

Report of the Executive Committee.

... FOR 1896-97 ...

1. The adoption of the Rule that the Association year should correspond with the Financial year, whilst most necessary in order to insure that the returns of the competitions of all affiliated units shall be included in the Annual Report of the Association, has, as might be expected at first, caused some delay in the publication of the latter. This delay has been further prolonged owing to the numerous changes which have taken place on the Artillery Staff, and the consequent difficulty in obtaining returns of the various competitions which have taken place during the period from 30th June, 1896, until 30th June, 1897.

2. The following report briefly outlines the work which has been accomplished, the full details of which will be found in the accompanying Annual Report of the Association.

3. **Field Artillery.** The annual training of all the Field Batteries, with the exception of Newcastle, Winnipeg and Shefford, was carried out during June, 1897. The Ranging and Fire Discipline practice of Newcastle and Winnipeg Batteries was carried out at local headquarters during the autumn of 1896, and all the remaining Batteries sent detachments to join in the Artillery practice competitions at Laprairie camp, which were held during the month of September, 1896. Owing to an unfortunate misapprehension of the rules for scoring the points obtained in the fuze-boring and gun-laying competitions on the part of some of the Inspecting Officers, and the subsequent impossibility of re-adjusting the credits, it has been found necessary to eliminate the latter from the general efficiency competition for the year. The 4th Hamilton Battery, Lt.-Colonel Van Wagner, has obtained the much coveted distinction of winning the Governor-General's Prize for this year.

4. **Drill and Driving Competition.** It is to be regretted that only five out of seventeen Batteries entered for this competition, and that one of these five (Woodstock) did not affiliate with the Association for the year. It has been sometimes urged that, in consequence of the great amount of work which has to be got through during the very limited stay in camp,

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