

Lord Melgund, well known in Canada since his service on the staff of the late Governor General, Lord Lansdowne, has succeeded to the title of Earl of Minto. The *Broad Arrow* thus notices the event:—"Colonel Viscount Melgund, commanding the South of Scotland Volunteer Brigade, has succeeded to the earldom of Minto, by the death of his father. Although never in the regular army, the new earl has seen considerable service *en amateur*. He was attached to our mounted infantry in the Egyptian expedition of 1882, when he was wounded at Mahuta, receiving the honorary rank of major in the volunteer force for this service, in addition to the 4th class of the Medjidie and the medal and bronze star. Three years later he found himself in Canada at the time of the rising in the North-West, and gained a second medal for services as chief of the staff at the attack and capture of Batoche. It will be in the recollection of readers of the *Broad Arrow* that the appointment of Lord Mulgund, when only a captain of volunteers, to the command of a Volunteer Brigade District gave rise to a good deal of criticism.

#### THE MANITOBA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Rifle Association has resulted in a complete change of officers, and the old directors having promised to co-operate with their successors in the effort to be made to put affairs on a more satisfactory footing, the outlook is brighter than it has been for some time. The meeting was one of the best ever held, over sixty members being present and the utmost good will being displayed. The new council consists of thoroughly practical riflemen, who enter upon their task with enthusiasm bound to bring success. As a sample of the prevailing spirit, it may be stated that Staff-Sergeant Coulson N. Mitchell, the well-known shot who won the Governor General's prize at Ottawa last year, on taking the office of Secretary for this season intimated that he would accept no salary for his work, making it purely a labour of love. He also announces his intention to decline the place he has won on the Bisley team for 1891, not being able to spare the time from his business, so that he will be at home all summer to boom the M. R. A. An effort will be made not only to have an exceptionally good provincial meeting, but to send a big team to Ottawa, the Association being now pledged to reserve \$400 at least towards the expenses of this team. The following are the officers elected for 1891: Patron—Sir D. A. Smith, K.C.M.G.; 1st Vice Patron—Lt.-Governor Schultz; 2nd Vice-Patron—Mr. Wm. White; President—Capt. Hugh J. Macdonald, M.P.; 1st Vice-President—Lt.-Col. McMillan, M.P.P.; 2nd Vice-President—Major Bell; Council—Staff-Sgt. K. Graburn, 91st; Capt. Doidge, W.F. B.; H. A. Costigan; Staff-Sgt. C. N. Mitchell, 90th; Lt. Brown, 95th; Staff-Sgt. Clarke, 95th; Lt. T. W. Taylor, 91st; Staff-Sgt. Inman, 90th; Sgt. Shillinglaw, 95th; Capt. Sheppard, 95th; Pte. G. W. Murray, 90th; Secretary—Staff-Sgt. C. N. Mitchell; Treasurer—Lt. T. W. Taylor; Auditors—Messrs. W. J. Ptolemy and T. A. Anderson.

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#### ONTARIO ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Ontario Artillery Association was held on Friday the 27th of March in the Military Institute, Toronto. There was a fair attendance, among those present being the president, Major F. King, Lt.-Col. A. H. Macdonald, Lt.-Col. Otter, D. A. G., Majors J. Stewart, J. H. Mead, D. Maclean, W. Nicoll, Captains J. S. Hendrie, W. G. Mutton, Dr. J. E. Elliott, Lieutenants R. Myles, Hurdman, K. Miller, E. S. Cox, McCrae, L. E. W. Irving, A. Bolte, E. W. Jones, J. Crean. Before beginning the business of the meeting, the president referred to the loss sustained by the association in the death of Mr. A. H. Malloch, for several years a prominent member, and one of the founders of the association six years ago.

Upon reports being called for Mr. L. H. Irving, the secretary, read his annual statement, showing a year of steady work. All the corps in affiliation had gone through the practice of the season except the Toronto Battery. In the report was contained a summary of prizes awarded, the chief being as follows:—

Royal Military College—Gentleman Cadet, F. D. Reid, cup.

A Battery, R.C.A., 9 pounder—1, Staff-Sgt. Newnham, 38 points, \$7; 2, Driver Rosseau, 26 points, \$5; 3, Sgt.-Major Stroud, 25 points, \$5.

Cobourg Battery, 64-pounder, muzzle-loader and 40-pounder breech-loader—1, Sgt. Mulverin, 40 points, \$7; 2, Corp. Bray, 39 points, \$6; 3, Sgt. Russell, 38 points, \$5.

Field Batteries, aggregate scores—1, A Battery, First Brigade Field Artillery, 56.25 per cent., Gzowski Cup, \$30; 2, Welland Field Battery, 49.07 per cent., \$20; 3, London, 42.13 per cent., \$15.

General Efficiency, Field Batteries—1st prize, Hamilton, 267.43 points, the Oliver Mowat Cup and \$30; 2, A Battery, First Brigade Field Artillery, 265.25 points, \$25; 3, B Battery, First Brigade Field Artillery, 239.90, \$20.

The short course efficiency prize was won by Bombardier Locker of A Battery, 1st Brigade Field Artillery, with a percentage of 82. The corresponding prize for gunners fell to Gunner Wigmore, Welland Field Battery, with 84 points.

The Officers firing competition was won by the president, Major King, with twenty points, and the cup was awarded to him.

The report of the treasurer, Lt. Myles, showed receipts from all sources, including balance from former years, of \$921 and a balance now on hand of \$301.

The following clause in the report of the Executive, as presented by Major Mead, caused some debate:—

"From the official returns forwarded by the Secretary of the Dominion Association the first prize for general efficiency would on the surface appear to have been won by A Battery, First Brigade Field Artillery. Were this the fact the Oliver Mowat cup would then become the property of that corps, but upon a close investigation the committee find that there exists a serious error in summing up which places the official figures of the Hamilton Field Battery at 267.43 and that of A Battery, 1st B.F.A., at 265.25. The general efficiency prize has therefore been won by the Hamilton Field Battery."

Col. Macdonald considered that the proper course was not to award the cup until further communication with Capt. Donaldson of the Dominion Association, who had forwarded the figures. It would be well to make sure of their correctness. On motion of Major Stewart, after some discussion, it was decided to defer the awarding of the prize pending report of the Inspector of Artillery as to which corps really stood highest.

Some discussion also took place as to the prize awarded to the president in the officers' firing competition, Capt. Mereweather and Mr. McCrae having made a higher score. It