

The Canadian Military Rifle League.

The third annual general meeting of the Canadian Military Rifle League was held in the large dining hall of the Russell House, Ottawa, on Tuesday evening, 31st August. The hall was well filled by shooting men and those interested in the subject, and much enthusiasm was shown. The president, Lieut.-Col. Gibson, M. P. P., occupied the chair, and among those present were Col. Powell, A. G., Col. Panet, Sir Adolphe Caron, Lieut.-Col's White, Macpherson, Anderson, Hood, Starke, and many other officers prominent in military and shooting circles.

The proceedings were opened by a stirring address from the president. He referred to the encouragement lent by the attendance of so many members, the presence of the late Minister of Militia, the Adjutant-General and the Deputy Minister of Militia. The matches this year, he said, had on the whole been satisfactory. In the very nature of the League competition the teams which had the best shooting reputation did not always come out first. This was due to the difference in the ranges. He spoke of the advantage of having competitions going on simultaneously throughout the whole Dominion at the same time; and paid a handsome compliment to Sir Adolphe Caron who, he said, had done a great deal for the League, especially in providing free ammunition. He expressed regret at the absence of the Minister of Militia and the Major-General commanding, both of whom in their letters expressed the greatest interest in the League and showed that they heartily sympathized with its objects. Then there was Lt.-Col. Kirkpatrick, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, who was also prevented from being in attendance, but who would be with them later on. His name was a household word among riflemen. The letter which Mr. Kirkpatrick forwarded him was in language which showed he still felt a deep interest in all that appertained to the success of the league, and intended to keep up the lively interest in the future which he maintained in it in the past.

Lieut. Pringle, R. G., having been specially mentioned in the president's address as the originator of the League, was called before the meeting, and was received with great cheering. He responded briefly and retired.

Major Delamere, of the Queen's Own, secretary of the League, read his annual report as follows:

To the President and members of the Canadian Military Rifle League:

Gentlemen,—I take much pleasure in presenting this, the third annual report of the Canadian Military Rifle League, and in doing so have to congratulate the League on its continued success and bright prospects for the future. The entry list in 1890 showed 54 teams. In 1891, 104 teams, and in 1892, 132 teams, showing the increasing popularity of this institution. This popularity is mainly due to the foster-

ing care of the late Minister of Militia Sir Adolphe Caron, who procured free ammunition for the matches. To the deep interest taken by the present Minister, Lieut.-Col. Mackenzie Bowell, who has followed his predecessor in office by the continued issue of ammunition, and who has also donated a valuable prize to be competed for at the D.R.A. meeting; Major-General Herbert, commanding the militia of Canada, who has considered League badges worthy of being worn by militiamen in uniform; the Department of Militia, which has given every assistance in its power, and last, but not least, the untiring efforts and zeal of the president, Lieut.-Col. J. M. Gibson, in having the competition carried out in that honest, straightforward way, so necessary for the life of the league, and also in again offering for competition an exceedingly handsome and valuable president's prize. The amount received in entrance fees from the teams competing was \$1,015, and the actual expense, not including an allowance to the secretary for assistance, etc., is \$107, the balance being spent for prizes. The shooting on the whole has not been as high as last year, but this may be accounted for partly by the fact that no iron targets were allowed, and also by the fact that the rules and regulations were more strictly adhered to. There has not been a single complaint about ammunition, except from one team in the North-West Territories, which had to fire with the ammunition left up there in 1885. In conclusion, I think the League has every right to congratulate itself on the way the matches have been carried out, and also on the great benefit the Canadian Military Rifle League has been to the riflemen of the Dominion.

J. M. DELAMERE, Hon. Sec.

Major Sims, Vics, moved, seconded by Major Hartt, of St. John, a cordial vote of thanks to the Meriden Silver Plate Company for their extreme generosity in providing such splendid prizes on such reasonable terms. Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The presentation of the prizes then took place.

LEADING SCORES.

The leading scores in the league for 1892 was then read as follows, and the prizes presented amid much enthusiasm:

Badge, Mr. R. Carter, Amherst	
R. A.	440
S.S., J. Crowe, 1st B. F. Art.	448
Mr. B. R. Bent, Amherst R. A.	440
Pte. Oliver, 45th Batt.	434
Capt. Rennie, Q.O.R.	433
Pte. Cameron, 90th Batt.	430

The ten men prizes were awarded as follows: 1st, 13th Batt.; 2nd, 95th Batt., Portage la Prairie; 3rd, Q.O.R., Toronto; 4th, 90th, Port Arthur; 5th, 45th. Lindsay; 6th, 82nd, Charlottetown.

P.E.I.; 7th, 43rd, Ottawa; 8th, 1st B. Field Artillery, Guelph; 9th, 12th Batt., Y. R., Toronto; 10th, 8th Royals, Quebec; 11th, 59th, Cornwall; 12th, H. G. Artillery, Halifax, N. S.; 13th, 20th Batt., Milton; 14th, 10th Royals, Toronto; 15th, 2nd Q.O.R., Toronto; 16th, 63rd Batt., Halifax, N.S.; 17th, Charlottetown Garrison Artillery.

The twenty men team prizes were next presented. The Queen's Own were first, the 13th Batt., 2nd; the 45th Lindsay, 3rd; 43rd, Ottawa, 4th, and the Halifax Garrison Artillery, 5th.

The thirty men team prizes were won by Queen's Own and 13th Batt.

The forty men team prizes were captured by the same, viz., Queen's Own and 13th Batt.

The fifty men team prize was awarded to the 43rd Batt., Ottawa.

There were three cups presented to rifle associations not military organizations. The first was awarded to Amherst, N.S., the second to Prescott, and the third to Saskatchewan, Prince Albert.

(A detailed report of the competition, with the scores of every team that took part, is appended.)

Sir A. P. Caron was then invited to address the meeting. The postmaster-general expressed his great appreciation at receiving the invitation to be present, as he desired to testify that he still retained a lively interest in rifle shooting and in the militia force of Canada. (Applause.) He hoped the league would prosper, and believed that nothing was more calculated to weld the different provinces together than an association such as theirs. He referred to the good work done by Lieut. Pringle, whom the president had designated the father or mother or wet nurse of the league, and hoped the association would insist upon it that Col. Gibson retain the presidency for another year. (Applause.)

Lieut.-Col. W. P. Anderson said the meeting ought to consider Sir Adolphe's suggestion as a motion, and he had great pleasure in seconding the re-election of Col. Gibson as president.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson said that while he was opposed to another term of office yet the persuasion which was extended to him during the past two days made him accept. He asked that the secretary be again elected. During his speech he said that scores made in some instances were marvellous, but nevertheless he was certain that they were won fairly. (Cheers.)

Major Delamere, Q. O. R., was re-elected secretary unanimously. Lieut. Crooks, Q. O. R., was elected treasurer.

Lieut.-Col. Anderson, 43rd, and Major Hartt, 62nd, were elected vice-presidents.

The old council was re-elected for Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island. For Nova Scotia there were two changes, that of Major Bishop for Lieut.-Col. Murray and Major Weston for Lieut.-Col. Walsh. For New Brunswick, Manitoba, Northwest and British Columbia there were no changes.