

taken in the absence of information as to how the Dominion Artillery Association and the Militia Department would take to the proposition.

The issue making the suggestion having reached the capital, the *Colonist's* Ottawa correspondent inquired at the Militia Department, and he telegraphs, on the authority of Lieut.-Col. Irwin, inspector of artillery, that the Department will give every encouragement to the proposal, and that the Government will defray the cost of transport from Ottawa to Halifax. To accommodate the British Columbia team, should one be sent, an arrangement will be made for them to fire in the last days of the Halifax meeting, which will be about ten days before the opening of the Dominion rifle matches. These commence on August 28.

The teams for the artillery gun practice, in which it is wished to participate, consist of two officers and seven non-commissioned officers and men. All the garrison artillery in Eastern Canada are represented at the Halifax meeting, and have the advantage of practice there with the most modern artillery in the Imperial station, and are warmly welcomed and assisted in every way possible by the Imperial troops. —*Colonist*.

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A meeting of the Victoria companies of the B. C. B. G. A. was held on a recent evening in the Armory for the purpose of inaugurating a military tournament. There was a large attendance of officers and men, Lieut. Ross Munro occupying the chair.

Lieut.-Col. Prior opened the meeting with a short speech, in the course of which he stated there could be no two opinions as to the desirability of opening the Drill Hall with a first-class entertainment by the artillerymen, to show the people that there are in the Victoria batteries the right sort of young fellows, with some enterprise and go in them. Anything in the shape of a well got up tournament of fencing, boxing, sword and bayonet practice and military exercises generally, he felt could be made a success, and would put the corps before the public in such a light that new members could not fail to be attracted. (Applause.) The forts at Esquimalt would soon be gone on with now, and though the Imperial Government would build the works and equip them with the most modern guns, the force of Royal Marine Artillery or Engineers who would be stationed here in place of C Battery, would be only enough to look after the twenty or thirty guns, and the Imperial Government would look to the Canadian artillerymen to do any fighting that might be necessary. There would therefore be three batteries totalling 330 men in Victoria, (applause), in place of the three small batteries now here, and it would be the duty of every present member to do his best to bring in a good class of recruits. He wanted it generally understood that as soon as they got into their new quarters they would form a kind of sociable club with a pleasant rendezvous for all members, where they could play games, sing songs, practice on gymnasium apparatus, or otherwise employ themselves, instead of knocking about town spending their money without having anything to show for it. The proposed entertainment would help to give an impetus to the military movement, and therefore it would have his heartiest support. (Applause.)

The chairman then outlined the nature of the programme which had been in contemplation. This included gymnastics physical drill to music, bayonet exercise, sword vs. bayonet, foils, gun drill; and, if arrangements can be made to allow horses into the hall, there might be contest between cavalry and bayonet and swordsmen.

On motion of Sergt. Anderson, seconded by Sergt. Hibben, the meeting formally resolved to proceed with the proposed assault-at-arms. The general committee was then named: Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D. A. G.; Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P.; Capts. Smallfield, Irving and Quinlan, Lieuts. Munro and Sargison, Staff-Sergt. H. G. McConnan, Sergt.-Majors Hibben, D. B. McConnan and Blanchard, Sergts. Anderson and Francis, Corps. Hutcheson, Hunter, Twiss and Thomas, Gunners Winsby, Hibben, Langley, Taylor, Scott, Sangster, Grant, Braund, Middleton, Roberts and Henshall.

It was unanimously resolved that Mr. John St. Clair be appointed Instructor, and that general practice would be held at the Market hall each Tuesday evening for a few weeks, after which the special classes for the different events will be told off and suitable meeting arrangements will be made.

OTTAWA.

A goodly number of the members of the Ottawa Rifle Club turned out Saturday afternoon, 29th ult., for the first spoon competition of the season. The weather was not all that was to be desired and the ground was rather wet, but for the first of the season the scores were on the whole pretty fair. A variable wind blew and the light was somewhat changeable.

R. Moodie won the dessert spoon in the first class tying Mr. Scott, who won a teaspoon, the former making the highest score at the longest range. N. Morrison and S. White take a dessert spoon each in the 2nd and 3rd classes.

The club promises to be larger this year than any in its history a number having already joined for the first time. The following is the score of all those making 78 or over:—

	TOTAL.
R. Moodie.....	90
C. S. Scott.....	90
Lieut.-Col. Anderson.....	88
S. White.....	85
N. Morrison.....	85
Major Sherwood.....	85
Lieut.-Col. Wright.....	83
R. J. Taylor.....	82
J. A. Armstrong.....	82
L. G. Perkins.....	82
J. H. Duvar.....	80
J. E. Hutcheson.....	79
H. McKay.....	79
D. McMartin.....	78
J. Moodie.....	78
W. A. Jamieson.....	78
T. C. Boville.....	78
Dessert spoon 1st class.....	R. Moodie
Tea " ".....	C. S. Scott
Dessert " 2nd class.....	N. Morrison
" " 3rd ".....	S. White.

The members of the Ottawa Rifle Club did not have a favourable day for their second spoon competition on Saturday afternoon 6th May, the wind and light being very changeable the former being of the fish-tail variety. Nevertheless some good scores were made as will be seen by the following:

	TOTAL.
C. S. Scott.....	89
T. McJanet.....	86
E. D. Sutherland.....	86
J. H. Ellis.....	85
John Moodie.....	85
J. H. Dewar.....	85
Dr. G. Hutchison.....	84
J. P. Nutting.....	83
L. G. Perkins.....	82
Lieut.-Col. Wright.....	80
J. A. Armstrong.....	80
R. A. Helmer.....	80
Lieut.-Col. Anderson.....	80

Winners of Spoons—

C. S. Scott.....	Dessert spoon 1st Class
T. McJanet.....	Tea " "
J. Moodie.....	Dessert " 2nd Class
Walter S. Odell.....	Tea " 3rd "

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The Guard's Rifle Association held their annual meeting on night of 5th inst. for the purpose of electing officers and arranging a programme. Lieut.-Col. Toller was re-elected president, Major W. E. Hodgins, vice-president and Staff-Sergt. Mailleue, Secretary-Treasurer, with Corp'l. Rogers as assistant. The meeting then adjourned until the 13th inst. At the adjourned meeting owing to the small attendance but little business was transacted. Those present expressed regret that the men did not take more interest in these meetings, but it was thought by some that if they were held some other night than when drill was held there would be a larger attendance. This did not meet with the general assent, and it was decided that they should meet on the following Monday evening after drill. Capt. Jarvis stated that he would give the ammunition which was not used by his company last