

Pope and Messrs. Carter, Howard, Marks, Drysdale, Cole, Binmore, Kough, Meakins, Bell, Norton and Ware. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved, Mr. W. M. Andrews, secretary-treasurer then reading his report. These showed that the association's affairs were in a fairly satisfactory condition.

In moving the adoption of the report, Lieut.-Col. Hood and others called attention to the excellent manner in which both offices had been filled by Mr. Andrews during the year and all regretted that he was about to leave them for the United States. On motion of Mr. Raymond Binmore, seconded by Capt. Finlayson, it was resolved:

"That the special thanks of this association be tendered to the retiring secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. M. Andrews, for the faithful manner in which he has carried out the arduous duties of his office for the season of 1892, and further that the association do now express their regret that Mr. Andrews finds it necessary in the course of business to remove from Montreal; and that this association do now wish Mr. Andrews all possible success in his new sphere of usefulness; this resolution to be engrossed in the minutes of the Montreal Rifle association."

A resolution was then unanimously passed that it would be advisable for the P.Q.R.A. to hold their matches in June in place of August this year.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows:—

Patrons—Sir D. A. Smith, K.C.M.G.; Senator Desjardins, Mayor of Montreal; Hon. J. J. Curran, M.P.; Lieut.-Col. Henshaw, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Lieut.-Col. Dugas, Lieut.-Col. Dufresne, Major the Hon. J. S. Hall, M.L.A.; Lieut.-Col. Massey, Lieut.-Col. Butler, Lieut.-Col. Brosseau, Lieut.-Col. Miller, Capt. C. C. Newton, Capt. W. Abbot.

President, Lieut.-Col. Massey.

First vice-president, Capt. Edwards.

Second vice-president, Mr. E. Desharats.

Executive committee, Capt. Finlayson and Messrs. R. Kough, J. Broadhurst, B. L. Howard, J. Drysdale and Arthur Ware.

Auditors, Raymond Binmore and E. W. Wilson.

Secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. W. F. Carter.

Captain of team, Lieut.-Col. Hood.

Delegate to Montreal Amalgamated Rifle Association, Lieut.-Col. Cole.

Delegate to the D.R.A. and P.Q.R.A., Lieut.-Col. Hood.

Prizes won at the 1892 monthly matches were then distributed.

VICTORIA, B.C.

A military parade has been looked forward to by a great many Victorians as part of the Queen's Birthday celebration, and there is some disappointment that nothing so far has been done in this connection. A demonstration by the Naval forces, C. Battery, the B. C. Brigade of Garrison Artillery, including the Westminster Battery, and the Nanaimo Infantry Coys, would make a grand display, and be one of the most powerful attractions, so far as visitors are concerned. There would be little expense in connection with such an affair, and the military men would readily undertake the trouble of getting it up if arrangements were made to have the parade over early enough to allow the volunteers to witness the afternoon sports. It is hoped that the committee will promptly take steps to have the idea carried out.

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The representatives of the Provincial Rifle Association on the Sports Committee will endeavour to secure a suitable prize to be competed for by teams of eight or ten each, which the Navy and the cities of Vancouver, Westminster, Nanaimo and Victoria will be invited to enter, the idea being, if a proper prize is procurable, to have it made a challenge trophy to be shot for annually in connection with the Queen's Birthday celebration. The Provincial Association have taken the matter up on account of there being as yet no other organized rifle association here, but would, no doubt, willingly transfer their interest in the affair to any local club which may be formed.

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The date of inspection of the Nanaimo Infantry Company

is fixed for October 7. The B.C.G.A. will be inspected on a day to be named by the Inspector of Artillery.

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Captain H. J. Woodside, of B. Troop of Manitoba Light Infantry, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, arrived last evening. He is making a business trip in this Province. Capt. Woodside was formerly of the 95th Battalion of Infantry, which was recently disbanded. He takes a lively interest in rifle shooting affairs, and his corps will be represented in the League matches.

KINGSTON.

There was a large attendance of citizens at the Royal Military College on Saturday evening, 29th April, to witness "the very last appearance" of the Ethiopian Troubadours. The Cadets are to be complimented on their spirited endeavors to cater to the amusement of their guests; and to be congratulated on the large measure of success that attended the same. Between 7.30 and 8 p.m. on Saturday night vehicles of all descriptions might have been seen hieing towards the College, together with quite a crowd of pedestrians, and by the time the performance commenced the "theatre" (for the time being) was quite full. Shortly after 8 p.m. the curtain rose and disclosed the Ethiopian band with their leader, Mr. Johnsing, in the centre. Every member of this musical troupe had his hands on his knees, and so they remained rigid, their bodies immovable while the opening number, "Our Dinah," was sung. At the conclusion of this the "Inimitable Six" were introduced, and were greeted by the audience with shouts of laughter. The performers were arranged in the shape of a crescent, with Cadets Leckie, Armstrong, Thacker, Strickland, Armstrong, B., and Gibbs as end men, and Cadet Warner in the centre. These funny men kept the audience amused with their mirthful sayings. It was scarcely possible for any six decent looking fellows, *au naturel*, to more thoroughly metamorphose themselves than did these six individuals. Apart from their costumes, which were a mixture of negro-cum Yankee-cum Paddy, their faces were awful, and their foot-gear absolute monstrosities. If the passivity of the first comers was remarked, the energy and restlessness of these last was still more noticeable; they seemed to be on springs, and bounced from side to side of the stage in a manner truly marvellous. The whole performance was most creditable. The sword dance was exceedingly gracefully executed. In the concluding portion of the entertainment the Misses Gildersleeve and Britton did well and were loudly applauded.

The programme was as follows:

BOXES—Mr. "Alfie" Leckie, Mr. "Horatio" Armstrong, Mr. "Honeyhoof" Thacker.

TAMBO—Mr. "Grewsome" Strickland, Mr. "Isaac" Armstrong, Mr. "Pieface" Gibbs.

Mr. Johnsing, Mr. J. T. Warner, assisted by the entire Court Chorus of the late King Mbongwelxkhwee.

1. Opening Chorus "Our Dinah"..... The Company
2. Overture..... The Inimitable Six
3. Brother Grewsome will now electrify the audience with the "Rowdy Dowdy Boys".
4. "The Story of the Bells"..... Our own Nightingale, Mr. H. Lamb.
5. Through an unavoidable mistake Horatio will now be allowed to assert that he is "Not the Only One."
6. The audience will please remain seated while Ike claims to be "The man who broke the Bank at Monte Carlo."
7. Alfie will now sing (?).... "When the day grows longer."

Claims for damages must be presented to our Solicitors.

8. Closing Chorus "Oh! who will o'er the Downs"

The Company.

OLIO.

First appearance of the R.M.C. Banjo Club, under the direction of Signor Andante Tutti Fruitti.

"The quickness of the eye deceives the hand"—as exemplified by Herr Brittagio Von Illusander.

"Sing again Nightingale"—"The Arab's Bride".... Mr. H. Lamb.

Sword Dance by our "braw Hieland Laddie," Mr. W. Cantlie. The Rev. Pompadour Wayback will now deliver a few pointed and eloquent remarks.