

of India could be represented on occasions like the present. I am very glad to see a detachment from the Channel Islands, and I hope they will continue to send detachments here every year. The detachment from Canada, I am sure, will go back with great pride to our brothers on the other side of the Atlantic, carrying with them the four prizes they have won, and I am sure they will be able to tell their friends and comrades in Canada that, during their stay in this camp, not only were they received with open arms by all ranks, but that there was a sincere feeling of pleasure on the part of every artilleryman connected with this great centre of artillery exercise at the fact of their having obtained the great and highly sought-for prize (the Queen's) which they have won. (Cheers.) In the last ten years there have been many changes introduced into artillery science generally. The guns you now make use of in the great work of the defence of the Empire are much larger and much heavier, and are moved by a much more complicated machinery than were those formerly in use. But if we provide these new guns with all their expensive machinery for these various defences throughout the country, we do so on the understanding that those who live to work them on the day of trial should be better instructed, and that their instruction and their ability to work these guns, and their knowledge of their work as artillerymen should keep pace with the improvements in the arms they must and will be called upon to use in case of danger and times of necessity." In conclusion