

1885 should be prepared to spend a longer time at the schools of gunnery. With the view of further stimulating garrison batteries throughout the country to go in for drill, it had been considered advisable that a meeting open to all batteries should be inaugurated in Canada. In this connection the Resolutions 1 to 6 on page 41 had been adopted at an extraordinary meeting of Council held in December last :—

And he was happy to inform this meeting that since then he had received intimation from several Officers Commanding Batteries, of their intention of sending squads to these competitions, and had also received several intimations of approval of the course proposed to be adopted from many influential supporters of the Association.

He trusted that the National Artillery Association would send at least one team from England to join in the competitions, and that their so doing would result in a still greater *entente cordiale* between these Associations.

With reference to the accounts the statement presented shows a balance in hand of \$993.25 from which however a sum of about \$275.00 would have to be deducted for prizes already won but not yet paid.

Moved by Lt.-Col. Oswald, seconded by Major Stewart, and resolved—"That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby offered to His Excellency the Governor General for his kindness in accepting the position of Patron of the Dominion Artillery Association."

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

His Excellency the Governor General, in replying, said :—"Major General Luard and gentlemen, I have much pleasure in acknowledging the kindly manner in which you have welcomed me as a member of this Association, and I can assure you that I feel it a distinction to become its patron in succession to Lord Lorne, who is gratefully and favourably remembered by you. I have at least derived this advantage from becoming a member of the Association; that I have had an opportunity of listening in this room to two or three interesting statements which give me some idea of the history of the Association. If I may be allowed to refer specially to one of these speeches I might say that I listened with much satisfaction to Lieut.-Col. Macdonald's account of his Shoeburyness experience; it not only goes to show what good work Canadian artillerymen are capable of doing in holding their own in competition with teams of the old country, but it is an illustration of the good results which arise from bringing in contact representatives of the old country and the Dominion. I feel quite sure that the more we know each other the better we shall understand each other, and the better it will be for us both. With regard to the work of the Association, I do not know enough about its details to enter at any length upon that subject, but the way it strikes me generally is this:—You, gentlemen, in the Dominion are not, and I hope you never will be, a military nation in the sense in which some of the great European powers are military nations. Your people have their peaceful pursuits and are engaged in the development of the resources of this great country; your only coterminous neighbour is a great nation with which you are upon the most friendly terms, and whose relations with you, as far as I know, are absolutely unclouded; they are united to you by ties of descent, language and common love of free institutions. Again, you form part of an empire which, you may depend upon it, will never seek a quarrel gratuitously or for any selfish purpose. For all these reasons

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