

considered a position of honour and worthy of strenuous exertion. The amount of good these competitions have effected is beyond calculation. The Association appreciates the generosity which each successive Governor General has shown in continuing the donations of Cups for these competitions. His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen at the last General Meeting increased the number of Cups to three in order to meet a difficulty which had arisen in the Garrison Artillery Competition owing to a difference in the establishment of the units which necessitated a second scale of credits.

The successive Governors-General, commencing with His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin have done much by their patronage, by words of encouragement, by offering prizes for competition and by attendance at prize meetings to advance the interest taken in the Association.

The thanks of the Association are due to the successive Ministers of Militia and to the General Officers in Command for the manner in which they have received and acted upon so many of the recommendations made by its representatives. Sir Adolphe Caron owing to his long tenure of office as Minister of Militia has taken no small part in bringing about the success of the Association. With reference to the recommendations made from time to time it may be stated that they were as few as possible, consistent with efficiency, and it cannot be proved that any of them were not, even when not acted upon, of actual necessity.

Colonel Powell, the first Vice-President of the Association has always proved its sincere friend and helper in its many trials.

To the first President of Council, Major-General T. Bland Strange, the Artillery of the Dominion owe a debt of gratitude. Few know how hard he worked. He still occupies a warm place in the affections of those who were immediately associated with him.

The Inspectors of Artillery are with us—their work needs no comment.

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Notwithstanding the lateness of the orders authorising the Annual Drill for 1895-6, the affairs of the Association are satisfactory.

The following is a summary of the affiliations:—

Royal Military College.

"A" Battery, R. C. A.

"B" " "

Nos. 1 and 2 Companies, R. C. A.

17 Field Batteries.

8 Garrison Companies (increased strength).

13 " " (old establishment).