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N. W. R. League shoots.....	May 16, 30, June 13, 22, July 11, 25, [Aug. 8, 22, Sept. 19

NOTE AND COMMENT.

THE Queen's Birthday was as usual royally celebrated by the Militia, whose parades were the great features of the occasion in many places. Several crack corps took advantage of the holiday to make trips to sister cities. The Queen's Own Rifles went into camp at Niagara, and had some useful practice in field work, including a sham battle. The Grenadiers had a pleasure excursion to Woodstock, and the Thirteenth of Hamilton to Berlin. The 53rd Battalion travelled from Sherbrooke to Quebec, and took part in the elaborate siege and defence of that stronghold. The Governor General's Foot Guards made Peterborough their destination on their annual outing. The visiting corps one and all appear to have won general admiration for their soldier-like appearance and all-round good conduct—a circumstance speaking volumes for the character of the young men composing the militia force.

A movement is already on foot to have a monster military celebration in Montreal on next Queen's Birthday, and if the militia of that city enter heartily into the project no doubt they can make it a success. There is no other place so well suited for a great military demonstration.

THE *Mail's* voting contest, for the most popular corps and officer respectively, appears to be exciting a great deal of interest, and already large numbers of votes have been cast. In another place we publish the *Mail's* remarks on the inaugural voting, and the conditions governing the

competition. The statement of the votes received up to that time gives an idea of the multitude of candidates to be brought forward, and no doubt a few weeks will elapse before any one corps or officer takes a decided lead. The returns up to Wednesday evening placed Capt. Zealand, 13th Battalion, ahead with 1,144 votes; Capt. Macpherson, Victoria Rifles, Montreal, next with 1,125 votes; and Capt. Symons, 12th York Rangers, third with 1,119. For the most popular corps the vote then stood for the leaders: Queen's Own Rifles, 1,547; 13th Battalion, 1,525; 12th Battalion, 1,402; Victoria Rifles, 1,151.

DOMINION ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association was held Thursday morning, 21st inst., in a committee room of the House of Commons. There were present His Excellency the Governor-General and the Viscount Kilcourse, A.D.C., Major-General Herbert, Col. Panet, deputy minister of militia, Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., Lieut.-Cols. Stevenson, Montreal; Macdonald, Guelph; Mackenzie, Gananoque; H. R. Smith and John Macpherson; Major Stewart, Major McLean and Major Hall, Capt. Bliss, Lieut. Hurdman, Capt. Donaldson, secretary, and others. Lieut.-Colonel Stevenson, vice-president, took the chair.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin reported that the past year had been the most successful in the annals of the Association. This body differed from the Dominion Rifle Association, its scope being wider than the mere encouragement of gun practice, one most important function being the promotion of the general efficiency of the artillery. The encouragement given by successive Governors-General had in the past been productive of the very best results, there being much wholesome emulation between the batteries to obtain the honour of winning His Excellency's cups awarded for general efficiency. In view of the closeness of the competition, he suggested an increase in the number of prizes in the competition. He reviewed the incidents of the prize meetings at Orleans and at Kingston, and in connection with the latter expressed the hope that the officers commanding batteries would see their way clear to make a longer stay in camp in future years, as much benefit was derivable from contact with the other batteries there.

Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald spoke of the very great assistance rendered by the officers and men of the permanent batteries in connection with the artillery meetings, and expressed regret that more credit was not given them in the annual report of the council. The report was then adopted.

Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor-General for his continued interest in the affairs of the Association. This was seconded by Major John Stewart.

Lord Stanley replied briefly, expressing satisfaction at