

The competition as now arranged appears to be an excellent test of the smartness and drill of each sub-division, and with the exception of a slight increase to the distances required to be traversed seems to meet all requirements.

### GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The gun practice of batteries at local head-quarters was carried out this year at Halifax and St. John, under the same general conditions as last year, with the addition of five rounds of common shell, which, as in the Field Batteries enabled two officers per battery to fire three rounds each in competitive instructional practice. The Shrapnel shell limit was increased to 115 yards and the rules for marking revised and circulated.

The meeting for Garrison Artillery practice and Shifting Ordnance at the Island of Orleans, Quebec, commencing on the 5th September, and lasting throughout the week, was attended by representative detachments from twenty batteries. The detailed scores, etc., will be found elsewhere in tabulated form; but it may be noticed here that the general results were of such a satisfactory nature as to lead to a general wish being expressed that this competition should be of annual recurrence.

For several reasons it would be advisable could the locality of the meeting be changed from time to time, but the advantages of the range at Quebec for the accurate recording of results are so great as to render it improbable that any other equally favorable location can be selected.

The rules for practice were altered so as to enable each competitor to fire four rounds from the 64-pr., R. M. L., and the 40-pr., R. B. L. guns, and thus to obtain the greatest possible advantage from the practice.

More stringent rules as to disqualification of competitors for serious mistakes in gun drill, etc., will require to be made, and in some other details as to ranges, etc., will require modification.

The gun practice was much delayed by the frequency with which the targets were shot away and the consequent loss of time in replacing them. As generally accurate shooting is the best test of marksmanship, it is purposed that in future the size of the target shall be much diminished and the points for a direct hit be very much reduced.

Application has been made for improved sights for the 64-pr. gun, those at present in use being unsuitable for very accurate laying.

The Committee wish to take this opportunity of impressing upon all concerned the absolute necessity of careful preliminary instruction and practice in a uniform system of laying, by which alone can satisfactory results be obtained.

The Shifting Ordnance competition at Quebec was well contested and the winning detachments deserve great credit for their successful exertions, both as respects their preliminary training and its actual results.

It is to be regretted that the Quebec Garrison Artillery did not furnish any detachments for this competition.

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