

From the prize list given in the appendix, it will be seen that the "Ladies," "Merchants," "Sir Peter Tait," "Elkington," and "Brassey" Cups still figure conspicuously among the principal prizes awarded. The latter cup was again (the second time) won by No. 2 Battery, Second Battalion Grand Trunk Brigade, thus entitling them to its permanent possession; but your Council, desiring to perpetuate the munificent donation of £100 given by the late Thomas Brassey, Esq., at a time when the Association greatly needed aid, and of which the cup forms a part, purchased it from the winners, and will again offer it for competition under new regulations.

A list of cups presented to the Association since its formation will be found at page 19.

In connection with their last match, the thanks of the Association are due to Lieut.-Col. Powell, Acting Adjutant-General, and Lieut.-Col. French, Commandant of Ontario School of Gunnery, for their courtesy in permitting the Association to obtain the services, as markers, of non-commissioned officers and men from A Battery, Dominion Artillery; and to Captain Holmes and Lieut. Cotton of that corps, who kindly took charge of them, and of the police.

Thanks are also due to the Executive Committee, consisting of Lieut.-Colonels Gzowski, Denison and Skinner, for their prompt and just decisions upon the several points referred to them during the match; and commendation, with thanks, is deservedly earned by Lieut.-Col. Dartnell, Major Jarvis, Major Arthurs and Capt. Gray, for their zeal and efficiency in carrying out the details of the match; also Surgeons Thorburn, Richardson and Diamond, for regular and constant attendance in case of illness or accident.

To the Managers of the several Railway Companies the Association is particularly indebted for the assistance rendered in carrying competitors to and from Toronto at reduced fares; and to the reporters of the *Globe*, *Mail* and *Leader* for the full and accurate reports of the several matches.

Your Council have to note the loss of nine affiliated Associations since last year. Those making returns are, however, in greater proportion in 1873 than the previous year.

In consequence of the reduction of the affiliated Associations, the affiliated membership has also fallen off; the increase in ordinary membership has been very slight, and it continues to be a source of regret that more interest is not manifested by the country at large