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"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,
To guard the Monarchy, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1871.

THE Dominion Rifle Association has closed its fourth annual tournament at Halifax with sufficient éclat to warrant the assertion that its establishment has been a decided success. To the President and officers who have so ably managed its affairs the thanks of the country are due, while the experience acquired will enable our military authorities to enlarge its powers for the public good by a reorganization on a scale commensurate with its utility and the pretensions of the Dominion of Canada. If this country is to maintain her rank as a part of the British Empire, a great and growing nation, her very first consideration must be towards the efficiency of her military forces, and in this age of army organization, that resolves itself into the simple requirement of having the greatest number of men thoroughly trained to the use of the rifle. In order to accomplish that desirable object the organization of associations throughout the country for practice with the military weapon alone is necessary; company, battalion, brigade and district rifle matches should be held every year, and from the best shots of each battalion a certain number should be sent to compete at the Dominion Rifle Match, the men to be paid and treated as on service during the whole time engaged; the officers should not be eligible.

The re-organization of the Dominion Association should extend no further than merely to give it a local habitation and a name, with a larger Government grant and more facilities; special prizes of value or money when tendered by patriotic individuals should be accepted and contended for according to the donors' conditions, so long as those were in accordance with military rules and regulations, which should limit the whole contests to military weapons; the members of the association should be as at present civilians and soldiers indifferently, the qualification being the annual subscription, subject to the rules for admission of members which the Council should from time to time frame; the President should be nominated by the Government.

After each annual tournament a certain number of the best shots should be selected to compete at Wimbledon. They should be chosen in equal numbers from every Province in the Dominion representing all arms of the service, and should at least number 55 non-commissioned officers and men. These should be placed under the command of a captain and two subalterns selected by the Adjutant General or the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian army, and the whole should be detached on service and treated accordingly.

To give the Dominion Rifle Association a local habitation will be no difficult matter; anywhere within six miles of Ottawa ample, secure, and convenient rifle ranges, from one thousand to three thousand yards, can be obtained, and here under the supervision of the Militia Department the contests for profit and distinction should be carried on. It is hardly necessary to point out the great advantages to be derived from a measure of this description; the competitors at the company, battalion, brigade and district matches would have their emulation aroused by the prospect of pleasure and profit to be secured by a trip to Ottawa with that of Wimbledon in the near distance, and by a judicious system of allowing the favored and lucky competitors of one year to retire on their laurels, the possibility of every individual at some period of his service participating in the honors and profit would be greatly increased; as a system it would be productive of important results and would materially aid the prestige of this country in Great Britain where the value of an efficient military force is thoroughly understood; at home it would lend such an impetus to volunteering as to render the ballot needless.

EXPERIENCE.—Military manoeuvres are perfectly valueless except they approach as near the condition of actual warfare as it is possible without engaging the troops employed in actual conflict. How far this principle has been carried out in the English autumnal campaign may be judged by the statement in the *Broad Arrow*, that the celebrated Control Department required for