

The following reports on the Field Artillery Competitions at Toronto and Quebec were received.

Tête de Pont Barracks,
Kingston, October 8th, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that in accordance with your instructions I superintended the Annual Gun practice of the Field Batteries of Ontario, held this year at the Woodbine Park, Toronto.

The competition was, as nearly as possible, under exactly the same conditions for each battery, and was considered a great improvement on the former system.

Major Taschereau, of "B" Battery acted as Range Officer, and performed that arduous duty most efficiently.

Sergt.-Major Lavie and a fatigue party from "B" Battery did all the necessary work in a most satisfactory manner.

I was able to arrange with the Woodbine Park Hotel for the men's meals at 20 cents each. They were given every satisfaction.

The Officers were messed separately at the same hotel, and were afforded every accommodation.

Lt.-Col. Alger, District Paymaster, and Military Storekeeper, provided the necessary targets, bannerols, tents, blankets, etc., in the most prompt manner, and had also the ammunition for all the batteries ready on my arrival.

The guns of the Toronto Field Battery were placed at the disposal of the competing squads by Major Gray, M.P.P. Capt. J. Mead and Lieut. Beattie, of that battery, gave their services in taking them to the range and back.

The weather was favorable, with the exception of one day's rain, which placed the London and Weiland Batteries at a slight disadvantage. This, however, might happen under the old system.

The range is a particularly good one. My measurement, taken both ways with the sextant, gave 1,320 yards.

The practice was good, and the rivalry keen.

The meeting of officers and men of different batteries, who had never seen each other, was a good feature.

810 rounds were fired from Major Gray's guns, and as they were necessarily out in the weather during the practice, I recommend that that officer should be allowed the cost of having them put in order.

I would also suggest that Sergt.-Major Lavie and men of the detachment of "B" Battery who so ably performed all the work of the camp, besides being on range duty for some seven or eight hours a day for six consecutive days, should be allowed working pay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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