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Comment and Criticism.

IT has been found impossible this week to find space for the prize lists of the Ontario provincial matches promised for this issue, but they will appear next week. We give, however, the lists for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, all of which matches took place previous to the Ontario meeting. In our next issue we will not be able to publish the D. R. A. returns, which will have to be held over for another week, but the proceedings at the annual competitors' meeting, or the "grievance" meeting, as it has been called, will be recorded.

SOME matters of great importance were discussed at the competitors' meeting. Amongst these was that of the substitution of the Martini for the Snider rifle. While there were a few who strenuously advocated the entire abolition of the Snider, the general opinion of the meeting seemed to be that, as the weapon of the force, it was the imperative duty of the D. R. A. to do all in its power to encourage and promote shooting with that weapon. However, those who took the

latter view seemed willing to concede that the Martini should, to a large extent, take the place of the Snider at 600 yards.

AS had been expected, the number of competitors at this year's meeting of the D. R. A. exceeded the best previous record, that of 1884. Every province was represented, and an examination of the prize lists will show that they were no unworthy representatives who were sent to take part. The meeting was satisfactorily conducted, everything running smoothly; and the grand aggregate matches, usually occupying four days, were concluded in one less without any difficulty. The scoring, from a variety of causes, was unusually low, the grand aggregate scores being lower than last year, even with an extra match included. The weather all week was unfavorable to high scoring, and the fact that no sighting shots were allowed doubtless took off many a point.

IT should be understood that this paper does not necessarily share the views of correspondents expressed in letters to the editor published in our columns, which are open to all responsible persons who wish to avail themselves of them, and the same prominence will always be gladly given to both sides of every story. Correspondents, however, would do well to remember that in order to ensure the insertion of their letters in any issue they should be in our hands by Tuesday morning at the latest.

THE members who have returned from England speak in the highest terms of praise of the hospitality shown towards the Shoeburyness team in the mother country. The council of the National artillery association appointed a large and representative committee for the purpose of welcoming the Canadians, and making such arrangements as would enable them to see some of the chief objects of interest in London during their visit. The kindness extended to the English team which lately visited this country has evidently been appreciated and remembered by the English artillerymen and their friends.

L T.-COL. MACDONALD, President of the Council of the Canadian artillery association, replies in a letter, which arrived too late for last week's, but is to be found elsewhere in this issue, to the statements of "Six-by-Nine," published two weeks ago, concerning the alleged improper composition of the Canadian Shoeburyness team. This letter would seem to dispose of the statement that the Canadians take any unfair advantage of the mother country volunteer artillerymen, as the president points out that the National artillery association are fully aware of the manner in which the Canadian team is made up. "Six-by-Nine" was, however, not alone in his opinion that there was something in this matter requiring explanation, as witness the letter of "Gunner" in our last issue. But Lt.-Col. Macdonald's explanation of the real facts of the case should put the matter before the public in the proper light.