

ways and telegraph lines, the police and postal arrangements.

Such is a general outline of the system employed and for want of it the French failed, it was no doubt cumbersome, unwieldy and badly organized, but it was the story of the Zundnadalgalwhor against Brown Bess repeated.

The topography of the country and its geographical outline have happily compelled the construction of railways in Canada as strategical lines, in other words they followed the natural formations.

No effort has yet been made to take advantage of that happy accidental circumstance, and we have not yet acquired a staff corps in any sense of the term.

The necessity for this measure has repeatedly been urged on our military authorities without any apparent success, although the fact is notorious that a reliable topographical map of any part of the Dominion does not exist.

As the creation of a staff corps will cost the State nothing the great wonder is that its value is not appreciated and an effort made to supply a want so apparent.

The fourth annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held on Wednesday, 1st May, in the Western Departmental block, the president, C. S. Gzowski, Esq., in the chair, there were present the following officers:

Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, Secretary; Lieutenant-Colonel Macpherson, Treasurer; Lieutenant Colonels, Jarvis, Casault, Grey, Lawrie, French, Brunel; Majors Worsley, Ross, White, and other officers and members.

The report of the Secretary was read detailing the operations for the past year, it was unanimously adopted. A most important special report by the President addressed to the Minister of Militia was read of which the following is an extract:

Prize meetings have now been held in the following Provinces: First at the city of Montreal; next at Toronto; third at Fredericton, and last at Halifax. The working of the present system has therefore been thoroughly tried. The results show that at the first two prize meetings in Montreal and Toronto, large numbers of competitors were assembled from all parts of the Dominion, whilst the last two at Fredericton and Halifax, were confined almost exclusively to local competitors. The number of entries and the receipts were correspondingly diminished.

At Montreal the total number of entries was 2,076; do. receipts, \$12,487 91.

At Toronto the total number of entries was 1,366; do. receipts, \$9,413 46.

At Fredericton the total number of entries was 990; do. receipts, \$6,271 68.

At Halifax the total number of entries was 983; do. receipts, \$86,319 03.

The President did not attribute this diminution to any lack of interest in shooting, but to the great distance between the several Provincial capitals and the time lost in making the journey.

In order to carry out the objects for which the Association was organised he therefore considered that a change in its working was necessary. There were two methods.

"First—by so enlarging the Prize List as to make it a pecuniary object to Riflemen to attend, with the view of reimbursing themselves for the outlay of time and money expended in so doing; or, secondly, by centralizing the Association at Ottawa, and limiting its operations chiefly to the selection of a competent team to represent annually Canadian Riflemen at Wimbledon. The first method I am far from wishing to advocate, on the contrary I fear such system would develop a class of men who would calculate on the earnings of their rifles as on any other means of support, and thus defeat the object of the Association. The other is the plan which I beg most respectfully to bring to your notice, with the hope that it will be favorably considered."

Ten representatives should be sent from each Province to compete in Ottawa, where they will be taken care of by the officers of the Dominion Rifle Association; and twenty of the most eligible competitors will be sent to Wimbledon.

After some discussion the Report was adopted.

An able detailed statement was submitted by the Treasurer showing the financial condition of the Association.

The election of officers then took place with the following results:

C. S. Gzowski, Esq., President; Vice-presidents, Lieutenant Colonels Gray and Laurio. For the Provinces the following gentlemen were elected:

Ontario—Allan Gilmour, Esq., Ottawa.

Quebec.—Lieut.-Col. C. J. Brydges, Grand Trunk Railway Brigade, Montreal.

New Brunswick—Lieut.-Col. Hon. J. H. Gray, M.P., St. John.

Nova Scotia—Lieut.-Col. A. J. Laurio, Halifax.

Auditors—John Langton, Esq., Auditor-General, Ottawa; T. D. Harington, Esq., Deputy Receiver-General.

Treasurer—Lieut.-Colonel Macpherson, D.A.A.G., Ottawa.

Secretary—Lieut.-Colonel Stuart, Militia Department, Ottawa.

A few names were changed in the election of members of the Council.

The business of the annual meeting being concluded, the Council held a meeting and appointed an executive Committee to attend to matters of detail during annual rifle meeting. The Committee is composed as follows:

The Adjutant-General of Militia.

Lieut.-Colonel Powell, D.A.G.

Lieut.-Colonel Wiley.

Lieut.-Colonel Brunel.

" " Chamberlin, C.M.G.

" " Grey.

" " Forrest.

Major Ross.

" White.

It was then decided that the next Dominion Rifle match should be held on the 17th of June, the Wimbledon team to sail for England on the 22nd of June.

The value of the Association to Canada cannot be reckoned by its previous record, it has done good and honest service and well and zealously managed by its President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The latter two officers have devoted valuable time to its development, and were active advocates of the change which has so happily been effected in its *modus operandi*.

We heartily congratulate the President and all concerned on the success of this step in the right direction and are certain the Canadian Wimbledon will be as great a success as the English; its value to the Canadian Army is incalculable.

The Deputy Adjutant Generals of the various Military districts are in town, relative to matters connected with the annual drill.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Telegraphic reports states that the Washington Cabinet have abandoned the claims for consequential damages and that Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons and Earl Granville in the House of Lords will take the occasion of the announcement of a termination of the misunderstanding to compliment General Grant.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are still at Rome, where they have been treated with great distinction and kindness by the Italian Government.

The Empress Augusta (of Germany) is expected at Windsor.

A Polar expedition is projected under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society.

Lord Northbrook, the new Vice-Roy of India, has arrived at Calcutta.

A large number of the members of the International Society have been arrested at Lyons.

Gambetta opposed the abolition of the passport system unsuccessfully, the true Republican only wants liberty for his own purposes.

Trochu's suits for libel against the *Figaro* has terminated against the *feuilletonist*, a fine of 5,000 francs and one month's imprisonment being inflicted, the result, however, is in reality that it has made the fortune of the Journal and ruined Trochu. The evidence effectually stripped him of every scrap of military reputation he was supposed to possess, established his character as a blundering and dangerous fool, alike faithless and unprincipled, equally incapable of forming an opinion or of acting on that of others.

Investigations proves what has been long suspected that the Emperor Napoleon was  
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