

military service of Canada and enhance its value in England.

The members of the detachment deserve the credit and approbation of their country, and every person connected with it should be entitled to a *brevet* accorded for this special service as well as the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief.

"In front of the Grand Stand was erected a tent before which was a raised and covered dais of crimson cloth. The principal prizes were ranged on a table right and left of the dais, the various international and other trophies having a prominent position, whilst the Elcho Challenge Shield of oxydised silver, of the value of £100 was placed on its stand immediately on the right of the elevation. In the tent were Earl Ducie and a number of ladies and gentlemen, including the Secretary of State for War and Mrs. Cardwall, the First Lord of the Admiralty and Mrs. Goschen, Lady Ducie, and a distinguished circle. A few minutes before four the Duke of Cambridge and staff arrived at the tent, and immediately afterwards the hoisting of the royal standard at the saluting base announced that the royal party had entered into the enclosure, and directly afterwards two open carriages with outriders in the royal liveries, and accompanied by an escort of the 9th Lancers, drove round the enclosure amidst the cheers of the populace to the tent facing the Grand Stand. There were also a number of distinguished persons in the Grand Stand, including members of the Burmese and Japanese Embassies and a number of foreign officers, and amongst them Lieutenant Col. Meder and a number of gentlemen in the service of the King of Holland, in the military uniform of the Netherlands army. Prior to the arrival of the royal party, the various prizes men, who were to have the honor of receiving their prizes at the hands of the Princess, were ranged in the order in which they were to march up for their prizes on the right of the dais; whilst in the rear the London Scottish, as the battalion to which the credit is attached of carrying off the Queen's prize, headed by its pipes formed a guard of honour; and on the left was also a guard of honour of Marine Artillery under the command of a naval officer. In a few minutes the Princess of Wales was handed on to the dais by the Duke of Cambridge amidst the loud cheering of the gentlemen and the waving of the handkerchiefs of the vast assemblage of ladies in the Grand Stand, the London Scottish pipers playing the National Anthem on their bagpipes. The Prince of Wales, who immediately followed, and was also warmly greeted, was attired in the uniform of the Civil Service, of which regiment he is honorary colonel, also Prince Arthur, wearing the uniform of the London Irish, of which corps he is also honorary colonel, and the royal party were shortly joined by His Serene Highness the Duke of Teck, who wore the uniform of the 1st Surrey Artillery, of which he is also honorary colonel. After a few observations from Earl Ducie, the president of the National Rifle Association, who, with the other members of the council and Captain Mildmay, the secretary, were in attendance, and the Duke of Cambridge, his royal highness undertook the duty of reading the prize-list, and explaining to the princess the nature of the various competitions, and the distribution at once commenced. There was little interest attached to the presentation till the well-known figure and face as well as stalwart frame of Mr. E. Ross, of the London Scottish, the first winner of the Queen's prize at

Wimbledon and other honours, stepped from the ranks and received his first prize of £20 won in the first stage of the Albert, and subsequently for his prize of £100 as first in the second stage of the same competition, and a third time to receive at the hands of the princess the Any Rifle Wimbledon Cup, which he had won with the excellent score of 56 out of a possible 60. Lieutenant Dodds, of the 5th Northumberland, who had won the Snider Wimbledon Cup, also came in for a fair share of applause. The next prize of importance presented for the best squad at volley firing was the Belgian Challenge Cup, which had been won for a second time by the 1st Leicestershire team. The team on presenting themselves to receive this elegant trophy, were loudly cheered. The enthusiasm, however, was still more exuberant when the Cambridge team, in the modest volunteer uniform of their university, stepped forward to receive that stupendous work of oriental art, the China Cup, of the value of £525. The young gentlemen composing the team did not attempt to carry this monster trophy, but it was pointed out and explained to the princess, who on acknowledging the salutes of the team again elicited loud applause.

The Burmese Cup, won by Mr. Hayes, of the London Rifle Brigade, with 19 out of a possible of 20, Sergeant Ferguson, of the 1st Inverness, who won the *Daily Telegraph* Cup with the highest possible score of 20, also elicited on their presentation great applause. Upon Sergeant Turnbull of the Canadian team, coming up to receive the first of the prizes given by the Secretary of State for War, he was loudly cheered, as was also Sergeant Croft, of the 34th Regiment, upon stepping up to the dais to receive the Army and Navy Challenge Cup of the value of £100. At this stage great interest was created when the youthful team representing Winchester College, in their quiet and unpretending knickerbocker suits of drab and black facings, paraded to the front to receive the Ashburton Challenge Shield of the value of £140, which they had won in the Public Schools match, with the capital score of 313 out of a possible score of 440; but the *furor* was increased as the little fellow, Private Cowan, of Cheltenham College, received at the princess's hands the Spencer Cup, connected with the same competition, which he had won with the famous score of 23 out of a possible 28. Whatever exhibition of feeling, however, had previously been exhibited by the assemblage, its enthusiasm increased to almost the highest pitch when the time came to distribute the Canadian prizes. The first was the beautiful specimen of the silversmiths' art—the Medallants of London Cup, of the value of £160, which went to the province of Quebec with the splendid score of 70 out of a possible score of 80 marks; again when Ensign Adam, of the 13th Canada, and Private Smith, of the 30th Canada, received the money prizes of £30 and £20; but the greater demonstration of approval was reserved for the Canadian team when they marched up in a body to receive the two magnificently parcel gilt and silver vases, designated as the "Rajah of Kolapore's Imperial Challenge Cup," and the National Rifle Association's prize of £100, which they have won against the crack teams of picked shots of the mother country, and which they will carry with them as a trophy to their homes on the other side of the Atlantic. The team was headed by Major Worsley, the captain of the team, who, having in the first instance, been congratulated by the Duke of Cambridge, was warmly shaken by the hand by

the Prince of Wales, who addressed him, and who, it was understood, begged him to convey to the people of the Dominion how pleased he was at the success which had attended the visit of their representatives to this country, and how deeply impressed he was with the kindness he experienced at their hands. Again was the enthusiasm of the assemblage excited when the modest looking Cambridge team made their appearance in front of the princess to receive the Chancellor's Challenge Cup, presented by the late Earl Derby and the Duke of Devonshire, as chancellors, for competition between the University Volunteers of Oxford and Cambridge. Colonel the Hon. C. H. Lindsay, who stood near in his uniform as commander of the St. George's Rifles, now headed the St. George Challenge Vase to the princess, and it was presented to the winner, together with the Gold Jewel and a purse containing twenty-five dragon sovereigns to Sergeant McMe, of the 3rd Lanark, who made for it the highest possible score of twenty; and subsequently the Dragon Cup to Lieutenant Eddison, of the 7th West York. Next came the English Twenty, headed by their veteran, Captain Field, of the Hon. Artillery Company, carrying with them that beautiful piece of art, the International Challenge Trophy, which they exhibited to the princess, who went through the form of presentation in the most graceful and dignified manner, amidst reiterated plaudits; and a similar ovation awaited Private Wyatt, of the 13th Salop, as the winner for England of that also beautiful work of art the International Irish Trophy. Now came the turn of the English Eight, who are the winners of that most magnificent trophy, the Elcho Challenge Shield, headed by their Captain, Mr. Wells, M.P. The trophy having been pointed out to the princess, she made the formal presentation, and as four of the most stalwart members of the team took the trophy on their shoulders, and marched past the dais with it they were loudly cheered. After the presentation of the Duke of Cambridge of £50 to Captain Pixley of the Victorias, and the Prince of Wales's prize of £100 to Sergeant Metcalf, of the 12th North York, the prizes were commenced to those present made in the first stage of the Queen's, and Private Cortis of the 1st Sussex, the silver medalist of the year was well applauded. The grand ovation, however, was reserved for the winner of the blue riband of the meeting, the Queen's Prize, Color-Sergeant Michie, of the London Scottish, who wins, in addition to the £250, the gold medal and gold badge of the London Rifle Association. The gallant sergeant in his costume of the London Scottish, stepped jauntily up to the dais, amid the cheering strains of "Highland Laddie" from the pipers of the regiment and the enthusiastic and general applause of the vast assembly."

During the five years preceding Confederation, the imports of the Port of Halifax amounted to \$1,178,482, or an average of \$8.57 per cent. During the five years of Confederation, our imports (including, as before, the imports from the neighboring provinces) amount to \$64,391,400; and the duty paid amounts to \$5,068,918, or an average of \$7.87 per cent. These figures demonstrate clearly that in a financial and commercial point of view Confederation has proved successful.