

dians themselves, and although the training in my regiment may often have been defective, yet these men said that they certainly had made one good shot in their lives—in coming to Canada. The importance of your arm of the service seems to have been long recognized by successive Governments in Canada, for it is to be observed that the artillery alone of all our militia forces enjoy the privileges of having training schools at which those who bear Her Majesty's commission may attend to learn their duties—a privilege as yet denied to the infantry, cavalry and engineers. We have a good force of garrison artillery, to which, as Col. Strange has said, prizes have been offered, and at Montreal I was rejoiced to see that Mr. Gilbert is producing guns, for their size, as good as any that can be turned out anywhere. The increase in the field force of artillery has been very marked during the last few years, and Canada possesses now between seventy and eighty guns worked by fairly equipped batteries. In the Old Country it has been found difficult to train volunteers so perfectly as to have good field batteries; and officers coming from Canada who have seen the Field Artillery here have been questioned by the Pall Mall authorities with astonishment as to whether they really believed the force could be called an effective one. I am safe in referring for an answer to the opinion not only of the distinguished Canadian officers who have seen imperial service, but I may also quote the gallant officer who is at the head of my staff to bear me out in saying that the advantage taken by many batteries of the opportunities given them for training has produced most satisfactory results. I have now only to present the cup to Captain McCrae, whom I congratulate upon his success; and knowing as I do, the battery which came in second, and how well it is organized, I feel I am felicitating him upon no mean victory, and it will be my desire some day to attend the practice of his men.

The President, Major-General Luard, thanked His Excellency on behalf of the Association for the great interest he had shown in the welfare of the Association by attending its meeting and giving valuable prizes for competition.

On motion of Lt.-Col. Strange, seconded by Lt.-Col. Irwin, it was decided "that the essay should be discontinued in future."

It was moved by Lt.-Col. Irwin, seconded by Major Macdonald,—"That the money prizes be increased at discretion of Council.—Carried.

Moved by Lt.-Col. Irwin, seconded by Lt.-Col. Montzambert,—"That the prize for the highest general score be a field glass or money, at the discretion of the officer commanding; if the latter, the amount to be expended on the battery, and a statement of such expenditure sent to the Secretary of Association."—Carried.

Moved by Lt.-Col. Irwin, and seconded—"That the shifting ordnance competition, for "A" and "B" Batteries be chosen by the Inspector of Artillery at the station where the competition is held, and not be known previously by any of the competitors; also that the shift be of such a nature as to last at least 15 minutes."

Moved in amendment—"That the shift be chosen by the Assistant Inspector of Artillery, Maritime Provinces, one of the Professors Royal Military College, or other competent officer, and be of such a nature as to test the abilities of the competitors."—The amendment was carried.

It was proposed by Lieut.-Col. Irwin, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Stevenson,—"That the publication of the *Canadian Military Review* be continued under the auspices and patronage of the Dominion Artillery Association, the sum of one hundred dollars being contributed towards its support on the same conditions as last year, it being edited by an officer whose name shall appear."—Carried.

Moved by Lt.-Col. Strange, seconded by Lt.-Col. Irwin,—"That the thanks of the Association be accorded to Lieut. Donaldson for the efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of Secretary and Treasurer, and that he be re-elected."—Carried.

The thanks of the Association were voted to Lt.-Col. Macpherson and Major Wicksteed for acting as Auditors. They were re-elected.

Major General Luard signified his intention of presenting the sum of twenty dollars to be given in prizes, conditions to be fixed hereafter.

It was proposed by Lt.-Col. Irwin seconded by Capt. McCrae that a representation be made to Government for increase of subscription to Dominion Artillery Association for the purpose of enabling competitors to meet for practice at central ranges in the various provinces.—Carried.

It was proposed by Lt.-Col. Strange, seconded by Major Macdonald, that a special prize be presented to Sergt. Hastings, Montreal Field Battery, he having made the highest score in the competition between militia field batteries armed with 9 pr. R. M. L. guns, 2 years in succession.—Carried.

J. B. DONALDSON, Lieut.,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF DOMINION  
ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL HELD AT OTTAWA,  
16TH FEBRUARY, 1881.

Present:—Lt.-Col. T. B. Strange, R.A., I. of A., President of Council, in the Chair; Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin, I. of A.; Lt.-Col. Montzambert; Lt.-Col. D. T. Fraser; Major Macdonald; Major McKenzie; Capt. McCrae; Lt. Donaldson, Secretary.

It was decided that in accordance with resolution passed at the annual meeting, the following places be recommended as central points for carrying out the annual practice of batteries:

*Field Batteries.*—London, Welland Canal, 1st Pivotal Brigade, (2 batteries), Hamilton, and Toronto Batteries at Toronto; Port Hope, Kingston, Gananoque and Ottawa Batteries at Kingston; Montreal, Sheffield, Quebec, Newcastle, Woodstock and Richmond Batteries at Quebec.

*Garrison Batteries.*—New Brunswick Brigade for practice and training at St. John, N. B.; 1st and 2nd Halifax Brigades for practice and training at Halifax, N.S.; Montreal Brigade and St. John, P. Q., Battery to train on St. Helen's Island and practice at Quebec; Prescott, Tranton, Napanea, Cobourg and Port Hope Batteries to train and practice at Fort Henry, Kingston; Toronto, Sarnia and Collingwood Batteries to train and practice at Toronto; St. Catherines' Battery at St. Catherines.

It was decided to send circulars to all officers commanding Garrison Batteries requesting them to affiliate with the Association with a view to competing for H. E. the Governor-General's prizes, informing them that if they will guarantee at least 10 voluntary drills of not less than 15 men each and agree to compete, they will be recommended to be supplied with material for shifting ordnance.

The following was agreed to as the operation for the shifting ordnance competition of Garrison Batteries: viz: A 24 pr. 50 cwt. or a 32 pr. 56 cwt. mounted on a garrison standing carriage, sights removed, to be dismounted over one side of carriage, moved round to the other side and remounted on the same carriage by parbuckling. The carriage not to be moved more than one foot.

Detachment to consist of 18 men for 24 pr. and 20 men for 32 pr. Material allowed:—

Two long skids 20 ft. x 3 in. x 8 in.

Two parbuckle ropes.

Two 3 ft. x 6 in. x 9 in. short skids.

Two 3 ft. x 4 in. x 4 in. " "

Eight scotches.

Eight handspikes.

Two dragropes.

Field Batteries having the necessary material in the session may compete, but cannot obtain the prizes allowed Garrison Artillery.