

Riflemen in Council.

Annual Meeting of the Council of the Quebec Rifle Association -- Nova Scotia elects Officers.

OFFICERS of the Nova Scotia Provincial Rifle Association were elected as follows, at a meeting of the new council held at Halifax on the 11th inst:—

President—Lieut.-Col. MacDonald, 66th P. L. F.

1st Vice President—Lieut.-Col. Mackintosh, 63rd Rifles.

2nd Vice President—Lieut.-Col. Curren, 1st Halifax G. A.

Treasurer—Lieut.-Col. Mackinlay.

Secretary—Major Weston, 66th P. L. F.

Council—Major-Gen. Laurie; Lieut.-Col. Murray, supt. stores; Major Walsh, 63rd Rifles; Capt. Barnhill, 78th batt.; Capt. Garrison, H. G. A.; Capt. Harris, H. G. A.; Capt. Crane, 63rd Rifles; Capt. Curren, H. G. A.; Capt. Cunningham, 63rd Rifles; Capt. Brown, P.L.F.; Major Church, 93rd batt.; Capt. King, 75th batt.; Lieut. Maxwell, H. G. A.; Lieut. Blackburn, 78th batt.; Lieut. Cassidy, 68th batt., and Lieut. Dimock, 78th batt.

Committees were chosen as follows:—Range—Major Walsh, Capts. Garrison and Brown; programme—Major Walsh, Capts. Barnhill, Garrison, Crane, Harris, and the Treasurer and Secretary; for the inter-provincial match, including selection of team, the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Major Walsh and Capt. Harris.

Major Weston and Capts. Garrison and Crane were elected representatives on the council of the Dominion Rifle Association.

Quebec Provincial Rifle Association.

The annual meeting of the council of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held at the brigade office on the 21st inst. The chairman, Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzie, presided, and among those present were Lieut.-Colonels Fletcher, C.M.G., Mattice, Martin, Fraser and Brosseau, Major Campbell, Capts. Hood, Sims, Starke and Newton, and Major Blaiklock, secretary.

The secretary presented the nineteenth annual report of the association, which was adopted. This report states that at no previous time within the past five years has the association been in such a satisfactory condition, not only financially, but respecting also the interest exhibited by the representatives of affiliated associations and by the public generally.

In the usual resolution of thanks to donors the Corporation of Montreal is included, for the generous gift of the five hundred dollar Jubilee challenge cup, won this year by the 6th Fusiliers, the names and scores of the winning team being given. The order for the cup has been given to Messrs. Watson & Pelton, of Montreal, who are having it manufactured in London, England, from a design drawn in Montreal. Four photographs of members of the Montreal force have been forwarded from which to mould the military figures which appear on the cup.

Though the entries in 1886 showed an increase of fifty per cent. over those of the preceding year, a still further increase is recorded for 1887, the total being this year 2,029 individual and 43 team entries, against 1,534 individual and 36 team entries for 1886. The largest number of entries in any regular match was 144. In the extra series at 500 yards there were 452 entries.

CORPS UNREPRESENTED IN THE MEMBERSHIP.

The membership shows an increase of twelve. On this subject the report says:—"This ought to be still further increased, as every officer in the force should consider it his duty to be a member of the association, and should use his influence to induce the men under his command to join also.

"We have no individual members from the following corps, and their representatives should make a point next year of having as many of the officers as possible join: Cavalry, Field Battery, Engineers, M. G. A., and 65th Battalion.

"We were much pleased to note a number of our Ontario friends and trust they will come in increased numbers next year."

THE COMPETITORS APATHETIC.

The report considers that the business meeting of the competitors announced to take place on the range during the annual matches, "was not particularly well attended, there being no one present but the chairman and the secretary. The council would be much better pleased," it proceeds, "to see this meeting well attended by the competitors, as it is from this meeting they expect to receive suggestions for the improvement of the running of the matches, and the affairs of the association generally."

WANTED—A RIFLE RANGE.

On the subject of ranges the report, after explaining the causes which made the abandonment of Point St. Charles necessary, says:—

"We are now absolutely without ranges. The D. A. G. requested a number of officers to act as a committee of search, with the view of ascertaining what properties there were in the vicinity of Montreal which would be suitable for the purpose. They have made a report which we believe has been forwarded to the Minister of Militia and an answer is expected every day. This will decide the situation of Montreal's future rifle range, which we earnestly hope will be a permanent one."

All competitors, and especially the prize winners, are urged to endeavour to remain for the public presentation of prizes, "as it undoubtedly assists in the carrying on of the work of the association."

Though the treasurer's statement shows a comfortable surplus, it is pointed out that there will be heavy expenditure called for by reason of the change of range, and it is recommended that an effort should be made next year to obtain subscriptions from places outside of Montreal.

Other matters referred to in the report are the presence of the French sailors of the frigate *La Minerve* at the annual matches; the services of the range officers; the winners of the principal prizes; the marking; the proceedings at the public presentation; the new system of distributing ammunition, and the success of the Quebec representatives at the Ontario and Dominion matches.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Chairman of council—Lieut.-Colonel Van Straubenzie, D.A.G.

Treasurer—Lieut.-Colonel Martin.

Secretary—Major Blaiklock.

Finance Committee.—Lt.-Cols. Brosseau and Fraser and Major Bond.

Auditors.—Capt. Fair and Lieut. J. G. Ross.

Representatives to the D.R.A.—Lt.-Col. Brosseau, Majors Blaiklock and Bond; Capts. Hood and Sims.

Vice-Patrons.—The General Officer commanding the militia, Lt.-Cols. Fletcher, C.M.G., Harwood, Hutton and Lyman, Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Hon. D. A. Smith, Hon. John Hamilton, Sir George Stephen, Senator Thibaudeau, Messrs. Alex. Murray, Joseph Hickson, Geo. W. Stephens, George A. Drummond, Robert Hamilton, (Quebec), Gilbert Scott, Andrew Allan, James Slessor, Hector McKenzie, L. J. Forget, H. McDougall, Duncan McIntyre, R. B. Angus, H. M. Allan, A. F. Gault, Hon. J. Shehyn, Hon. James McShane, W. J. Buchanan, R. R. Grindley, Geo. Hague, Wm. Weir, Ald. J. Grenier, A. M. Crombie and J. Murray Smith.

It was decided to make an alteration in picking the provincial team for Ottawa, hereafter it to be chosen from aggregate Martini-Henry shooting.

Lt.-Col. Brosseau, Major Lyman, Capts. Starke, Howard and Light-hall and Lieut. Macpherson were appointed a special finance committee to organize means to provide funds for the association.

In the January number of *The American Magazine*, Wm. H. Rideing will have the first paper of a series on Boston Artists and their studios, reproducing some of their paintings and showing their distinctive styles of art. Joaquin Miller contributes a remarkable poem on "Twilight at Nazareth." Edgar Fawcett's "Olivia Delaplaine" is continued and deepens in interest. Cape Breton Island, "a secluded region, likely to become of interest in the near future," will be described in an illustrated article by F. M. Endlich.

Investigations recently made in the War Department at Washington show that the late American civil war was relatively the most sanguinary on record. Though the Federal and Confederate returns are not altogether exact, the War Office is able to give a close approximate estimate of the killed, wounded and missing in the Federal forces. According to the statistics, 297,825

The *Times of India* states that a general order is about to be issued by the Commander-in-chief, directing that cavalry shall, as infantry now do, cheer when charging. The practice, as every one knows, is very inspiring to those who are charging, and considerably upsets the equanimity of the enemy. A regiment of Lancers charging with a cheer would be calculated to disconcert the best disciplined force of horse or foot.



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