

elected vice-president for Manitoba in place of W. B. Scarth, who takes his place on the council.

The Council met in the afternoon. Lieut.-Col. Henshaw was elected chairman, but in his absence Lieut.-Col. White presided. The old Executive Committee was re-elected, excepting Major Sims, who asked to be relieved. Lieut.-Col. Starke was elected in his place. Lieut.-Col. Bacon was re-elected secretary, and Lieut.-Col. D. MacPherson treasurer. The Finance Committee was also elected, though, as Major Perley pointed out, there is nothing whatever for them to do.

The selection of an officer to command and an adjutant for the Bisley team was left to the president and chairmen of the Council and the Executive. The Executive Committee was instructed to make all necessary arrangements for the Bisley team of 1896.

THE ANNUAL PRIZE MEETING.

Considerable discussion took place before the date for the annual matches was decided upon. Last year the date was changed because it came at the time of the Toronto Exhibition. This time did not suit the Maritime Provinces, who wanted it earlier in August. It was pointed out that the majority of competitors favored the last week in August, and it was consequently agreed to

commence the 1896 meeting on Monday August 31.

The Executive Committee was instructed to prepare a prize-list not to exceed \$7,000, and make all the necessary arrangements for the meeting of 1896.

NEW RANGES.

In answer to an enquiry by Major Mason, Lieut.-Col. Smith said they would use the Rideau ranges again next year. Nothing had yet been decided as to new ranges. At present there were two under consideration, Hintonburg and Rockcliffe. Hon. Mr. Desjardins having come in, it was explained to him that as houses had been built in the vicinity of the present ranges they were unsafe. It was therefore necessary for them to secure new ones without any delay—ranges which would do for many years to come. On the present ranges there is not half enough target accommodation, and they are not long enough for the modern rifle. It was important that something should be put in the estimates for the present year to purchase new ranges. Major Hughes pointed out that when the new Toronto ranges were selected the military men were not consulted, and the land purchased had proved unsuitable. He thought, and all present agreed, that before any land was chosen for the Dominion Association a

committee of expert riflemen should be asked to report on it.

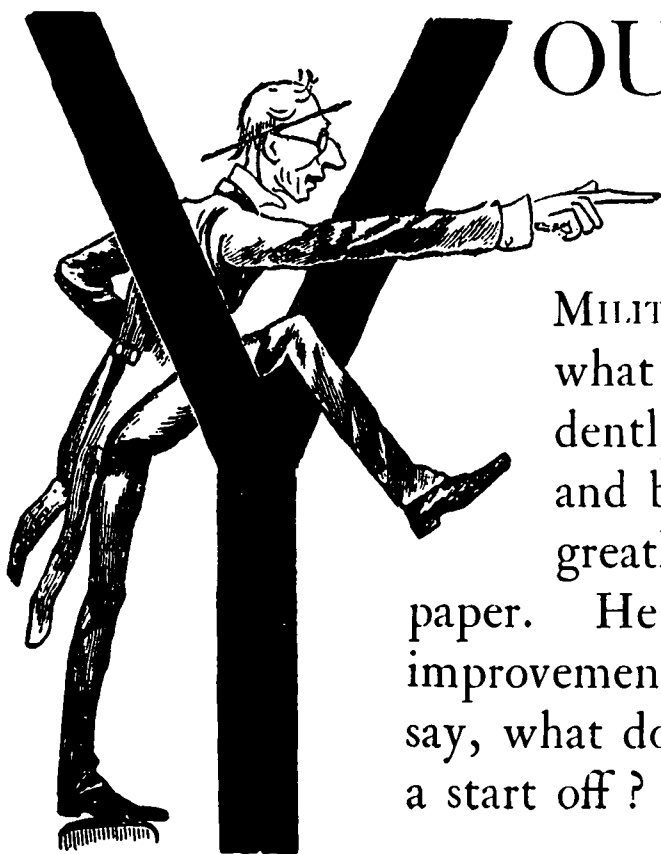
Mr. Desjardins answered that he would like to have a report from such a committee, and the following were elected: Lieut.-Cols. Gibson, White, Anderson, Macdonald (Halifax); Majors Perley, Hughes and Blaiklock, and they were instructed to report before June 1.

A PERMANENT ACODE AT BISLEY.

The question of buildings for our team at Bisley was discussed with much interest. It was agreed that the matter should be dealt with at once. Various methods of raising the money necessary were talked of. The cost would be \$10,000 to \$20,000. Some proposed a joint stock company. Others would erect the buildings if the Government would guarantee the interest on the investment; and some thought there were enough wealthy men in Canada who would contribute enough to erect the buildings. The consensus of opinion was that the Government should grant the amount necessary. Someone called attention to the present situation of the Canadian camp; it was too near the latrines to be pleasant. As Sir Charles Tupper was conversant with the affair it was decided that Lieut.-Cols. Gibson, Hughes, Macdonald and Starke should wait upon him and ask him to use his influence with the Government to erect the buildings, which they did later in the day, and were very favorably received.

AMMUNITION.

Major Perley drew attention to the ammunition. That made in 1893 was used up; 1894 was inferior, and none had been made in 1895.



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