

their distribution, he had about made up his mind that batteries of six guns each should first be issued to the permanent corps, "A" and "B" Batteries, at Kingston and Quebec, and as for the others, they would be issued to those corps who stood the highest in the roll of efficiency. As regards the needs of the Garrison Artillery, he was glad to be able to inform the meeting that negotiations were going ahead for new supplies to them, including 9-inch R.M.L. guns, 6-inch R.B.L. guns, 12-pr. and 6-pr. quick-firing guns; also some additional 40-pr. R.B.L. guns, and full supplies of ammunition and stores.

Before resuming his seat, he said he had great pleasure in moving, "that Lt.-Colonel Cole, of whose performance so much had been said, be elected to the Presidency of the Association for the coming year."

The motion was seconded by Lt.-Colonel Irwin, who remarked that the Field Batteries would all, with two exceptions, perform their annual drill before the 30th June. He laid stress on this point, as it was most desirable that the drill should be performed in the financial year for which the appropriation was made. He congratulated the Artillery on the progress they were continually making. Under present conditions it simply meant that every unit put in two or three drills for every one which they were paid to attend. He referred to the meeting of the Garrison Artillery at McNab's Island, Halifax, and also to the Laprairie Camp, and concluded by stating that, in his opinion, the Presidency of the Association could not fall into better hands than those of Lt.-Colonel Cole.

Lt.-Colonel Cole returned thanks for the honor paid him.

The Chairman (Lt.-Colonel Prior) requested Sir Donald A. Smith to say a few words. In responding, he said he felt great pleasure in being present at this, the first meeting of the Association which he had ever attended. He recalled an incident of fifty-four years ago, when he had furbished up an old cannon of the time of Jacques Cartier, and, having loaded it, was about to touch it off, when he was persuaded, much against his will, to try a slow match. From a place of shelter, he saw the old weapon burst into a thousand pieces, and blessed the friend who had saved him. He (Sir Donald) had taken a lively interest in the Artillery team when they visited England last year, and added his tribute to what had already been said of them. The English Artillerymen, each and all, rejoiced that the prize should have fallen to their brothers of Canada. Nothing could be more advantageous to both countries than meetings of this kind, and they ought to go further than sending a team like that of last year—would it not be possible to have an interchange in the matter,