

gun drill they possess has to be taught with guns which are as the poles asunder, compared with those they would have to use if their training to be an effective factor in the defence of the Empire is to be anything more than a fiction and a name.

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Lord Stradbroke and the Council of the National Artillery Association, with the Secretary, Major Vane Stow, and above all, perhaps, the Camp Staff, may well be proud of the result of their exertions this year; for, according to all the accounts which we have seen—and, in particular, according to the very full reports with which we have been furnished by our correspondent—the meeting of 1896 must have been one of the most successful, if not the most successful, of the thirty-two meetings which have now been held. There was apparently no hitch of any kind, and, as will be seen, the Camp Commandant—an experienced Colonel of the Royal Artillery—said that there was a high state of discipline, and that the work was carried out with earnestness.

The presence of the soldier-like team of the Royal Canadian Artillery this year was very welcome indeed. They are described as an exceptionally fine body of men, and as having made themselves the best of comrades at Shoeburyness. We have had Canadians at the N. A. A. meeting before