

there is not sufficient time to prepare for this competition; but as it is, perhaps, the only one which tests the skill of the drivers and the quality of the horses, and as it can be practiced in the preliminary stage without the gun detachments, and is also frequently exhibited, both here and in England, as a test of general smartness, it is to be hoped that, in future, Commanding Officers will take a greater interest in testing the efficiency of their Batteries in this direction.

5. *Garrison Artillery.* Very satisfactory work appears to have been done by this branch of the service, both at local headquarters by the Halifax, St. John and P.E.I. Regiments, and at the Artillery practice camp at the Island of Orleans, Quebec. Full details of these competitions will be found in the Annual Report.

The Garrison Artillery competitions at Shoeburyness, in which the Canadian Artillery detachment participated with so much credit to itself and the Dominion, has been so fully reported upon elsewhere as to render any repetition here superfluous. It may be, however, remarked that one officer (the Adjutant) and ten N.C. officers, of the total of twenty-nine forming the Canadian detachment, were selected from the Field Artillery, and their aptitude in so rapidly and efficiently acquiring the necessary knowledge of Garrison Artillery details, is deserving of special mention.

6. The general efficiency competition for Garrison Artillery was held under the same conditions as the previous year, and was divided into two classes, one for companies on the increased establishment of five officers and ninety to one hundred N.C. officers and gunners, the other for companies on the original establishment of three officers and forty-two N.C. officers and men.

The former was won by No. 1 Company, 2nd Regt., (Montreal), Major King, Comdg, and the latter by No. 1 Company, 3rd Regt., (N.B.) Captain Crawford, Comdg. In both competitions the result is most creditable to all concerned.

7. As a result of the visit of our detachment to England, it was proposed to invite a representative British detachment to take part in our competitions during the present year (1897). The invitation was actually given and accepted, but the celebrations, &c., consequent upon Her Majesty's Jubilee, prevented our intending visitors from being able to organize a detachment, and the competition has in consequence been postponed until 1898.