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## Notes and Comments

The Canadian militiamen who compete at Bisley always do themselves, their service and their country proud. Why should not a Canadian team or teams do as much for themselves and for the credit of their country at the Royal military tournaments at London and Dublin? There are two easily apparent excellent reasons why it would be well worth an effort to send representatives of the Canadian defensive force to the big military tournaments in the mother country. The selection of a Canadian team would stir up a feeling of emulation among all ranks, and their appearance at London and Dublin would be an excellent advertise-

ment for the Dominion. Enormous crowds visit these great tournaments, and their popularity is increasing by leaps and bounds.

The keen competitive spirit which has been engendered among the crack exponents of exact rifle shooting in our force has been of incalculable value. The competitive spirit in matters of drill, attack and defence, etc., is capable of just as much, if not more, development, and the despatch of a Dominion team to the great imperial tournaments would give it the necessary initial impetus. When we consider that our sister colonies have been represented at several of the tournaments, it is not very flattering to our Canadian pride to reflect that the splendid fighting material which abounds in our force has not had an opportunity to display its prowess at the two greatest military tournaments in our empire.

If some energetic committee of the Dominion force could be formed to take the matter up, no doubt first rate detachments and teams could be selected, and there is not the least doubt that, apart from the novelty of the thing, the Canadian troops would be right well received by their brethren-in-arms in the old country. In view of the splendid practical results which would be sure to follow such an enterprise, we have no doubt that the minister of militia would secure substantial financial assistance from the government if the plan was properly taken up.

The Royal Military Tournament in London usually begins about the

middle of May and lasts fourteen days or so. The one in Dublin follows within a few days after, so that if the Canadian teams made up their minds they could very easily go from London to Dublin and return to Canada from Ireland. Full information as to the list of events, terms of competition, regulations, etc., can be obtained from Lieut.-Col. T. Tully, 4th V. Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, Secretary of the Royal Military Tournament, 71 Upper Kensington Lane, London, and from the secretary of the Royal Irish Military Tournament, Royal Hospital, Dublin, Ireland. As the detachments, teams and individuals who compete at these tournaments enter into strict and regular daily training for weeks and months beforehand, it is impossible to impress upon those interested too forcibly the necessity of taking the matter in hand without delay.

This, too, is a scheme to which Canadians will feel attracted by one of the highest motives which can inspire men of British blood—the ambition to contribute their mite towards the solidification of our empire. The frequent visits of parties of Canadians to the mother country still further cements the bonds of union, and demonstrates to the world and to ourselves how strong the ties of sympathy and brotherhood are between us. We need more of the visits of the kind suggested to convince us how completely the once existing divisions between the different parts of this world-wide empire have been annihilated by the inventions of the present century. We are no further from London now than the