

We received the usual Government grants and private subscriptions. The affiliations and memberships together produce about the same as last year, but revenue from entries is reduced, as already stated, \$333.

The expenditure for the matches shows a reduction of \$50 for employes, also a similar reduction in the council tents and other expenses. The printing account is somewhat increased owing to payment of some accounts belonging to last year. The permanent work has cost \$451 during the year; this will, of course, not be required to be made again. The other items do not require comment. The balance on hand is \$180.10, with all accounts of every description paid and the ranges in good order. Our only liability is to those members of the executive committee who have advanced us the necessary money to place us in this position. We still have to regret the smallness of the individual membership, and that our subscription is, with one or two exceptions, confined to the city of Montreal.

In conclusion we would commend the following items to the attention of the incoming council, viz. :—

1. The changing of the date of the annual matches from the second week of August to the second week in July.
2. To allow unlimited team entries in all team matches.
3. To improve the value of the extra series prizes.
4. To drop providing lunch for officials and visiting officers at the expense of the association.
5. To increase the individual membership.
6. To increase the collections from the public.
7. To make more prominent every year the "At Home" or public presentation of prizes, which is the only method of interesting the general public in the doings of the association.

### REGIMENTAL.

A despatch from London, Ont., says:—Col Tracey, commanding officer of the Seventh Battalion, is at present on a six months' leave of absence at Vancouver, B. C., where he is now city engineer. The probability is the colonel will remain at the coast, and consequently the members of the battalion have for some time back been agitated over the question of a new commander. Several names of well-known officers have been brought forward in this connection, but that of Capt. Payne, the oldest officer in the battalion, has been most popular. It is now stated on good authority that he will be shortly gazetted to the position. He will devote all his energy to putting new life into the regiment. Capt. Payne, it may be added, is the only officer in the battalion duly qualified to take the position of colonel.

Capt. Ira Morgan, of No. 7 Company, 56th Battalion, Metcalte, Ont., died in Ottawa on Saturday last, the result of an accident the previous evening. He attempted to board an electric car at the front end, where the door was closed and fastened, and losing his grip on the hand rail fell in front of the car. The steps passed over his body, breaking several ribs and the spinal column. The car was barely moving at the time, and travelled only about five feet before being stopped. Capt. Morgan was reeve of Osgoode Township, an office he had held continuously for about twenty years, and was in Ottawa to attend the regular meeting of the Carleton County Council. He had on several occasions been elected Warden of the County, and was very prominently identified with its agricultural interests. Capt. Morgan had held his captaincy for twenty-one years. He was 63 years of age.

Lieut.-Col. David Wylie, of Brockville, died on Monday morning. He was widely known as the father of the Canadian press, and was probably the oldest newspaper man in the Dominion. He was born at Johnstone, Scotland, on

the 23rd March, 1811, and possessed a full share of the perseverance and energy characteristic of his race. He worked for a time on English and Scotch newspapers, including the famous *Anti-Corn Law Circular*, promoted by Cobden and Bright, and the principles he imbibed under such training appear to have stuck to him through life. In 1845 he accepted an offer from Mr. John C. Becket, of Montreal, in charge of whose office he remained until 1849. In that year he served as parliamentary reporter for the Montreal *Herald* until the burning of the parliament buildings, in which that other old veteran, Alfred Perry, figured. In 1850, Mr. Wylie undertook editorial control of the Brockville *Recorder*, which he retained till 1883. For forty years he was a member of the school board, and for more than thirty years of this period he filled the position of chairman. He was at different times president and poet of the Canadian Press Association. In 1847 Mr. Wylie joined Capt. Lyman's rifle company in Montreal, and served through every grade from private to that of lieutenant-colonel. In 1875 he received the appointment of military paymaster of District No. 4, which he held until the office was consolidated with that of another district. He was also treasurer of the town of Brockville for many years. For the last year his health has been so bad that he could not leave the house. The old veteran will be followed to the grave with many regrets. His was a remarkable career in many ways, and brought him deservedly the respect of his fellow-men.

### THEIR SILVER WEDDING.

Sergt.-Major Cox, of the Royal Grenadiers, and Mrs. Cox celebrated their silver wedding on Friday evening at their residence, No. 6 Denison Square. They were married in London, Ontario, 25 years ago by Rev. J. A. Dickson, of the Congregational Church in that city, while the 16th regiment of British regulars, to which the sergt.-major belonged, was stationed there. A large number of beautiful and costly presents were received from Hamilton, London, Toronto, and other towns in Canada by the quarrier century bride and groom who, by the way, do not look much older than their eldest daughter and certainly not old enough to be celebrating 25 years of married life. Mr. Cox, after having welcomed his friends to his table, stated that the silver-mounted carvers which would then be used for the first time, had been in his possession over three years, and were presented to him by the staff-sergeants of the First Jersey regiment on the eve of his departure from that island. After the table had been considerably eased of its load, games, music and singing were indulged in until an early hour in the morning, when the party separated, expressing the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Cox might be spared to celebrate their golden wedding. The undernamed accepted invitations and were present at supper with Mr. and Mrs. Cox: Mr. J. W. Hickson (brother of Mrs. Cox) and Mr. Hickson, Mr. and Mrs. Bewley, Misses A. and D. Carroll, Miss Amelia Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Ewart, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Forsyth, Mr. George and Miss Harrington, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. A. and Misses S. and M. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. G. Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe and Mr. A. Taylor.—*Empire*.

The Duke of Cambridge, in his remarks upon the official reports of the Shoeburyness meeting, regrets that there should again have been a falling off in the detachment attending the camp, and that there is still a want of knowledge evinced as to the proper boring of fuses; but, with these exceptions, His Royal Highness has every reason to be satisfied with the improvement manifested in the practice and exercises, and with the conduct of the camp generally. It is however, to be wished that the fire-discipline competition may be extended in the future.