

Report of Council.

1. Reports of the Executive Committee and Secretary- Treasurer giving details of competitions carried out during the year, with results and remarks thereon, are submitted herewith.
2. The Council acknowledge with thanks the action of the Department of Militia, during the year, on recommendations contained in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of last year's Council Report. It is believed that the slight insight gained by the several detachments which met in Halifax, into the working, care and preservation of modern Ordnance cannot fail to have beneficial effect. The Council hope that, at no distant date, energetic steps will be taken by the Department to replace the old, useless smooth-bore guns now in charge of the Garrison Artillery Arm—which have been an obsolete store in the Imperial service for upwards of thirty years—by a weapon worthy their care and attention.
3. Seven Field Batteries received Morris aiming tubes during the year. It is suggested that Commanding Officers forward a report to the Secretary, showing the number of drills at which they have been used and also the practical experience gained by their use, as a means of instruction in laying and an incentive to attendance at voluntary drills.
4. Duck suits were issued to all Batteries at the rate of fifty per cent. of their establishment. These will prove a great help in preserving the uniforms of the men, especially in Field Batteries, when cleaning harness and guns and at stable duties. A full issue, however, is desirable.
5. The Council, while thankful for favors received, regret the inability of the Department to comply with the request for an increased number of days for drill annually. It is impossible to impart sufficient instruction or to pass beyond minor details in nine days' drill, which is all that Field Batteries can reckon upon—three out of the twelve being lost for the purpose in going to and returning from camp, with the intervening Sunday. The slightest conception of the nature and extent of the many drills and duties, with instruction in ammunition, etc., which have to be imparted, must be sufficient to prove how necessary it is that the request of the Council should receive consideration.
6. It is regretted that, owing to stormy weather, it was found impossible to carry out the annual practice of the Field Batteries in Ontario last year. The

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