

speeches delivered and to note the success of the meeting. He thought it a particularly gratifying fact that the prizes offered by the League had been distributed so well over the Dominion. He was glad to hear the tribute paid to the Canadian ammunition. As for the League, he wished it success as the latest enterprise designed for the welfare of the force, whose astonishing progress he had had the best opportunities for noticing for the past 25 or 30 years. (Applause.) He had taken a very deep interest in the militia since its inception, and would continue to do so as long as he held his present position. He felt quite satisfied that no force could be so easily amalgamated as ours; and it was a very pleasing feature that whenever the members came together they met as friends and neighbours. He hoped to see the force grow not only in magnitude but also in intelligence; and he should always feel pleasure in contributing to its success or to that of any worthy association in connection with it. (Applause.)

Sir Adolphe Caron moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was put to the meeting by Lt.-Col. Anderson and very heartily accorded. Major Mason made a fitting acknowledgment.

Sir Adolphe Caron having to leave early proposed three cheers for the Queen, which were given right royally; and were followed by cheers equally hearty for the Minister and the Adjutant-General, who left the meeting with this unmistakable evidence of goodwill ringing in their ears.

Major Sam Hughes moved, seconded by Lieut. Col. Anderson, a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his skilful management of the finances. Capt. Bruce in acknowledgment said his work had been a labour of love, and he would always be glad as far as in his power to contribute to the success of the League.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of office bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows, the list being with two or three exceptions the same as before:—

- President—Lt.-Col. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hamilton.
- 1st Vice-President—Lt.-Col. Anderson, Ottawa; 2nd Vice-President—Major Delamere, Toronto.
- Executive—*Ontario*: Major Mason, Hamilton; Lt.-Col. Wilkinson, Leamington; Major S. Hughes, Lindsay; Capt. Russell, Bowmanville; Capt. W. C. Macdonald, Toronto. *Quebec*: Lt.-Col. Massey, Major Hood, Capt. Sims, Montreal; Capt. Brown, Melbourne; Lieut. Davidson, Quebec. *Prince Edward Island*: Capt. Longworth, Lieut. Hooper, Capt. Weeks, Charlottetown. *Nova Scotia*: Major Garrison, Lt.-Col. Murray, Lt.-Col. Walsh, Halifax. *New Brunswick*: Lt.-Col. Maunsell, Fredericton; Major Hartt, Capt. Hartt, St. John. *Manitoba*: Lt.-Col. Boswell, Mr. C. N. Mitchell, Mr. H. A. Costigan, Winnipeg. *North-West Territories*: Capt. Wyld, Battleford; Mr. J. W. Jowett, Regina; Supt. A. B. Perry, Prince Albert. *British Columbia*: Lt.-Col. E. G. Prior, M.P.; Capt. P. E. Irving, Major J. Peters, Victoria.
- Treasurer—Capt. J. Bruce, Toronto.
- Secretary—Mr. W. R. Pringle; Assistant-Secretary, Mr. A. D. Crooks, Toronto.

It was decided that a clerk should be employed to do the heavy routine work in connection with recording the scores of next season, and in consequence of the lighter duties thus promised Mr. Pringle again accepted the office of secretary.

On motion of Major Hughes, seconded by Capt. Adam, a committee consisting of Major Mason, Capt. O'Grady, Major Hood, Major Sherwood, Capt. Hartt, Major Weston and Capt. Macdonald, was appointed to procure a suitable souvenir for presentation to the Secretary in recognition of his work of this year.

A brief discussion then took place respecting the conditions to govern next year's competitions. Capt. O'Grady suggested a central meeting to decide the prize competition, and urged greater safeguards against the possibility of reporting incorrect scores. Major Mason said, while he did not think any rifleman would send in scores he knew to be incorrect, he did think there should be a check upon the markers. He was sorry for the doubts that had arisen this year, but thought good might come out of the recriminations indulged in if the effect were to provide a closer check.

The meeting adjourned without transacting further business.

Colonel F. R. de Wolski, Royal Engineers, Director of Military Works of the Government, New South Wales, having fired several charges of "roburite," varying from ½ lb. up to 290 lbs in weight, at the Camps of Exercise during Easter 1890, testifies to its high explosive power, unrivalled safety, and facility with which it can be manipulated. He proposes to recommend to the Government of New South Wales its adoption on an extensive scale for use in air-tight submarine mines. It possesses the advantages of being very readily packed into mines, it is cheap, and, being an established industry in the Colony, Colonel de Wolski considers it desirable to encourage it, because, in time of war, the difficulty of supplementing the Colony's stock of guncotton would probably be insuperable.

THE DOMINION RIFLE MEETING.

THE CHAMPIONS, AND HOW THEY WON THEIR HONOURS.

Exciting Team and Individual Contests—Though the Scores were on fair average—A quartette tie for the Governor General's Prizes—And Coulson Mitchell carries off the plum—The Bisley Team—How the special match affected its composition—The Competitors' Meeting—Many matters of interest discussed—And changes likely to be made as a Result—The Formal Presentation of Prizes—Applause for the Honour Riflemen.

The annual prize meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held on the Rideau range, Ottawa, last week, commencing on Monday, 1st inst., and ending at noon on Friday, thus exceeding the allotted time by half a day. With the exception of the delay on Thursday afternoon which made the Friday firing a necessity, no hitch occurred, the meeting passing off very pleasantly for all concerned. The weather was beautiful for personal comfort, though changeable winds made high scoring difficult. There were upwards of four hundred competitors present, the number being about the same as last year, and as eight additional targets were available for the regular matches, making thirty-three, besides the thirteen set apart for extra series and revolver shooting, there was no lack of accommodation. Before the first match at 500 or 600 yards each day all the targets were thrown open for extra series firing, so that those who chose to pay the rather high price fixed had no difficulty in obtaining sighting shots.

The meeting was under the direction of Lt.-Col. Mattice, B.M., as chief executive officer. The range officers were: At the six butts for the regular matches, Lt. Macnachten, Cobourg; Lt.-Col. Jones, 38th Bn. Majors Hodgins and Heron, G.G.F.G.; Capt. Browne, 66th Bn.; Capt. Mutton, Q.O.R.; at the 500 yards extra series, Capt. Aumond, R.I.; 600 yards, Capt. Wadmore, I.S.C.; 800 yards, Capt. Evans, I.S.C.; 900 yards, Capt. Godard, 62nd Bn.; revolver, Lt. Stewart, 43rd Bn. These officers gave general satisfaction in the performance of their duties, complaints of unfair rulings being very few. The offices were, as usual, faultlessly managed, and Major Walsh, statistical officer; Lt.-Col. Bacon, secretary, and Lt.-Col. John Macpherson, treasurer, earned congratulations on the way their several departments were conducted.

Monday, 1st September.

At the opening of the meeting on Monday morning all the targets were set apart for forty-five minutes for extra series shooting, and the new men thus had opportunities of proving their windage and elevation before the Nursery match was fired. The reduction of the amount of previously won prizes bearing entrance, from \$10 to \$8, had the desired effect of shutting out some rather senior Nursery men, and this fact helped perhaps to keep down the top scores, but thanks no doubt to the facilities for previous shooting the general average was better than last year, when almost as many 17's were in the prize list as there are 18's on this occasion. Last year there was one "possible"; this year two 24's tie and divide first and second money.

THE BANKERS' PRIZES—NURSERY.

500 yards, 5 shots. Open to members not having previously won a prize of \$8 or upwards at a D. R. A. meeting, exclusive of team or extra prizes.

\$17.50	{	Tpr. W. H. Eaton, K.T.C.	24	\$10	Pioneer T. Pratt, 6th Fus.	22
17.50	{	Lt. W. Revell, 22nd.	24	10	Capt. L. Grant, 20th.	22
10		Capt. W. H. Hill, 57th.	23	5	Corp. Bethune, 5th R.S.	22
10		Capt. R. M. Dennistoun, 57th.	23	5	Pte. C. Routh, 43rd.	22
10		Pte. T. F. Elmitt, Guards.	23	5	Corp. J. Armstrong, 6th Fus.	21
10		Sgt-Maj. J. Huton, Prescott Cav.	23	5	Corp. A. S. Byrd, 53rd.	21
10		Pte. A. Miller, 13th.	22	5	Col-Sgt. E. Skedden, 13th.	21
10		Major J. T. Thom, R.L.	22	5	Pte. D. E. Andrews.	21
10		Corp. T. W. Dunn. 8th.	22	5	Pte. R. Kough, 3rd Vics.	21
10		Gr. McEachern, H.G.A.	22	5	Pte. F. Hall, 57th.	21