own Rifles; on the Executive Committee; Lieut. J. P. McNeil, Queen's Own Rifles, the statistical officer; Lieut.-Col. Jones, Dufferin Rifles; Lieut.-Col. White, 30th Battalion; Major Buchan, Royal Canadian Regiment; Major McLaren, 13th Battalion, and Major Hodgins, Governor-General's Foot Guards, the Range officers; Capt. Wentworth Irving, Toronto Field Battery, assistant secretary; Lieut. W. G. Mitchell, as assistant treasurer; and Surgeon-Major Strange, Surgeon Leslie, Surgeon Elliott, Surgeon Stuart and Assistant Surgeon Nattress, the medical officers."

Major Macdonald also presented the financial statement for the year, which showed that the receipts had amounted to \$9,961.50, and the expenditure \$9,838.30, leaving a surplus over the ordinary expenditure of \$123.20. The assets were \$2,068.93, and the liabilities \$808.81.

These reports were adopted.

Lieut.-Col. Davidson, the newly elected president, entered at this juncture and was introduced to the members, who cheered him heartily as he took the chair.

Major Macdonald explained that at this stage it was usual to elect a council, a president and a vice-president for the ensuing year, but last year a special committee was appointed to bring in a report on the revision of the constitution. This report had been confirmed by the council and was now presented for acceptance by the members. If it were adopted the election of president and council would take place at the annual general meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March next.

Major Mason said that as a member of the council, he approved of the new constitution, which was an improvement on the old one, but he did not approve of the change of the amount charged affiliated associations. He would move that it be reduced from \$10 to \$5, the original sum charged.

This was agreed to, and the constitution as amended was adopted.

Major Hughes moved, seconded by Capt. Sutherland, "That the following be the representatives of this association in the council of the Dominion Rifle Association: Col. Sir C. S. Gzowski, A.D.C. to the Queen's; Lieut.-Col. Davidson, 48th Highlanders; Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, 1st B.F.A.; Major Mason, 13th Batt.; Major S. Hughes, M.P., 45th Batt.; Lieut. Col. Anderson, R.L.; Capt. Mercer, Q.O.R.; Major Macdonald, 48th Highlanders." Carried.

On motion of Major McLaren, seconded by Capt. Dillion, the following were appointed a committee to select a team of eight to represent the province at the D.R.A. matches at Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Major S. Hughes, Major Mason and Capt. Mercer. The meeting then adjourned.

The Ontario eight having been successful in winning the London Merchants' Cup in 1891, 1892 and 1893, a handsome medal has been prepared, and

was presented to each of the successful competitors yesterday. The medal is an eight pointed star, with a shield imposed, surmounted by the Canadian beaver. This shield bears the inscription: "London Merchants, D.R.A.". The bar bears the words, "Ontario Eight." On each medal is a clasp for each year the recipient formed part of the successful team. Some have three clasps, some two, and some one.

The At Home.

A large number of people accepted the association's invitations to the at home on the ranges during the second afternoon. A train of eight cars brought the guests to the grounds about 3 o'clock, and the next few hours were passed pleasantly in strolling about the field or in watching the keenly contested struggle for supremacy among the marksmen. To the ladies and the unwarlike civilians who were present, the matches at skirmishing and volley firing possessed features sufficiently novel to render them of considerable interest. The Lieutenant-Governor and his party, from their vantage point on the 500-yard mound, were appreciative spectators. By special permission of Lieut.-Col. Davidson and officers of the regiment, the band of the 48th Highlanders were present and entertained the company with a number of choice selections. The at home was the first official, or rather social, appearance of the gentler sex on the new ranges, and they all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the animated scene which presented itself to their view. Light refreshments were served at a tent specially erected for the purpose.

Among those present were: Lieut. Governor Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Col. and Mrs. Davidson, Col. and Mrs. Dawson, Mayor Kennedy, Miss Kennedy, Miss Beatty, Mrs. and Miss Macdonald, Mr. W. S. Lee, Mrs. and the Misses Lee, Capt. Irving, Mr. Cecil Gibson, Mr. David Walker, Miss Walker, Miss Camerou, Mr. Frederick Wild, City Engineer Keating, Mrs. Keating, Major and Miss Sankey, Capt. and Miss Elliott, Commander Law, Mr. H. Beatty, Col. and Mrs. Graveley, Dr. Macdonald, Lieut. and Mrs. Chadwick, Major McGee, Mr. Alexander Muir, Lieut. and Mrs. Pringle, Mrs. May, Dr. A. R. Pyne, Mrs. Pyne, Col. and Mrs. Mason, Lieut. Wyatt, Mrs. Stratford, Mrs. Haskins, Capt. Burdette Lee, Mrs. Lee, Major Blaiklock, 5th Scots, Montreal; Ald. Bates, Hewitt, Foster, Hubbard and Atkinson.

Newcastle Field Battery.

The Camp of Instruction at Camp Cruden came to a close on Saturday Aug. 19. Colonel Montizambert, of Quebec, arrived on Wednesday and spent part of the day in camp but not officially. He arranged to inspect the Battery on Thursday and to carry out the range-finding practice and firing competition on Friday.

This arrangement was carried out, but the first part under very unfavorable circumstances. Thursday proved a very

wet day and the Battery was inspected under a pouring rain. The men were obliged to appear on parade in their great coats, and by the time Colonel Montizambert reached the field, both horses and men were drenched and in poor shape to pass under the eye of an inspecting officer.

The Battery passed a satisfactory inspection and made a most creditable showing. It must have been no easy matter to keep horses steady under the blinding rain and to go through the different manoeuvres in anything like as good form as could have been done under fair conditions, and the men deserve great credit for their promptness and accuracy. To have passed the inspection as well as they did under the circumstances speaks well for the whole Battery, and perhaps showed the good effects of their drill and the high state of discipline better than more favorable conditions and easier work could have done.

On Friday the Battery was marched to the firing point on the Fortune property, near strawberry marsh, for range-finding and firing competition. The first part of the exercise was to find the range of the targets placed at an unknown distance on the middle ground near the upper end of Beaubear's Island. This practice depends entirely upon the officer commanding the Battery and is a practical test of the qualifications as an artillery man as well as commanding officer. The result on Friday was most creditable to Colonel Call and could only have been reached by good judgment, steadiness and with a corps well in hand. The range of each target was found with fewer than the usual number of rounds, one target being found to be distant 1640 yards and the other 1675 yards.

The next was the officers' competition. They were given four rounds each and scored as follows:—

Lt.-Colonel Call	14 points
Capt. Maltby	10 "
Lieut. A. A. Davidson	14 "
" Johnstone	16 "

After this came the firing competition by eight members of the Battery against teams chosen from the different Batteries of the Dominion. The following were the team from our Battery with their scores:—

Sgt. Major Tuelie	27 points
Q. M. Sgt. Russell	24 "
Sgt. Gremier	0 "
" Kethro	22 "
" Copp	34 "
" Kitchen	27 "
Corp. Fred Jones	22 "
" Mont Jones	31 "

In the afternoon the Battery was paraded before Major Armstrong of St. John, the district paymaster, and this brought to a close the official inspection.

United Service Masonry.

United Service, No. 25, is the designation of the latest addition of the Craft lodges of Masonry in British Columbia. The dedication and installation of officers took place on Wednesday, July 18th, when W.M. Bro. McMicking and other Grand Lodge officers duly installed the