

Early in the season the City Council decided that an effort should be made to prevent the annual destruction of property by the flooding of the river. A scheme, which includes the building of a dyke along the river front from above the Nuns' Island to Hochelaga, was accepted, and the contract given out. The line of the dyke would cut right across the ranges and through one of the butts, which, as they were short already, barely 600 yards, made them absolutely useless.

Through the kindness of Lieut. Col. Kennedy, arrangements were made with the City Surveyor that work should not be commenced on the ranges until after the 11th of August, so we were enabled to proceed with our matches as usual. Owing to the dilapidated state of the Butts, it was necessary to place danger boats on the river in rear.

We are now absolutely without a range. During the summer the D.A.G., who is also chairman of our council, requested a number of officers from the city corps to act as a committee of search, with the view of ascertaining what properties there were in the vicinity of Montreal which would be suitable for the purpose. This committee have made a report, which we believe has been forwarded to the Minister of Militia, and an answer is expected every day, which will decide the situation of Montreal's future Rifle Range, which we earnestly hope will be a permanent one.

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

A committee consisting of Major Bond, Captains Campbell, Sims and Strathy, Lieut. D. Stevenson and Lieut.-Col. Massey were appointed to carry out the public distribution of prizes.

The Honorable Sir Adolphe P. Caron, K.C.M.G., President of the Association, kindly consented to preside, and presented the prizes, assisted by the Hon. Sir Donald A. Smith, K.C.M.G., Admiral Vignes, Consul-General Dubail, Lt.-Col. Van Straubenzie, D.A.G., Vice-Consul Schwob, Lt.-Col. Caverhill, H. Beaugrand, Esq., J. J. Curran, Esq., M.P., and other prominent citizens.

The presentation took place in the hall of the Victoria Rifles new armory, and went off very satisfactorily, reflecting great credit on the committee having the arrangements in charge.