

THE suggestions respecting the Wimbledon team submitted by "Bar" in our correspondence columns, will well repay the careful consideration of the council of the D.R.A., and of the commander and adjutant of this year's team when appointed. Coming as they do from a reliable member of previous teams who, as one of the rank and file, may be depended upon for an unprejudiced opinion, they are especially valuable, and the only wonder is that they should be necessary. One would think that the special duty of an adjutant would be to make the shooting during practice conform as closely as possible to the conditions to be met at Wimbledon, and that his first instinct would be to find out the elevation and windage of every man's rifle, and teach the team the paramount importance of learning how each one shot so that the experience of any one might benefit the whole twenty. We have heard of individuals so selfish as to take delight in poor scores made by their neighbors, but surely any man going to England to uphold the credit of the Dominion would be above any petty personal ambitions and seek to advance to his utmost the record of the whole team.

### Personal.

Major Curran, Princess Louise Fusiliers, Halifax, is in town.

Major Dawson, Royal Grenadiers, was in town on Tuesday last.

Staff-Sergt. Routledge, of the North-west Mounted Police, has been promoted to an Inspectorship.

Miss Doucet, sister of Lady Middleton, and of Lieut. Emile Douct, late A.D.C., was married on Tuesday at the General's residence to J. Gillespie Muir, Esq., of the Merchants Bank of Canada.

Major Shippy Spurr, 72nd, and Lieut. Richard Soy, 93rd, have returned to their homes in Nova Scotia after having taken courses of instruction and passed successful examinations for certificates at the Fredericton school of military instruction.

Lieut.-Col. Lazier, Major Lazier, Capt. W. N. Ponton and Capt. Halliwell, of the 15th Argyle light infantry, were in town this week endeavoring to persuade the Minister of Militia to erect a drill shed for the Belleville militia. The city offers a site free of cost. We understand the deputation met with encouragement.

### Recent Deaths.

The death is announced of Brigade Surgeon J. H. Hunt, I.R.C.S.L., at Aldershot, on February 23rd. He received his professional education at the Meath hospital, Dublin, and during his stay there gained the Royal Humane society medal for saving a boy's life. He entered the army medical department in 1858 and was stationed at Halifax. During the Trent affair he accompanied his regiment to Quebec and soon after was gazetted assistant surgeon to the 1st battalion rifle brigade. He served with his regiment a number of years in Canada, went to India, and in 1879 took part in the Zulu war in South Africa, receiving the medal and clasp. His death was due to capillary bronchitis. He was a strict disciplinarian and possessed the military instinct in an eminent degree. He leaves a widow and one child. He examined and passed the whole of the 100th regiment in Ontario, when it was formed there under Col. Baron de Rottenburg. Brigade Surgeon Hunt was very well known in this city, and was very popular during the stay of the rifle brigade, in which Prince Arthur was an officer.—Montreal Star.

### The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association.

THE standing of the association shows this year such a decided improvement in many respects, that it is evident the changes introduced have been in accordance with the wishes of its members, and we hope by some further modifications, resulting from the experience of the past season, to produce still more improvement.

The thanks of the association are due to all our supporters, and especially to His Excellency the Governor-General, for his continued support, and the gift of his silver and bronze medals, won by Staff-Sergt. Wynne, Royal Scots, and Pte. D. Smith, Royal Scots, respectively.

To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for his silver medal, won by Sergt. Andrew Thompson, 8th Royal Rifles, and to all those friends who have continued to support us by their subscriptions and prizes in kind.

The Dominion Government gave their usual grant, and we are glad to say the Provincial Government restored their annual grant to the extent of \$300.

Our matches were held during the second week of August as usual, and were arranged to finish in two days, with ten competitions. The number of competitors was fully fifty per cent. more than last year, the total being 1,534 individuals and 36 teams, the largest number in any single match was 155; our affiliated associations have increased to 17, and individual memberships to 35.

The matches ran very smoothly, but the general opinion seemed to be that the time was too limited, and competitors felt that such constant shooting was too much of a strain; they were, in fact, "on the go" the whole time: the staff, though increased, also felt overworked. The funds of the association suffered likewise, as a good many entries for the optional and extra series had to be returned for lack of time to fire the tickets. We are, therefore, of the opinion that it would add very much to the comfort of all concerned, and perhaps to the scores, if at least half a day's time were added to the meeting.

The alteration in the value and number of the prizes met with very general approval.

The abolition of sighting shots was a change that, of course, affected the revenues, though it saved time.

The duties of range officers were efficiently performed by Lieut.-Col. Mattice, and Captains Watt and Radiger.

The association cup was won by the 6th Fusiliers for the second time, and they now have become its owners.

The aggregate cup was won by the 43rd Battalion, of Ottawa, who hold it for the year.

The Dolan cup was won by Capt. Aylmer, 54th Battalion, Melbourne.

The Stewart cup was won by Sergt. Marks, 6th Fusiliers.

The markers were brought from Ottawa again, and did their work well.

The usual competitors' meeting was held on the ranges during the matches, but there were no matters of any importance brought forward, nor any complaints.

The ammunition question was finally settled by the association procuring a supply of the special mark, prepared by the Dominion Government for the use of the rifle associations; but competitors were allowed to use any ammunition made at the D. C. factory.

The ranges were not in as good order as usual; the spring floods had again very seriously injured both the butts and targets, but the council did not feel warranted in asking the Militia Department to spend a large sum in repairs, nor in doing so themselves, as the tenure of the property is so very uncertain, in view of the proposed levee and railroad. The question of a permanent site is evidently becoming more and more serious.

The public presentation of prizes, which had been proposed in previous years, was carried out on the last evening of the matches. A special committee had the matter in charge, and the Victoria Rink was very tastefully arranged for the occasion. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who was to have made the presentations, was unavoidably absent through sickness, and the duty in consequence was undertaken by the officer commanding the district, assisted by city members of parliament and several ladies.

The treasurer's statement shows a balance of \$320.76, and we have ammunition on hand valued at \$189.89, making a total of \$510.65, which is most satisfactory.

The subscriptions show an increase over last year, and should be still further increased the coming year, as any change of the ranges will necessitate a considerable outlay.

The usual revenue from sighting shots, which had been abolished, was not altogether made up by the saving in time and the extra series entries.

Our association was well represented at the Ottawa matches, and had the satisfaction of winning the "London merchants' cup" in the Inter-Provincial match. This is the fourth time. The cup was exhibited in this city and then handed to the president of the association, Sir A. P. Caron, in whose charge it remains for the year.

The mode of selecting our team seemed to give satisfaction to those interested, and it might be well to continue the same system.

The 8th Royal Rifles of Quebec carried off the British challenge shield, which had been won in 1883 by the 6th Fusiliers. The province thus holding it for two out of four years.

The free tickets to Ottawa given to the aggregate winners seem to give satisfaction.

Our members who attended the D. R. A. matches considered they were too crowded for time, like our own, and suggest an increase of a day.

It will thus appear that as far as the suggestions made in the last