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MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

"Unbridled, unhought, our swords we draw,
To guard the Monarch, fence the Law."

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WE have for the past three years endeavored to furnish the Volunteer Force of Canada with a paper worthy of their support, but we regret to say we have not met with that tangible encouragement which we confidently expected when we undertook the publication of a paper wholly devoted to their interests. We now appeal to their charity and ask each of our subscribers to procure another, or to a person sending us the names of four or five new subscribers and the money will be entitled to receive one copy for the year *free*. A little exertion on the part of our friends would materially assist us, besides extending the usefulness of the paper among the ranks. Keeping them thoroughly posted in all the changes and improvements in the art of war so essential for a military man to know. Our ambition is to improve the *Volunteer Review* in every respect, so as to make it second to none. Will our friends help us to do it? Premiums will be given to those getting up the largest lists. The *Review* being the only military paper published in Canada, it ought to be liberally supported by the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of each Battalion.

THE fourth annual prize meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association opened at the Indian Rifle Range, on Tuesday, the 5th Sept., under very favorable circumstances, the weather being remarkably propitious for shooting, being fair, clear and bracing. The attendance was larger than on former occasions. The targets, nine in number and two square ones, were in good order, and the grounds presented a picturesque, lively and animated appearance, a goodly number

of tents being arranged in military order over the ground in rear of the range. A temporary telegraph line connects those at the shooting point with the markers, so that no delay occurs in finding out the accurate number of points made by each competitor; the Montreal Telegraph Company have also an office on the grounds for the accommodation of those desirous of sending messages to their friends. Among the prominent gentlemen present we noticed the Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE, Premier; Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON, Colonel GZOWSKI, President of the Association; Col. ALAN GILMOUR, Vice-President; Colonel MACPHERSON, Treasurer; Col. STUART, Secretary; Col. W. POWELL, A.G.; Lt.-Col. PANET, D.M.M.; JACKSON, D.A.G.; BRUNEL, ROSS, EGLESON, KIRKPATRICK (who had charge of the Wimbledon team this year) BACON of Montreal, BERR of New Brunswick, Major D. T. FRASER, Montreal G.A.; Major WHITE, G.F.G.; Capt. DORCHESTER, Prince Edward's Island. All branches of the service were well represented. The bright scarlet uniform of the Governor General's Foot Guards, the showy dress of the artillery, the dark blue patrol jacket of the infantry officer, and the homely dark green of the hill man, together with the martial strains of the Guards' Band combined to make up a scene very pleasing to both eye and ear.

The following corps, battalions and batteries were represented:—Montreal Garrison Artillery; Ottawa Battery Garrison, Cobourg Garrison Artillery, Prince Edward's Island Garrison Artillery (line strapping fellows who excited the admiration of the whole camp); 2nd Corps Engineers of Toronto, and the 8th New Brunswick; the 1st and 2nd Battalions, Queen's County, N.B.; Ottawa Governor General's Foot Guards; 1st Prince of Wales and 3rd Victoria Rifles of Montreal; 10th R.Y.L. Toronto; 13th Battalion Hamilton; 18th Battalion Hawkesbury; 3rd Battalion, Ottawa; 42nd Battalion, Brockville; 43rd Battalion Carleton; 5th Battalion, Huntingdon; 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke; 54th Battalion, Riverton; 60th Battalion, Mississauga; 49th Battalion, Hastings; 62nd, 71st and 74th Battalions New Brunswick; Wakefield Infantry Company and the Ottawa Rifle Club—in all over 120 competitors. In the evening, contrary to all expectation, a storm from Nova Scotia hid their appearance, so that all the Provinces were represented with the exception of Manitoba and British Columbia.

Just at 10 o'clock the gun fired as the signal to commence firing in the first stage of the A.C. Comers' Match open to members of the Association. There were 118 entries, the ranges being 200 and 500 yards. A stiff easterly wind blowing across the range, which continued during the entire day. We have not room in the present number to give the scores in the several matches but will do so in our next.

At 1 o'clock Colonel GZOWSKI entertained about one hundred guests at lunch in the

Association's marquee, which was beautifully decorated with flags, banners and flowers for the occasion. He had on his right the Hon. ALEX. MACKENZIE, and on his left the Hon. L. S. HUNTINGTON. After full justice had been done to the rich and bountiful repast, the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen, which was drunk with the usual enthusiasm. The next toast was that of the Governor General, whose absence the Chairman regretted. He eulogized the administrative talent of His Excellency, whose acts were distinguished by great ability and whose every word was always in the right place, and he was sure if his Excellency were in Ottawa today he would have honored them with his presence. (Applause.)

The next toast on the list was that of "Her Majesty's Ministers," coupled with the names of the Hon. ALEX. MACKENZIE and the Hon. L. S. HUNTINGTON. In proposing the toast the Chairman said he had no politics and belonged to no party, although he had perhaps as much vanity as any man of his age. Canada was his politics, and he would do what he could for his adopted country. He thanked the Government for the many kind favors shown the National Rifle Association. By the yearly assistance granted by Parliament enabled the Association to send a team of Canadian Riflemen to Wimbledon each year to compete with the riflemen of the world, and had at the same time brought Canada prominently before the people of the Mother Country. He hoped the Association would always prove a source of benefit to the nation, and that the efforts to develop the rifle would be appreciated by those who govern us.

The Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE on rising to respond was greeted with cheers. He said it was customary on public occasions such as the present to propose the health of the Government which for the time being administered the affairs of the country, a course of proceeding which was adopted as a matter of mere courtesy, and did not interfere at all with party politics. He was happy to be present on such an occasion, and glad to see the worthy President Colonel GZOWSKI who was possessed of such powers of persuasion as to be able to compel the Government to do almost anything he pleased. Since that gentlemen had commenced to preside over the affairs of the Dominion Rifle Association, he had exerted his great abilities towards raising the standard of the Rifle Volunteers of Canada, and he congratulated him on being so eminently successful in all his undertakings even so far as in abstracting money from the public purse. (Laughter.) If the country were richer than it actually was he would feel great pleasure in still further sustaining and encouraging an enterprise of so important and patriotic character as the Dominion Rifle Association. (Applause.) He congratulated the Association in being so far successful in the undertaking in which it had embarked, and in the promotion of such a