

be had at the competitors' meeting and the views of those most interested ascertained before action is taken in the matter. The amendment was adopted.

Captain O'Grady announced that Mr. J. W. McRae, President Ottawa Electric Street Railway, Mr. J. R. Booth, lumberman, Ottawa, and Mr. F. X. St. Jacques had each announced their intention of contributing \$50 to the funds of the Association, and that Captain S. Maynard Rogers, 43rd Bat. O. & C. R., had given \$40 for the same purpose.

The election of officers followed and resulted in the re-election of the President and Vice-Presidents, as last year, with the exception of Lt.-Col. Allan Gilmour, who is replaced by Lt.-Col. J. M. Gibson as Vice-President for Ontario.

The Council, with one or two exceptions, is much the same as last year. The most notable change is the election of Lt.-Col. Henshaw as a representative from Quebec, and his subsequent choice as Chairman of the Council in succession to Lt.-Col. Hon. J. A. Ouimet, who had expressed his desire to be relieved of the position.

NOTES OF THE MEETING.

It felt as if a portion of the routine proceedings had been omitted when the Deputy Minister of Militia, who has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the Association, was not called upon to apologize for the absence of his Minister.

His Excellency the Governor-General and the Major General are entitled to very warm corners in the hearts of all Militiamen for their unceasing efforts to stir the Government into providing more modern arms for the use of the force than the old gas pipes now in their hands.

Colonel Mackenzie Bowell is winning golden opinions in his new portfolio. Militia officers from a distance who had business to transact with the Department were astounded to find that it was possible to obtain definite and decisive answers inside of 48 hours.

The D. A. G. of Military District No. 2 was, we think, the only officer present from points west of Ottawa who came to the city specially for the meeting. This does not evidence great interest on the part of western riflemen in the proceedings and ought to be remedied. Hamilton used to send two very favourite faces, Lt.-Col. Gibson and Major Mason, but of late years we have missed them, and no one seems to replace them.

The Executive had a long discussion as to whether or not Lieut. Andrews should be allowed a place on the Bisley team. He shot as a Retired Officer. Then taking a commission in the 5th Royal Scots, his appointment was antedated to a time before the matches. The rule is that Retired Officers are ineligible for Bisley, but because his commission had been antedated an unsuccessful attempt was made by personal friends on the Executive to have him declared eligible.

THE DOMINION ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association was held in the Tower Room of the House of Commons, on Thursday, 17th March, commencing at 12.15, with a very slim attendance. The president, Lt.-Col. Stevenson, was in the chair, and among those present were: His Excellency the Governor-General and Capt. Walsh, A.D.C.; Lt.-Col. Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Militia; Major-General Herbert, Commanding the Militia; Col. Walker Powell, Adjutant-General; Col. C. E. Panet, Deputy-Minister; Lt.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery; Capt. Donaldson, Secretary; Lt.-Col. Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, M.P.; Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison, M.P.; Lt.-Col. E. G. Prior, M.P.; Lt.-Col. Otter, D.A.G.; Lt.-Col. Turnbull, M.G.A.; Major Cole, v.G.A.; Lt.-Col. John Macpherson; Capt. Bliss, O.F.B.; Lieut. Gilmour, O.F.B.; Dr. R. J. Wicksteed, and Mr. J. D. Taylor. The proceedings opened with an address from the chairman, who in moving that the report as printed and presented be taken as read, expressed regret at the small number of officers present. This might be because of the general satisfaction with the manner in which the affairs of the Association were conducted, or to a feeling of indifference, but if the latter were the cause it was certainly confined to the attendance at the meeting, as during the year great interest had been shown in the practical working of the Association. Col. Prior seconded the resolution in a brief speech in which he expressed his conviction that the small attendance was by no means due to indifference to the welfare of the Association. The motion was carried.

THE EXECUTIVE'S REPORT.

Lt.-Col. Irwin, as Chairman of the Executive, moved the adoption of their report, and dwelt briefly upon each of the subjects there dealt with. With respect to the range finding practice, which it is proposed should be continued next season, he said that whilst in former years, with the smooth bore guns in use and the targets plainly visible, very careful laying was not a necessity, the adoption of rifled guns has made the case entirely different, the ranges being so great that the most careful observation is called for. The Dominion Association had in a humble way endeavoured to imitate the example of the Royal Artillery, and commencing with range finding practice with one gun, they had gone on to two, and then the whole battery.

The competitive gun practice at Kingston had been carried out with good results.

The drill and driving competition was also exceedingly well carried out, and the beautiful cup offered by Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski had been finally won by the Durham Field Battery, as winners two

years in succession. They richly deserved the victory, their record for several years having been exceedingly high.

A GARRISON MEET AT HALIFAX.

With respect to the Garrison Artillery practice, usually carried out at the Island of Orleans, a change was proposed with a view to meeting the claims of the Maritime Province gunners for a meeting nearer home. Lt.-Col. Montizambert, Assistant Inspector of Artillery, had examined the range available at Bedford Basin, Halifax, and having found it in every way suitable for garrison gun practice it was proposed that next year's meeting should be there. Col. Rym and the other officers of the Imperial troops at that station had promised to do all possible to assist in carrying out the arrangements; and the expected facilities for practice with the modern improved guns of the Imperial garrison would be an inducement to the Ontario and Quebec members to visit Halifax.

The Field Battery practice would it was hoped be carried out next season as usual.

A deplorable and fatal accident had occurred at the shifting ordnance competition at the Island of Orleans, but this was the first accident since the inception of these competitions, and was the single exception to the rule that when properly conducted they are quite safe. The accident could not have been foreseen and no one could be held blameworthy.

THE EFFICIENCY SCHEME.

As to the efficiency competitions he could not speak too highly of the good effects they had upon the whole artillery force. His Excellency had been kind enough to continue his presentation of cups, and they were the objects of the greatest emulation. The credits in these competitions had been doubled in value, in order to assist the inspecting officers in making their awards relatively accurate, and the plan had worked well. A specially noteworthy fact was the manner in which the questions were answered by the members of the leading batteries, showing a thorough study of the subjects.

The prize list had been increased by \$304, making a total of \$1,334 offered last year, besides which all had been paid for the time spent in camp in connection with the competitions.

Capt. Bliss seconded the resolution, and the report was then adopted, and the accounts as audited were passed.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ADDRESS.

Lt.-Col. Turnbull moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor-General. He felt that this motion represented the sentiments of the Artillery all over the country, who had noted with great satisfaction the interest His Excellency had taken in the meetings at Orleans and elsewhere. Lt.-Col. John Macpherson seconded the resolution, and it was carried by a rising vote.