

"successful to obtain 2nd class certificates, will act as an inducement to a number of those gentlemen who have hitherto been unable to attend the short course of instruction, and that they will now endeavour to better qualify themselves for the duties of the positions they occupy, by acquiring a sufficient knowledge of artillery drills and exercises.

"I am still of opinion that it would be advisable to limit the tenure of such Officers' appointments to a certain date, say 10th December, 1879, before which time they should be required to pass the examination for 2nd class short course certificates at the School of Gunnery.

"The annual rifle practice, 40 rounds per man, was carried on as usual, with very good results.

"Owing to the services of the battery being required at Montreal from the 9th July until the 16th July, during which period they were encamped at that city, it was not considered necessary to have the usual summer camp on the lake shore.

"During the summer months the Officers and men of 'A' Battery went through a course of instruction in the formation of rafts and raft and spar bridging.

"I am very glad to be able to report that the general conduct of the men of 'A' Battery during the past year has been extremely good, and that I have every reason to be satisfied with the ability and zeal of the Officers and non-commissioned officers of this instructional staff. The results of the competition for the prize essay, field-gun practice, and shifting heavy ordnance, instituted by the Dominion Artillery Association, and duly reported in their proceedings, will, I have no doubt, afford sufficient evidence as to the character and results of the instruction carried out at this Institution.

"D. T. IRWIN, Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commandant, School of Gunnery,

Kingston, Ontario.

"To the Commandant, School of Gunnery,
Quebec."

EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON "B" BATTERY, SCHOOL OF GUNNERY AND BRANCH "SCHOOL, MONTREAL.

"Citadel, Quebec, December, 1868.

"SIR,—During the year ending 15th December, 1878, 27 Officers and 111 non-commissioned officers and men joined for instruction. Of this number the Officers were as follows:—

<i>" Artillery.</i>	
" Short course	15
" Long course	4

<i>" Cavalry.</i>	
" Short course	1
" Long course	1

<i>Infantry.</i>	
" Short course	3
" Long course	1

<i>" Engineer.</i>	
" Short course	1
" By examination, in accordance with G. O. (12) " 10th May, 1872	1

"Of the above, 66 were non-commissioned officers, gunners, and drivers from various Artillery Militia corps in Quebec and the maritime Provinces. In addition, 26 non-commissioned officers and men engaged in 'B' Battery. In the Branch