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CANADIAN ARTILLERYMEN AT SHOEBURYNESS.

The Volunteer Service Gazette, in giving the full reports of the proceedings of the prize meeting of the National Artillery Association at Shoeburyness, pays a warm and deserved editorial tribute to the Canadian team. The annual prize meeting at Shoeburyness is stated to have been the most successful of the twenty-two held by the National Association, and it is a matter for pride to everyone in Canada that in a competition with picked men from the host of artillery volunteers in the mother country, our own boys were so eminently successful in soldierly bearing and in securing prizes. We quote:—

"We are disposed to think that the prize meeting (the twenty-second) of the National Artillery Association which has just been concluded at the School of Gunnery, has been the most successful of the twenty-two which have been held. The weather has been on the whole very good; the numbers attending quite satisfactory. There have been few or no protests of any importance, and what is of most importance to all, the discipline of the camp, in both the first and second weeks, is understood to have been so good as to entirely satisfy the Camp Commandant, and the head of the School of Gunnery. No formal report has yet been issued, but the words of the Adjutant-General at the prize distribution on Tuesday, were enough to show that the discipline and behavior of the volunteers have been creditable to the force to which they belong. The meeting has been marked by two incidents of special interest—the presence throughout the two weeks of Colonel Armstrong's splendid Canadian team, and the attendance of Lord Wolseley at the prize distribution. The appearance of the Canadians ought to put our men on their mettle. We are quite aware that the former are picked men—and are picked, moreover, in a way in which it would never be possible for us to pick a team to go to Canada or any other colony. But even allowing for this, we must say that we have seldom seen such a body of soldiers as the Canadian artillerymen who have just left Shoeburyness. Nobody, we think, who saw those clean-limbed giants perform the "shift" for the Governor-General's cup, on Thursday, will ever forget the sight. Their march past later in the day, in full panoply, was equally good in a different way. And they, or a great many of them, show by their medals, that they can do, and have actually done, more trying and important work than parbuckling a sixty-four-pounder up to its carriage, or marching past the Adjutant-General. They will return home, indeed, laden with the spoils of their recent peaceful campaign. Our men have prevented them, not without serious difficulty, from carrying off the Queen's prize, but by their prowess with the Armstrong, they have recovered the Montreal Cup, which Colonel Ray and his men brought back from Canada two years ago; they have taken away the Londonderry cup from the best team we could bring against them, and they have refused even to let the prize given by their own Governor-General for excellence in repository work, remain among us. Moreover, they have won a first prize for shell firing, and a certificate in the ordinary repository competition, so that there will be rejoicing, fully justified, in Canada."

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The following very graphic and intelligent description of the Shoeburyness competition appeared in the *Globe* of last Monday:—

The most characteristic difference between the Wimbledon and Shoeburyness competitions is, that in the former success depends upon individual effort, while in the latter, the most admirable efforts of number one the leader of a detachment may be rendered nugatory by the carelessness of the most insignificant member

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