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NOTE AND COMMENT.

THE Council of the National Rifle Association have come out of the contest for the vacancy in their number with flying colours. Out of 1436 votes polled (exclusive of 101 irregular ballots registered), 926 were for the Earl of Lathom and 510 for Quartermaster Gratwicke, and the former has accordingly been declared elected.

PROSPECTIVE members of the Bisley team will be particularly interested in the announcement that the Court of Common Council have again voted the sum of 150 guineas to the prize fund of the National Rifle Association, to be devoted to the Corporation of the City of London Prizes, to Indian and Colonial Volunteers. The first prizes is, as heretofore, to consist of a silver cup valued at 30 guineas.

WITH reference to the discrepancy in the returns of the General Efficiency Competition for Field Batteries, alluded to in the report of the Ontario Artillery Association meeting published last week, we are informed that the error, which is merely clerical, is in the detailed figures and not in the total, so that the winner is really A Battery 1st B.F. A., as already published. The possibility of the mistake being in the addition rather than in the details aroused greater interest from the fact that upon the result depended whether or not the Oliver Mowat Cup, offered by the Ontario Association, became the permanent property of A Battery, this being their second win.

As will be seen from the official notice published elsewhere in this issue, the Council of the Dominion Artillery Association have decided against the proposition to send a team to Shoeburyness this year. Perhaps the strongest reason influencing the decision was the fact that were a team to be sent the annual meeting at Orleans would have to be omitted, and the garrison artillery as a whole have become too much interested in this event to be deprived of it.

OUR paragraph of last week relative to the annual camps has been misquoted as an expression of opinion that they would not be held in the spring as usual, and in consequence we have received several inquiries as to the authority for the statement. As a reference will show, we merely pointed out the possibility of a postponement, on account of the necessary appropriations not being passed in time, and further declared that if it were considered imprudent to call the camps at the usual time, no doubt ways and means could be devised. As the corps called out for camp are recruited very largely from the farming population, the time has to be fixed so as best to suit the farmer's convenience, and between seeding and harvest he has more leisure than earlier or later in the season. The Militia Department has not yet definitely decided upon the arrangements, but action will be governed by a desire to secure the greatest good for the greatest number concerned.

THE programme and conditions of the League shoots for 1891 have now been determined, and may be found particularized in the supplement issued with this number. The official programme will be published immediately. There is no material difference from the probable conditions already published, but the points in abeyance have now been definitely decided. The strength of the teams is to be the same as before. One sighting shot at each range is to be allowed. Entries, which close on the 10th May, should be sent in as early as possible, so that the Secretary may be enabled to make proper preparations. The first entry has already been received; it is from the Battleford Rifle Association. Four other civilian associations, those of Sackville, N.B., Hemmingford, Q., Cornwall, Ont., and London, Ont., have signified their intention to enter. To sustain the interest during the month of June, during which there will be no regular League shoots, so that the camps may not interfere, it has been decided to have on the 13th an inter-city match