

eral shows that he is well aware of the defects of the present system, and his suggestions are of a nature eminently practical, and are the same entertained by the Hon. Minister of Militia in framing the now Bill to which we refer in another column. The proper enforcement of discipline in the ranks of the Volunteers, which is one of the weakest points in the system, is referred to, and that part of Col. Wolseley's Report on Thorold Camp which remarks upon the carelessness of Volunteers in keeping their arms clean, is quoted. To ensure greater care in this respect it is recommended that:—"The Captains of the different Companies must be the immediate agents through whom the object must be attained; and every Captain should be made responsible, both in property and military position, for the due care and preservation of the arms, as well as the stores, which may have been issued to his Company." But it is also recommended in connection with this:—"That a yearly contingent allowance as in the regular service, be paid to each Captain of a Company to cover losses." Penalties are proposed to be imposed upon Volunteers and Militiamen who may lose or damage the articles committed to their keeping. The weakness of Volunteer Companies is accounted for by "the absence of a properly paid Battalion Staff."

The various Fenian alarms are referred to, and the means adopted on each occasion to meet possible raids are recounted; and a just tribute paid to the various officers employed. To that important arm of the Volunteer Force, the Artillery, so strangely neglected, special instruction is recommended, "and that at least two eighteen pounder guns should be supplied to each Garrison Artillery Corps." We also learn that the average attendance at the Military Schools has been the same since their establishment. The total number of certificates taken during the year 1867 was First Class, 136; Second Class, 807; total, 943; and the total number of Military School Cadets in Canada we find to be; First Class, 973; Second Class, 2,628 Total, 3,601. The Schools of Gunner and Cavalry are also referred to and their great usefulness pointed out. Under the heading of Rifle Matches we find that the Province of Quebec gave a total number of competitors during the year of 2,080; and prizes to the value of \$2,055 00. Of this the Adjutant General remarks that:—"The 2nd Brigade Division, Lieut.-Colonel Fletcher's, far surpassed all others in its efforts to promote good rifle shooting, giving 1,255 competitors, and prizes to the value of \$946, nearly one half of the whole numbers and amount reported by the Province of Quebec. Ontario we find gave of competitors 2,375, and prizes to the value of \$3,366 25. In this Province the 1st Brigade Division, Lt.-Col. Jackson's, takes the lead, "having furnished no less than 1,257 competitors and distributed \$1,723 25 in prizes, or somewhat more than one-half of the whole as above reported." After the Snider had been sup-

plied to the Volunteers a marked improvement took place in the general average of the shooting. The establishment of a Dominion Rifle Association, which is now an accomplished fact, is also recommended. The report on Target practice we find not to be so satisfactory as that of Rifle matches; to account for this various reasons are given, among which are the Fenian raid of 1866, and the change from the use of muzzle to breach loading rifles. Want of space compels us to defer any further remarks upon this very able and interesting report until next week.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Delegates from the various parts of the Dominion appointed to assist in the formation of this Association met in Ottawa on the 1st inst. Colonel Macdougall, A.G., opened the meeting by some appropriate remarks upon the use and necessity of such an undertaking as was about to be submitted. Lt.-Col., the Hon. A. E. Botsford, having been unanimously elected to the Chair, Captain Stewart of the Militia Department was chosen Secretary. A Committee consisting of

Lieut.-Colonel Hon. J. H. Gray, N. B.

Captain Thompson, N. S.

Lieut.-Colonel Osborne Smith, } For

" " Blanchet, M. P., } Province of

" " Masson, M. P., } Quebec.

" " Jackson, } For

" " Patton, 14th Batt. } Province

" " Dennis, } of

" " Moffatt, } Ontario.

" " Galloway, Brigade Major, } G. T. R. Brigade.

" " Hon. B. Weir, to represent the } Naval Brigade of N. S.,

was then appointed to draw up the minutes of the constitution which were finally adopted as follows:

RULES.

1st.—That this Association be denominated "THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION."

2nd.—Any person being a subscriber of \$2.00 per annum shall become a member of the Association.

3rd.—Donors of Forty Dollars at any one time to the funds of the Association, or of a Prize of not less value to be competed for at the Annual Prize meeting, shall be entitled to be enrolled as Life members of the Association.

4th.—Any Rifle Association of the Dominion subscribing not less than Forty Dollars annually to the funds of the Dominion Rifle Association, shall be considered as being in connection with it, and shall be entitled to a number of memberships in the proportion of one to every dollar thus subscribed. Each subscribing Association is to elect from its members the persons to hold such memberships, and return their names and addresses when elected, to the Secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association, to be registered by him one month previous to the match.

5th.—There shall be a Patron and Vice-Patrons named by the Council. The Governor General of the Dominion of Canada for the time being shall be respectfully requested to become "Patron."

6th.—There shall be a President.

7th.—There shall be Vice-Presidents.

8th.—There shall be a Council of Forty-two members, who shall be elected in the following proportions: Sixteen from Ontario, Twelve from Quebec, Seven from New Brunswick, Seven from Nova Scotia, of whom four shall form a quorum, and who shall be elected, primarily, by the Delegates now assembled at Ottawa, and hereafter at the Annual meeting, and the General meetings of the Council shall be held at the Capital of the Dominion.

9th.—The Council shall choose from the members elected the President of the Association.

10th.—There shall be a Vice-President for each Province, selected from among the members of the Association, and who shall be elected by the Council.

11th.—The Presidents of the various Provincial Associations in connection with this Association, and the militia Staff Officers in charge of the several militia Districts of the Dominion, being members thereof, shall be ex-officio Vice-Presidents, and all Vice-Presidents shall be members of the Council.

12th.—There shall be a Treasurer and there shall be a paid Secretary at Ottawa, both to be appointed

ed by the Council, and holding office during pleasure.

13th.—The Council shall have the sole management of the income and funds of the Association, rendering an account to the yearly meeting, such account having been previously audited by a person or persons not members of the Council, who shall be annually named by the Council for that purpose. The Council shall also have the entire management and superintendence of all the other affairs and concerns of the Association; and shall or may do all such acts and deeds as shall appear to them necessary or essential to be done, for the purpose of carrying into effect the object and views of the Association.

14th.—The Council shall be regulated in their proceedings by such By-laws as may from time to time be enacted by them; no By-law being in any case altered, or now one proposed, without at least one month's notice of such intention being given to each member of Council.

15th.—The Annual Prize meeting shall be held alternately in the several Provinces of the Dominion, at such times and places as may be determined on by the Council.

16th.—The prizes shall be computed for in accordance with such regulations as may be passed by the Council from time to time.

17th.—An Annual Report, embracing the audited account of the finances shall be drawn up by the Secretary, and shall, having been previously submitted to the Council, be published as soon after the Prize meeting as may be found practicable.

18th.—There shall be an Annual meeting to be held at such time as shall be selected by the Council.

Signed, A. E. BOTSFORD,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Chairman,

The following officers and gentlemen were present, as delegates, from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and these were joined by upwards of thirty members of the Senate and House of Commons holding Commissions in the Militia and Volunteers of the several Provinces:

From Lieut.-Col. Taylor's District—Lieut. Col. Moffat, Lieut. Col. Lewis, Dr. Howitt, Capt. McCloneghan, Capt. Walker, Major Clark.

From Lieut.-Col. Jarvis' District—Lieut. Col. Shaw, Lieut.-Col. Paton, Lieut.-Col. Corbett, Major Langmuir, Capt. Dumble.

From Lieut.-Col. Cassault's District—Lt. Col. Panet, Lieut.-Col. Stevenson.

From Lieut.-Col. McPherson's District—Lieut. R. Mason, Major McDonald, Major Shields.

From Lieut.-Col. Atchordley's District—Lieut.-Col. Jackson, Mr. Clarke, M. P.

From Lieut.-Col. Durie's District—Lieut.-Col. Brunell, Lieut.-Col. Gillmor, Lieut.-Col. Villiers, Major Scoble, Lieut. A. L. Russell, Major Thompson, Messrs. McGill and Tisdale.

From Lieut.-Col. Osborne Smith's District—Lieut.-Col. Boucher, L. Pope, M. P., Mr. Morland, Lieut.-Col. Brydges, G. T. R., Lt. Col. Galloway, G. T. R., and Lieut.-Col. Wiley, C. S. R.

From New Brunswick—Lieut.-Col. McDonald, Lieut.-Col. Beer.

From Nova Scotia—Capt. Thompson, Capt. Gray.

On Thursday the Delegates met again at 10. a.m. when the above rules were discussed clause by clause and confirmed as the constitution of the Association.

Before the meeting adjourned it was resolved to hold a public meeting in aid of the organization, at which all persons interested in the improvement of rifle shooting, particularly the members of the Legislature, will be requested to attend. It was also resolved to solicit Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C. B., Hon. Mr. Cartier, Minister of Militia, Hon. T. D'Arcy McGee, Lieut.-Col. Blanchet, Hon. Lt. Col. Gray, Lt. Col. Campbell, Lt. Col. Masson, and Hon. Lt. Col. Dunkin, to address the meeting, over which His Excellency the Governor General will be solicited to preside.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to complete the arrangements