

having been able to attend not only the business meeting here, but also the garrison practice at Orleans, and the hope that this year he would be able to visit the field artillery meeting at Kingston. He had noticed with pleasure the businesslike air of the camps, and the eagerness with which the men took part in the competitions. He referred to the encouragement given by Sir John Ross, commanding Her Majesty's forces at Halifax, to the Canadian artillery, saying that he knew it was the wish of that officer that the Imperial forces should assist those of Canada in every way.

His Excellency then formally presented his cup offered in the general efficiency competition, to Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald of the 1st Brigade Field Artillery, Guelph, whose No. 1 Battery were the winners.

Major Hall moved a vote of thanks to the Minister of Militia for the assistance given to the Association. This was acknowledged, in the absence of Sir Adolphe Caron, by his deputy, Col. Panet, who took occasion to state that for the future the artillery ammunition could be manufactured at the Government factory in Quebec; and he also stated that the Department had imported a number of Morris tubes for the use of the artillery.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin moved that Major-General Herbert, Hon. Honore Mercier, Premier of Quebec, and Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, donors of valuable prizes to the Association, be elected life members, and also receive the thanks of the Association. The resolution was seconded by Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P. The mover and seconder cordially welcomed the new Officer Commanding the Militia to the meeting of the Association. General Herbert spoke in acknowledgment, referring to the vast importance of the artillery in military organization, and stated that he had devoted some time to the study of the views of the best authorities on artillery, and whatever information he could in consequence impart to this Association he would be happy to give. He thought that a new departure in artillery science was about to appear, the smaller weapons with improved projectiles to take the place of the monster weapons. It was in the power of the Association to study the experience of the nations, and when the time arrived thus to be in a position to recommend to this Government the purchase of more modern weapons.

Lord Stanley moved, and General Herbert seconded, that Lieut.-Col. A. A. Stevenson be elected President of the Association. Both spoke in eulogy of Col. Stevenson's long services, General Herbert stating with respect to his informal inspection of Col. Stevenson's Battery last week that he had never seen anything of the sort more perfectly turned out.

Col. Stevenson said it was only the previous day that he had got a hint of the intention to elect him President, and while he had at first intended positively to refuse, in consequence of the earnest solicitation of the Inspector of Artillery and the kind remarks of the Governor-General and the General Commanding he had changed his mind and would endeavour to do his best for the Association during the coming year.

Col. Macdonald moved a vote of thanks to the auditors, Lieut.-Col. Macpherson and Mr. F. E. Knight.

The vice-presidents of last year were re-elected, with the one change that Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Montreal Garrison Artillery, takes the place of Lieut.-Col. Stevenson, promoted to the Presidency.

The council were re-elected, with the addition of Lieut.-Col. Stevenson, Montreal, and Capt. McCrae, Guelph.

Capt. Donaldson moved a vote of thanks to Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Hon. Honore Mercier and the Hamilton Powder Co., through Dr. Brainerd, President, for donations to the Association. He referred particularly to the Hamilton Powder Co., who for several years past had been liberal contributors, setting an example in this respect which might be followed by other large manufacturing corporations.

Lord Stanley moved, and General Herbert seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was accorded, and the meeting then adjourned.

The following are the reports presented at the meeting:—

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

1. Reports of the Executive Committee and the Secretary-Treasurer, with accounts duly audited, submitted herewith. The Council has pleasure in drawing special attention to these reports, which show, by the Efficiency Returns of both Field and Garrison Batteries, the continued and increasing good work of the Association.

2. The annual meetings for practice and competition were largely attended by both branches of the Artillery force, and a marked improvement was noticeable in the work done by the different batteries, showing the benefit of such meetings.

3. The Council have much pleasure in reporting that duck suits, promised last year for fifty per cent. of the combined Artillery force, will most probably be issued by the Militia Department this season, as the difficulty of procuring the required material (which caused delay) has been overcome.

4. The Executive Council strongly recommend that the Presidents of the Association, Executive Committee and Council be requested to recommend to the Department the issue of "Morris" or other good armoury practice tubes for the 40-pr. B. L. and 9-pr. M. L. guns. The Council are confident that this issue, if granted, will greatly assist in improving the Artillery force in the Dominion.

5. The Council are pleased to learn that several batteries have supplied themselves with small-arm practice tubes and ammunition at their own expense for their armouries. The commanding officers can testify to the large attendance at these ranges during the entire year, and the marked improvement in the shooting efficiency from this practice. The Council recommend that, in future, the small arm annual practice scores be recorded (as fully as practicable) in the annual report of the Association.

6. The Council recommend that in future officers who compete for prizes should be life or annual subscribers of the Association.

7. An extra-ordinary meeting of Council was held in Montreal on the 3rd of December, 1890, to consider protest of Capt. Oxley, Halifax Brigade G. A. See minutes of Proceedings. The Council would recommend that the foot notes on examination papers be so worded that no misconstruction of their intentions can be made by any competitor, as seems to have occurred in this case.

8. The position of President of the Association became vacant during the year, owing to the retirement of Major-General Middleton from that position. No steps were taken to fill the vacancy.

9. The Council urgently recommends that a longer period than twelve days' annual drill be allowed Artillery, and that Garrison as well as Field Batteries be drilled each year.

10. The Council desires to express its obligations to the Inspector and Assistant Inspectors of Artillery and their executive staff, also to commanding officers of permanent batteries for their assistance and co-operation during the annual meetings, for carrying out practice and general aims of the Association, the chief object being the improvement and efficiency of the Artillery force of the Dominion.

(Signed,) THOMAS T. TURNBULL, Lt.-Col.,
President of Council.

Montreal, February, 1891.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Field Artillery Practice.—1. The practice for this year was carried out on the same general lines as during 1889. The range-finding practice being advanced to a further stage by the employment of sections, instead of subdivisions, for