

it understood that the \$2000 given by Government had to be supplemented by the Association, which required subscriptions for the purpose, it was thought by many who were asked for subscriptions that the government was providing all the necessary funds, and that if they were not so doing the object was well worthy of such attention.

I am happy to say that on all hands I was assured in Canada of the interest taken in the success of the team and I believe that a grant of a sufficient amount to enable us to repeat the expedition would receive general approval.

There can be no doubt that the sending of these teams to England, apart from the military advantages to be derived from it, is calculated to draw closer the mutual interest of this and the mother country. More especially is it so, where the object to be accomplished is not to the personal benefit of any one of the team nor to be achieved by individual exertion, but when it must be done by their working together with strength, skill and discipline.

Whatever the team might have done in winning prizes, it would have failed in its object had it not been a success in other ways, and I am happy to be able to feel that no words of mine can add to the credit given the Canadian team of 1883 by the officer commanding at Shoeburyness and the officer commanding the camp, for their soldierly bearing, good appearance on the field and exemplary conduct, and that all this seemed to be known and appreciated by many who were not there, showing the general interest that was taken in them.

I am at a loss sufficiently to express the obligation I feel under to the Commandant and Officers of the Royal Artillery at Shoeburyness, the President of Council and the Officers of the Staff of the Association generally, for the interest they evinced in us, and the care which was taken to welcome and entertain us, to General Sir M. MacMurdo, Lt.-Col. Ray, 3rd M. A V., Capt. Rutley, Capt. Engelbach and many others I wish to express my thanks for their personal attentions both to me and the team, and I am sure the cordiality of the welcome and hospitality extended to us will ever remain bright in our recollections.

To the Hon. the Minister of Militia we are greatly indebted, not only for the grant which he obtained for us from the Government but for the great personal interest which he evinced in all matters connected with the team, without which it must certainly have fallen short of the success which it achieved.

Much to the gratification of the team Sir Charles Tupper visited the camp and inspected us and was good enough to address to us a few words of encouragement. I desire here to express my thanks for his many kind attentions.

I have also to thank Major Short, C. A., for the care which he as adjutant, exercised in supervising the drill and discipline of the team. His services were in every way indispensable.

With regard to the further selection of teams, I suggest that the selection be made longer before the date of sailing than this year, and under such conditions, that it will be possible for an officer of the Association to see the men selected before they leave their home and decide whether they are fit, or to give them time to attend one of the Schools of Gunnery

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