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OUR thanks are due to the Dominion Artillery Association for the kindness of the members in unanimously adopting the CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE as the official organ of the association, at the annual meeting held in this city last week. The only other artillery association in the Dominion, that of Ontario, conferred a similar honour on the paper more than a year ago. Endorsation by these influential bodies cannot fail to be of immense benefit to the MILITIA GAZETTE, in influencing artillerymen generally in its behalf; and for our part we will continue to endeavour, as we have done in the past, to arouse and foster interest in the work of the artillery association, and thus reciprocate the benefit. Such a publication as this cannot achieve the object for which it was called into existence except with the hearty co-operation of the force whose welfare it was designed to promote, and in proportion as this co-operation is extended or withheld the influence of the paper must grow or wane.

LIEUT.-COL. OSWALD'S refusal to again accept the Presidency of the Dominion Artillery Association, will be learned of with general regret, more especially when the reasons prompting this withdrawal are considered. During his occupancy of the office he has worked indefatigably on its behalf, not only giving a generous portion of his time, but appropriating his private means with a lavish hand to meet very necessary expenses, of hospitality and otherwise, for which nothing could be spared out of the small funds of the association. While not begrudging either his time or his money, it seemed to Col. Oswald that the country should not permanently sponge upon his generosity for the improvement of its artillery service, and being unable to influence the Government to do anything more for the association, he has withdrawn in the hope that perchance his successor may be more successful. A happy choice was made in the election of Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, of Guelph, to succeed him. This officer has been one of the most indefatigable workers in the organization for many years, and his extensive experience and ability will enable him to fill the position acceptably to all concerned. It will be noticed that before consenting to election, Col. Macdonald distinctly declined to undertake the financial obligations which had been borne by Col. Oswald.

AN increase of five hundred dollars has been authorized in the prize list of the Dominion Rifle Association for the year, \$7,250 being

fixed as the maximum limit, this being the highest figure yet reached. A committee of five has been appointed to draft a programme, these five being Majors Anderson, Perley and Blaiklock, Capt. Hood and Lieut. Macnachtan. The date fixed for the opening of the meeting is Monday, the 3rd September.

LIEUT.-COL. CHAS. MACDONALD, the officer commanding the 66th Battalion, Halifax, has been appointed commandant, and Capt. Joshua Wright, 43rd Battalion, Ottawa and Carleton Rifles, adjutant of this year's Canadian team for Wimbledon. Col. Macdonald became a life member of the D. R. A. early this year; Capt. Wright has long been in name and reality an active member. Each is pre-eminently qualified for the duties of the office entrusted to him. The commandant is one of the most popular officers in his province; and his social attainments are a guarantee that he will "do the honours" at Wimbledon in such a manner as to do credit to himself and the association he will represent. Capt. Wright possesses all the qualifications necessary in an adjutant. He is not only a first-class shot, having time and again secured a place in our "Queen's sixty, but is an excellent "coach" as well. He is a man of great good nature and never failing patience—"a fine fellow"—all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance style him. Both these officers saw service in the North-West. Col. Macdonald with the sixty-sixth, and Capt. Wright going up with the sixty-fifth and subsequently assuming the duties of Quartermaster of the Alberta field force. He was specially mentioned by General Strange for the manner in which he discharged these duties. The team are to report at Quebec on the 20th June next.

OUR army medical department is the subject of special attention at "Linch-pin's" hands this week. The state of affairs to which he calls attention is not creditable. The worst feature of the thing is that the complaints are not by any means new, but have been repeated year after year until the medical officers must be tired of the reiteration. The medical branch of the service is excellently officered, but lack of equipment must seriously menace its efficiency. It is little consolation to a sick soldier to know that his regimental surgeon is an eminently wise practitioner, if he has reason to believe that neither medicines nor instruments are available to apply the remedy which the surgeon's experience tells him is proper.

NOTWITHSTANDING that the financial prospects are not of the brightest, the association have quite an extensive programme laid out for next summer, according to the report of the council. This recommends that a team of two officers and twenty men be sent to Shoeburyness, and also that two central competitions, for garrison and field artillery respectively, be held in Canada. A proviso as to funds is inserted with the recommendation, however, and the matter will be discussed at a special meeting of the Council.