

claim. The Association was made up of hard workers, and it was one of the most efficient branches of the service. Without throwing any reflection on the Rifle Association, it struck him that there was too big a disparity between the grant of \$10,000 to the D. R. A. and of \$2,900 to the Artillery Association. He would like to see the vote raised to at least *five thousand* dollars.

He was sorry that, living so far away from the seat of government, it was not in his power to do as much as he would have liked in his capacity as President, but this much he could say, that he had attempted to form in the far west a regiment which could compete with any in Canada. He had in his hand a resolution which he felt sure would meet with general approbation.

He then moved, seconded by Lt.-Colonel King, "that the thanks of the Association are due to His Excellency the Governor General for his attendance at this meeting and for his generous donations of Cups as prizes for General Efficiency."

The motion was carried unanimously, the members rising.

His Excellency was greeted with applause as he rose to reply. He said he certainly could not have looked for any such cordial expression as had been passed in his favor. His attendance was a performance of duty, and, beyond that, a personal gratification and pleasure. Any share that he might take in the future affairs of the Artillery Association would be more than a mere matter of perfunctory performance. Indeed it would be strange if it were otherwise, for he could scarcely afford to ignore the importance of the occasion that had brought them together. As Colonel Prior had said, this was the coming of age of the Association, and a special *eclat* was lent to the present gathering by reason of the achievements of last year. The distinction won by the Canadian team at Shoeburyness was certainly a source of congratulation. He had taken part in the send-off to the men at Quebec, and had admired then the body of stalwarts who had since proved themselves worthy of the respect they gained. No amount of prowess and skill could have done them more credit than their behaviour as gentlemen. The extremely hearty treatment accorded them in England was at once gratifying and significant. In the Old Country, the feeling of pride in Canada was on the increase. He had noticed this feeling himself, and was sure Sir Donald Smith would back him up.

His Excellency then referred to the special train provided for the members of the team by the London & Northwestern Railway as a special compliment, and to the address of Major Wrenn when the detachment was leaving Shoeburyness. He had written Major Wrenn, thanking

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