

also conduct the correspondence of the association and furnish provincial associations such information from the records of the Dominion association as may be required for the distribution of provincial prizes.

2. There may be an assistant secretary, appointed by the council, whose duties shall be defined from time to time by the council.

3. An annual report from the secretary is to be submitted to the council before publication.

4. Due notice of all council meetings shall be sent by the secretary to all members of the council.

VIII. COUNCIL.—1. The president, or secretary-treasurer, the inspector and the two assistant inspectors of artillery, and as many other members as may be necessary to complete the number of 11 members shall constitute the council, and shall have the entire direction and management of the affairs of the association.

2. The council shall meet on the day previous to and immediately after the annual general meeting; also during the annual competitive gun practices.

3. Extraordinary meetings of council shall be summoned by the secretary when required by the chairman thereof, at such place as he may direct, either at his own discretion or upon the request in writing of two members of council entitled to vote at such meeting; notification being sent to each member of the council at least 14 days previous to such meeting, and the requisition for the meeting and the notices to the members must state the object or objects of such meetings. Members of the council shall be permitted to send a written vote to the secretary upon subjects to be discussed at such meetings.

4. At any meeting of council five members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

5. The council shall have power to appoint committees from amongst themselves and the members, or from amongst themselves, for special or technical purposes, not exceeding five members, and such committees shall, as soon as their business is concluded, report to the council; the duties of these committees shall cease with the presentation of each report.

6. The council shall present to the annual general meeting a report on the state of the association, in which shall be given an abstract of all the proceedings during the year ending 15th January, before such meeting.

7. The council shall have the power of establishing such competitions as they may deem advisable.

8. In the event of any office becoming vacant before the annual general meeting, by death or otherwise, the council shall have power to fill the vacancy.

IX. AUDITORS.—Two auditors, to be elected at the annual general meeting, and not being members of council, shall audit the accounts of the association for the year ending 15th January next after appointment, and they shall present their report to the Council at least one week before the annual general meeting.

X. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—The annual general meeting shall be held at Ottawa on the third Thursday after the meeting of the Dominion Parliament, for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the council and auditors, the electing of officers, auditors and members of council, and the transacting of all business.

XI. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.—The secretary shall convene a special general meeting on the written requisition of at least 20 members or associates, or both, to be held within 14 days from the date of the receipt by the secretary of such requisition. Such requisition shall state the particular object of and business to be transacted at such meeting, notice of which shall be given by advertisement in the CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE. At a special general meeting no business other than that for which it was convened shall be transacted.

XII. ALTERING THE RULES.—A motion to alter any rule may be made at the annual general meeting, provided that sufficient notice of the intention to do so shall be given by the publication in the CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE of the proposed alteration for at least two issues of that paper.

XIII. PRIVILEGES.—Every ordinary member has the right of attending and voting at the annual general meeting and all other general meetings of the association, of being eligible to any of its offices, and of receiving gratuitously its annual report.

2. Every corporate member receives gratuitously a copy of the annual report, and may nominate two representatives to attend at, and vote at the annual general meeting of the association. Field and garrison batteries as enumerated in Section IV., sub-section 4, shall further enjoy the privilege or participating in such prize list as may be issued by the council.

3. Every associate has the right of attending and voting at the annual general meeting.

4. Artillery officers are not eligible to become associates.

XIV. SUBSCRIPTIONS.—The annual subscription of each member or associate is payable in advance on the 15th April in each year.

2. The annual subscription of batteries not in provincial associations is payable in advance on the 1st June.

3. The annual subscription of provincial associations is payable in advance on the 15th June.

4. When a member joins the association on or after the 1st October, having paid his first subscription, he will not be charged a second subscription on the following 15th April, but it will become due and payable on the 15th April of the second year.

5. Any person becoming a member of the Association shall continue to be a member, and be liable for his subscription until the 15th April next succeeding the time when he shall give notice in writing to the secretary of his intention to withdraw from the Association, or until his subscription shall be in arrear for one whole year, in which case his name may be struck off the register of members; but any member whose name shall be so struck off shall be liable for all subscriptions in arrear at the time.

XV. REPORTS.—All competitions to be closed by the 31st December of each year, and all returns thereof must be sent to the secretary by the 15th January following.

XVI. PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS.—For the purposes of these rules a provincial association must consist of at least four batteries of artillery.

XVII. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—At all meetings of the association, the following order of business shall be observed as closely as circumstances will admit:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read and confirmed and signed by the chairman, and no entry shall be considered valid until this is done.

2. Business arising out of the minutes.

3. Communications received since last meeting.

4. Reports from council, auditors, etc.

5. New business.

Proposed by Lieut.-Colonel Macdonald:—

That the word "others" in line 2, rule 4, be struck out and the following substituted: "officers on the active or retired list."

Proposed by Captain Donaldson:—

1. That the following be substituted for rules 20, 21, 22 and 23:—Whenever an artillery association is formed for any of the provinces of the Dominion, the secretary of this association shall be required to furnish such information from the records in his charge as may be required for the issue of provincial prizes.

2. That the necessary alteration be made in rule 6 (last sentence) and rule 24 to prevent them conflicting as to time.

New Sighting Appliances.

Mr. Robert Gaskin, sr., of St. John N. B., has just patented a simple combined wind gauge, plumb and elevation back sight for fire-arms and ordnance, in which our readers will doubtless be interested. The ordnance appliance shown on the left, will, it is claimed, enable the marksman quickly to find the vertical line through the centre of plane of the bore of the gun. By simply traversing the sight point to the centre of the bubble, a true central shot is obtained. Any deflection, right or left, is quickly ascertained by the scale in front. Whether or not the platform on which the gun carriage rests be level is immaterial. It is claimed that when this is used the necessity for experimental firing disappears, and

that no complicated calculations nor waste of time is necessary.

The rifle back sight shown on the right, being a combined wind gauge, spirit level and elevation back sight, is claimed to be a military sight that will insure accuracy in shooting and make crack shots of the masses at long ranges. It possesses the advantages of being very simple, strong and compact, and is claimed to have been thoroughly tested by experts and found to meet all requirements. It is the result of the inventor's life study and experience.

