

Lieut. Col. Beer explained how Bent had obtained his certificate of efficiency as a member of the 74th Battalion, and that no suspicion had arisen in his mind as to Bent's true character until the evening of the last day at Sussex when the Westmorland men were leaving for home.

Bent's letter and all the several facts of the case as known were fully discussed by the members.

Moved by Col. Armstrong, seconded by P. A. Melville—

"That the matter be disposed of by sending the statement of the facts and correspondence to the association at Nova Scotia."

Moved in amendment by J. D. Chipman, seconded by Lieut. Manning—

"That Sergeant Bent be disqualified for five years from competing at any matches of this Association; that he be required to refund immediately all prizes won by him at the recent Sussex matches and that if he fails to do so a statement of the case and the correspondence be referred to the Association of Nova Scotia.

The amendment was carried.

Col. Beer suggested that the certificate of efficiency be amended so as to contain a statement of efficiency by each competitor, and also a certificate of another member of the same corps as witness.

Moved by Major Markham, seconded by Major Hartt—

"That the Secretary write to all the commanding officers of Corps calling attention to the fact that some irregularities have occurred and requesting them in future to be very careful in issuing certificates."—Carried.

The recommendation of the annual meeting as to civilians being allowed to compete being read, it was moved by Col.-Sergt. Henderson, seconded by Capt. Thompson and carried—

"That civilians be debarred only from the Nursery and Prince of Wales Matches."

Mr. Chipman submitted the case of Mr. James McMann of St. Stephen, an enthusiastic rifleman and a member of the Charlotte County Association. Being a one-armed man he had devised a spring arm of wood, which enabled him to shoot both standing and lying down. He was desirous of attending the Sussex Matches, provided the wooden arm could be considered as not