

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

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1. The Council herewith presents the Reports of the Executive Committee and of the Secretary and Treasurer, with the accounts duly audited for the year 1887.
2. It is a matter of congratulation that in addition to the Royal Military College, 16 Field Batteries and 26 Garrison Batteries have joined the Association during the past year, and it is hoped that this support will continue.
3. The Garrison Artillery Competitions at Quebec were successfully carried out, but it is to be regretted that the special grant to the Association by the Government was inadequate to meet the total expense of the competition, the extra amount falling upon the funds of the Association. In this particular a difference exists between the provisions made for the Field Battery practice and that for the competitors at Quebec, as in the former case the expenses are borne by the Government in addition to all other grants.
4. The concentration of the Field Artillery competitions has been to a certain extent successful and satisfactory, but the Council cannot feel that the utmost success will be attained until such arrangements are made as will enable the whole of the marksmen of the Field Artillery to be concentrated in one place for a definite period as was recommended last year.
5. The contributions received from affiliating batteries and members of the Association in subscriptions and entrance fees amount to \$475, while the expenses of maintenance of the Association, including Secretary's salary, amount only to \$307.12, so that the members of the Association contribute considerably more than the expenses of working, leaving the whole of the general Government grant to be expended in prizes for the different competitions.
6. The amount expended on account of the Quebec competitions was \$2,081.21, of which \$1,339.21 was for transport.
7. The whole amount paid in cash prizes and for prizes in kind, with the expense of maintaining cups &c. amounted to \$1,253.49. 272 marksmen, including Gentlemen Cadets, R. M. C., competed in firing from the Field Batteries and 216 from the Garrison Batteries in addition to which large numbers of men were specially instructed in matters pertaining to their duties under the rules of the Artillery Association.
8. The purchase of insulated wire in order to enable telephone lines to be laid down by the Association has proved to be very advantageous.
9. The Association has received the greatest assistance and encouragement from the Inspector and Assistant Inspectors of Artillery and from the Officers of the permanent batteries who have been obliged to undertake a very considerable amount of work in connection with the carrying out of the practice, and who have been always ready to give their assistance.