

it is desirable to allow non-commissioned officers and men retired from the militia force of Canada under like restrictions to take part in all the matches of the Dominion.

After some discussion the motion was referred to the council.

A letter was read from the New Brunswick association recommending the use of the Martini-Henry in future competitions.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Council was held in the afternoon after lunch. Lieut.-Col. Henshaw was elected Chairman, Lieut.-Col. Bacon, Secretary, and Lieut.-Col. Macpherson Treasurer. On motion of Major Hughes it was decided that each member of this year's Bisley team must furnish, three weeks before the departure of the team for England, a medical certificate that he is in good health.

The secretary, Lieut.-Col. Bacon, was instructed to write to the first twenty men in the list of men eligible for the Bisley team this year, asking them to state if they intend going to England on the team.

Major Hughes moved, seconded by Major Blaiklock, that at the annual rifle matches on the Rideau ranges next September the Martini-Henry be the only rifle used.

Lieut.-Col. White, Deputy Post-master-General, pointed out that there were many battalions outside of the cities which are equipped only with Sniders. The object of the association was not to encourage individual excellence of marksmanship with the rifle at the expense of the efficiency of the county battalions. The abolition of the use of Sniders at the annual matches would mean the great discouragement of the rural battalions.

Major Blaiklock said that the Minister of Militia had declared that he hoped the council would do everything in its power to aid in the direction of his carrying into effect his desire that the whole militia force should be armed with the Martini-Henry.

Major Delamere said that he was in constant receipt of letters from men in battalions all over the country stating that their rack rifles were worn out, and that they would not buy Sniders. If the Martini were not made the rifle for the annual matches they would not enter at all.

Major Hughes said that there was hardly a man who shot at the last matches on the Rideau ranges who had not a Martini-Henry rifle, either his own or one of Government issue.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson said that the proposed abolition of the Snider rifle at the annual matches would be of course an experiment. He did not think that it would materially affect the attendance. There was some risk involved, but the change might have the result of increasing the attendance. In view of the almost angry remonstrance against the Snider made unanimously by last year's competitors' meeting, the largest competitors' meeting ever held in the history of the association, the council should adopt the resolution. He had talked the whole matter over at great length with Major-General Herbert, who had taken pains to make it clear that he was not at all opposed to the exclusion of the Snider rifle from the association's annual matches. If the association desired to have only the Martini-Henry used at its matches the Major-General had no objection to that. All he objected to was to the agitation for the arming of the whole militia force with the Martini-Henry. The resolution was adopted.

A sub-committee consisting of Lieut.-Col. Tilton, Majors Perley and Blaiklock was appointed to report upon a site for a new range near Ottawa, as the lease of the Rideau ranges expires in three years. A sub-committee, consisting of Lieut.-Cols. White, Bacon and Anderson and Majors Delamere and Blaiklock was appointed to revise and arrange the programme of the next annual matches.

The following Executive committee was appointed:—Col. Panet, Lieut.-Col. White, Lieut.-Col. Tilton, Lieut.-Col. Otter, Lieut.-Col. D. A. MacDonald, Major Mason, Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Lieut.-Col. Massey, Lieut.-Col. Hood, Major Blaiklock, Major Hughes, Major Sims, Major Delamere, and Major Perley.

This concluded the business before the Council, and a meeting of the above-named Executive Committee was then held. Lieut.-Col. White was re-elected chairman. There was a general discussion, in the course of which Lieut.-Col. D. A. MacDonald suggested that the revolver matches should be reorganized on a better basis than heretofore at

the annual matches of the association. The highest prize for revolver shooting was four dollars, which was certainly a small reward for presumably the best revolver shot in the Dominion.

The matter was allowed to stand over.

The following gentlemen were appointed as a Programme Committee to make all arrangements for the next annual matches:—Lieut.-Col. Gibson, M.P.P., Major Delamere, Major Blaiklock, Lieut.-Col. Anderson, and Major Perley.

At the close of the Members meeting, the Minister of Militia gave a luncheon to the Council and Executive at the Rideau Club. Among those present were Major-General Herbert, Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Hon. Senator Macdonald, Hon. Dr. McInnes, Lieut.-Cols. Panet, Ross, Henshaw, Massey, Denison, White, Macdonald, Prior, Toller, Tilton, Starke, Irwin, Macpherson, Burland, Wicksteed; Majors Perley, Delamere, Blaiklock, Ibbotson, Hughes, Hodgins, Walsh; Capt. Hazen, Streatfield, Waldo, Sutherland, Gray, Rogers, and Marler.

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During the meeting there was exhibited a wind gauge attachment to the ordinary rifle sight which found favor in the eyes of every marksman who saw it. It is the invention of Senator MacInnes who, last summer after wrestling with the homely devices generally used, set his ingenuity to work to devise something more reliable; as a result the Senator invented a sliding "V" sight, worked along a graded bar by means of a tangent screw. The new attachment, which can be readily affixed to any rifle, combines simplicity with absolute accuracy of adjustment.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

General Orders 12 to 15 appear in the *Canada Gazette* of 25th February, also the "Returns of Comparative Efficiency" for the Cavalry of Military Districts 1 to 10 and for the Infantry of Districts 5 to 11.

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G.O. 12 reads as follows:—

MILITIA TRAINING, 1893-94.

With reference to G.O. (10), 3rd February, 1893, the Battalions of Military District No. 5, detailed for training at Laprairie, should have been the 11th, 50th, 51st and 85th, and not as therein stated.

The 86th Battalion is relieved from training.

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G.O. 13 relates to travelling allowances to staff-officers.

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G.O. 14 is devoted to promotions and appointments in the Active force. There are twelve new appointments against ten offices gazetted out for various reasons, thus showing a gain of two to the service.

Ten R.S.I. Certificates are granted, five of which are to members of our French speaking battalions.

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G.O. 15 authorizes the formation of Drill companies in connection with Port Elgin High School and the Seminary of Chicoutimi.

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The Comparative Efficiency Returns will be read with especial interest.

In the Cavalry, the maximum number of marks obtainable is divided as follows:—

Clothing and accoutrements, 10; arms and armouries, 20; horses, 20; squadron drill mounted, 20; sword exercise, 10; interior economy, records, etc., 10; ½ p.c. score, ball practice, 50; answers to questions, officers, 24; making a total possible of 164.

Of this possible figure (164), the regimental average obtained were as follows:—

Governor-General's Body Guard, Lieut.-Col. Denison	54½
Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Capt. Gourdeau	98
1st Hussars, Lieut.-Col. Gartshore	71½
2nd Dragoons, Lieut.-Col. Gregory	72½