

visible either on the score of economy or otherwise.

Mr. White of Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, has built a large number of such boats for the British Government, which has answered every purpose, but they could be built as well and more quickly if ordered here. The writer is naturally anxious to see any operation that may be proceeded with, terminate successfully and would be glad to give any further information that may be required, if known to him, on this question. The immense importance of their adoption can be seen from the above figures. The cost trifling in the extreme, and in the one operation of conveying troops would repay itself 100 times, while their absence may bring failure, loss of life and disgrace to us.

Yours truly,
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DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association took place yesterday at noon, in the Western Block of the Departmental Buildings.

The President of the Association, the Hon. Lt.-Col. Botsford, N.B., occupied the chair.

There was a much better attendance than on the previous occasion, owing to public notice having been given through the Press. Among those from a distance we noticed Lt.-Col. Skinner, and the indefatigable Quartermaster Mason, from Hamilton, and Lt. Col. Boulton, of Cobourg, and Lt.-Col. Dennis, of Toronto. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were both read by the Secretary, Lt.-Col. Stuart, in the absence of the esteemed Treasurer, who, no doubt, wished to avoid the forcible discussion which took place concerning the *bonus* of \$200 given him at the previous small meeting. If we are to have a paid Treasurer (who can not have half the work of the Secretary to do), let it be understood, but do not rob the Association by such heavy hauls as this or public confidence will forsake it. In fact the prospects are that if they do not provide for a sinking fund, like the National Rifle Association, they will find themselves *minus* some day, as the Government are already backing down by granting only \$4000 this year, instead of \$5000 as heretofore. We noticed nothing of special moment in the reports referred to beyond the smaller attendance and much better scores at the late meeting as compared with that of 1867.

One item of interest was taken up and disposed of at this meeting, viz., the privileges of those who become members through affiliated Associations. According to the construction of the rules last year several distinguished members had to fork over \$2 to entitle them to vote in future, however, it has been decided that those affiliated members, whose associations affiliate before the 30th of June, shall be entitled to full privileges of membership.

The election of officers was speedily got through and resulted in but very few changes; the principal one being the striking off of the Brigade Majors. By this move several efficient officers are cut off, such as Lt.-Cols. Jackson and King, etc. As, however, the former is a prominent competitor it is as well, and probably much pleasanter for himself. The following are the Council for 1870:

ONTARIO.

Lt.-Col. Higginson, 18th Batt., Hawkesbury.
Major W. J. Morris, Perth.
Lt.-Col. Hamilton, 47th Battalion, Kingston.
Lt.-Col. Brunel, 10th Royals Battalion, Toronto.
Lieut. Col. Fairbanks, 34th Battalion, Oshawa.
Judge MacDonald Guelph.
Capt. Stevenson, M. A., 24th Battalion, Chatham.
Captain McCleneghan, 22nd Battalion, Woodstock.
Captain J. Walker, London.
Lt.-Col. Skinner, Hamilton.
Lt. Col. Forrest, Ottawa Garrison Artillery, Ottawa.
Lt.-Col. Boulton, Cavalry, Cobourg.
Lt. Col. Williams, 46th Battalion, Port Hope.
The Rev. V. Clementi, Lakesfield, Peterboro'.
Lt. Col. Gillmor, "Queen's Own" Battalion, Toronto.
J. J. Mason, Esq., Hamilton.

QUEBEC.

Lt. Col. the hon. J. G. Blanchett, M. P., 17th Battalion, Levis.
Lieut. Col. Brown Chamberlin, M. P., Montreal.
Lt. Col. R. Masson, M. P., Terrebonne.
Lt. Col. C. J. Coursol, Montreal.
Lt. Col. F. Marchand, 21st Battalion, St. John's.
Lt. Col. A. McEachern, 50th Battalion, Ormstown.
Thos. Morland, Esq., Montreal.
Lieut. Col. C. E. Panet, 9th Battalion, Quebec.
Lt. Col. Barwis, 55th Battalion, Halifax, E. T.
Lt. Col. J. Grant, 5th Royals, Montreal.
Lt. Col. Fletcher, Brigade Major, St. John's.
Major T. H. Grant, Garrison Artillery Quebec.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Lt. Col. Hon. A. E. Botsford, Senator, Westmoreland.
Lt. Col. Hon. J. H. Gray, M. P., St. John.
Lt. Col. Hon. J. Ferguson, Senator, Bathurst.
Lt. Col. E. B. Beer, Sussex.
Major R. Simons, Fredericton.
John Boyd, Esq., St. John.
Lt. Col. Richard Hutchison, M. P., Miramichi.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Lt. Col. W. Creighton, 1st Batt. Halifax M. Artillery, Halifax.
Major Wylde, Naval Brigade, Halifax.
Major A. K. McKinlay, Halifax Volunteer G. Battery, Halifax.
Lt. Col. J. Hudson, Pictou.
Lt. Col. L. De V. Chipman, Kentville.
Hon. J. Locke, Senator, Halifax.
Lt. Col. Hon. J. Bourinot, Senator, Sidney, Cape Breton.

At the meeting the Council on Wednesday C. S. Czowski, of Toronto (President of

the Rifle Association) was elected President. From the well known, honorable, energetic, and liberal character of this gentlemen, as evinced by his conduct at the late Provincial and Dominion Tournaments, we may anticipate renewed success during the current year. Competitors this year, will miss, in the opening ceremony, the "Bird of Paradise," as our late President from his gay costume was dubbed by the Western Volunteers. For the Vice-President for Ontario a gentleman of Mr. Czowski's stamp has been chosen in the person of Allan Gilmour, Esq., of Ottawa. A remark of his made not many years ago shows his generous nature. On being called upon for a subscription for a rifle match he is stated to have said, "Why, gentlemen, you have not given me a fair chance, for, in common courtesy, I cannot exceed the subscription of the Governor General."

As many, no doubt, anticipated, the Dominion Matches are to take place in the Maritime Provinces; the place chosen being in the vicinity of Fredericton, New Brunswick, on the 31st August, 1870, and from the well known hospitable character of our maritime brethren a most pleasant time is in store for those who can afford to attend. It is reported that one of the Government steamers will convey the fortunate few at Government expense. Last, but not least, the report of the committee (Lt. Cols. Grey and Forrest) appointed at last annual meeting of Council to consider and report on the project of sending home a colonial team to Wimbledon to compete in the "International" and other matches, was received and adopted, and to enable the admirable suggestions therein contained an opportunity to bring about the desired end an executive committee (with power to add to their numbers) composed of the two previously named gentlemen, and J. J. Mason, Esq., the secretary of the celebrated Hamilton Rifle Club, were appointed. The object of the committee is to secure the *best* men as well as the best method to meet the necessary expenditure. Messrs. Allan & Co., of the Montreal Ocean S.S. Co., have generously offered a reduction on the usual rates and, it is believed, if the country subscribe say \$3000, the Government will add the other \$1000. Success to their efforts and we have no fear but Canada will be proud of her representatives.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lefebvre member for Reading, replied to Sir J. Pakington in relation to the overloading of the "City of Boston." He said the managers of the Inman Line positively denied that the steamer was overloaded with corn in bulk, as had been charged. They believed her to be still afloat. The Right Hon. W. Monsell, Under Secy., for the Colonial Department, in reply to a requisition, stated, he must decline to express any opinion at present on the troubles at Red River district. He would say, however, that a delegation had gone from Canada to arrange matters, and further, that he exonerated the catholic priests from all responsibility in lawlessness.