

of Lansdowne as Governor General, Capt. Hodgins served on his staff as an extra A.D.C. In September, 1888, he was appointed an A.D.C. to the late Sir Alex. Campbell, K.C.M.G., Lieut. Governor of Ontario. In August, 1889, Capt. Hodgins was granted the brevet rank of major, and in Dec., 1890, was promoted to substantive rank and he is now senior major of the G. G. F. G. Major Hodgins is a graduate (M.A.) of the University of Toronto, a barrister at law of Osgoode Hall, and is one of the staff of the Department of Justice at Ottawa. His present wife is a daughter of the late Hon. Sir W. J. Ritchie, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to whom he was married in 1883. Major Hodgins is well known to the riflemen of Canada, having since 1884 acted as a range officer at the meeting of the D. R. A., O. R. A., and P. Q. R. A., and for the last two years he has filled the appointment of executive officer of the D. R. A.

LT.-COL. ANDERSON.

Lt. Col. Anderson, president of the Canadian Military Rifle League, was born in Quebec in 1851. Educated at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, where his connection with the militia force began as a member of the Bishop's College Rifle Company, attached to the 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke. As a member of that company he was on duty during the Fenian raid of 1866, took second and first class certificates at the Military School in Quebec in 1867, under the 30th Regiment and joined the 55th Megantic Light Infantry as lieutenant when that battalion was ordered on active service during the Fenian raid of 1870. Joined the G. G. F. G. when he entered the civil service in 1874, and served in that corps as a private, refusing promotion or a commission until the 43rd Battalion was reorganized in 1880, when he was offered and accepted the position of adjutant with the rank of captain. Was successively promoted to a majority, and on the resignation of Col. White in 1888 to the command, which he was obliged to resign after three years, in consequence of the pressure of his official duties as Chief Engineer of the department of Marine and Fisheries. Has long been an enthusiastic rifle shot and promoter of rifle shooting; has been a member of the Guards and 43rd teams, in their most successful competitions. Individually won the Macdougall cup in 1879, many other cups, medals, badges, etc., and his name is usually found on the Grand Aggregate list of the D.R.A., O.R.A. and P. Q.R.A. matches. Has been for many years and is now a member of the Executive Committee, the Range Committee and the Programme Committee of the D.R.A. Was one of the founders of the Military Rifle League, and an original vice president, and was elected to the Presidency at the annual meeting last August.

Staff Sergeant J. H. Simpson, as the winner of the blue ribbon of the D. R. A. Governor General's prize, last season, can claim to be the champion rifle shot of the Dominion. He now belongs to the 12th York Battalion, but went to

Bisley last year as a member of the Royal Grenadiers. Toronto. In 1878 at Wimbledon, he was as high as fifth for the Queen's prize and in 1881 won the Alexandria cup. He has only been a short time in Canada, but had a brilliant record as a shot in the Scottish Volunteers, having won the President's prize, the Henry vase and the Waterloo cup at the city of Edinburgh and Midlothian Rifle Association matches. Besides these his winnings consist of first prizes at nearly all the open meetings in England and Scotland. He has also represented Scotland on several different occasions in the international matches against England, Ireland and Wales. Last year at Bisley he won the Corporation of London cup, and led the Canadian contingent in the aggregate of cash winners.

LT.-COL. BACON

What competitor at the D. R. A. does not know the energetic secretary—the man on whose shoulders falls the direction and responsibility of the great amount of detail work necessarily connected with the business of such an association. It is at the annual matches that he comes especially to the front; and it is to his zeal, systematic plans, and personal oversight that much of the success of recent meetings is undoubtedly due. He was born and educated at Cambridge, Eng., and adopted civil engineering as a profession; was engaged on the South Eastern Railway during the heavy blasting operations at the Abbotscliffe and other tunnels of the railway, and was also employed at the Atmospheric Railway between Croydon and Epsom, when the Great Northern was commenced and appointed resident engineer on it. He was next a contractor's engineer under Messrs. Peto, Brassey & Betts, on various works, and in 1854 came to this country and was employed by the same firm on the Grand Trunk Railway until its completion. He joined the Victoria Rifles in 1861, and in 1862 was made adjutant and then captain of No 1 Company, serving twice during the Fenian raid of 1866, at Cornwall and St. Johns, Que. He was again on active service in 1879, and in 1867 was appointed a brigade major, 1st brigade division Military District No. 5. In 1878 a portion of the Montreal brigade went to Quebec, on duty in aid of the civil power, under command of Lt. Col. Fletcher D. A. G. Col. Fletcher being recalled to Montreal the command of the Montreal force devolved upon Col. Bacon, who, on the 15th June, in front of all the troops on duty, received an address of thanks from the Mayor and Corporation of Quebec to the Montreal force for their alacrity in answering to the request of Quebec for assistance. In 1881 Lt. Col. Bacon was transferred from Montreal to Ottawa, and performed the duties of brigade major there until December, 1883, when he was transferred to the store branch of the Militia Department. When in Montreal he, for a number of years, held the secretaryship of the P. Q. R. A. He is now chief clerk in the Adjutant General's office. In May, 1885, he was elected secretary of the

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, and has acted in that capacity ever since.

In 1889 he had command of the Canadian contingent to Wimbledon—a team of exceptional shooting merit, and which brought back the much coveted but seldom won Kolopore trophy. We feel confident that we voice the sentiments of all shooting men in hoping that the association may have for many years yet the services of its present energetic and capable secretary.

LT.-COL. JOHN MACPHERSON.

Lt. Col. Macpherson was born in Lancaster, Glengarry, Ont., on the 8th of January, 1830, and was for a time engaged in mercantile life in Montreal. He entered the militia service, however, at an early age, and, finding the duty congenial and more in keeping of his natural gifts, he devoted much of his time to the efficient discharge of it. His zeal was recognized in 1849, when he received a commission in the 3rd Battalion of Montreal Militia. In 1856 he carried out the scheme which he had long cherished, of organizing a Highland Company, of which he was appointed captain. Soon after he was appointed to the majority, and in 1861 was made brigade major to the Montreal active force. In 1862 his sphere of duty was enlarged so as to embrace the whole of Military District No. 11. In 1865 he became Lt. Colonel of Militia, and during the Fenian troubles of 1866 he served on the staff of Major General the Hon. (afterwards Sir) James Lindsay. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant General of Militia and given command of the military district of the Province. In 1869 he commanded Military District No. 3, in Ontario, and in the following year was appointed acting superintendent of military schools—a position which he retained until the new threat of Fenian raids when he resumed his place on the staff of General Lindsay as assistant Adjutant General. He in 1870, accompanied the staff of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur to the scenes of action on the Missisquoi and Huntington frontier. After the excitement had subsided, he returned to headquarters and for a time acted as Deputy of the Minister of Militia and as accountant to the department. In 1880 he was appointed to the present position of director of military stores and keeper of militia properties. It will be seen that Colonel Macpherson's career has for more than 40 years been one of uninterrupted activity in the services of his country. He has ably filled the position of treasurer of the D. R. A. since May, 1885.

LT.-COL. THE HON. J. M. GIBSON.

This officer, so well known in military and rifle shooting circles throughout the Dominion, was born in the county of Peel, Ont., on New Year's Day, 1842, and is the son of the late Wm. Gibson, who came to Canada from Glamis, Forfarshire, Scotland. During the Trent excitement in 1861, Mr. Gibson enlisted in the University Rifle Company of the Queen's Own Rifles and after graduating joined the 13th Battalion. Having attended a military school he obtained a commis-