

THE SHOEBURYNNESS TEAM.



THE Canadian team that took part at Shoeburyness have been received with open arms all along the line. Lord Wolseley, the Commander-in-Chief of the British army, addressed the men at the distribution of prizes. He said: "I am very glad, amongst other things, to recognize the fact of a detachment coming from Canada, a country where I spent so many happy years in my own life and with whose destinies I feel wrapped up. I have always entertained, and shall continue to entertain, the greatest affection

and respect for the Canadian people. I only hope that by-and-by we shall have some of our other colonies sending detachments to compete at Shoeburyness on these annual occasions. I regret to find there is no representative of the Indian artillery here, for, although it is a small body, still I think it would be a great advantage in cementing the various outstanding portions of our Empire if that magnificent army 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 gratified feeling 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."

The London Telegraph gives a long account of the doings at Shoeburyness from its special correspondent. After dealing with various subjects, he says: "By far the most interesting and encouraging, and not the least important, feature of the gathering has been the extraordinary popularity of the Canadians in camp. Both officers and men have been prime favorites, and an unusual scene was witnessed on parade on Friday, when discipline was for the first time forgotten, and the Canadians were cheered again and again as they came up to receive the Challenge Cup and Queen's Prize from the hands of the Commander-in-Chief. During the week the men in camp have picked up a peculiar Canadian custom of questioning with regard to any very special favorite. On Friday, as the Dominion artillerymen stood before Lord Wolseley, in their handsome blue uniforms and white helmets, one of the Durham regiments raised the cry, 'What's the matter with Canada?' 'Canada's all right,' came the reply. Then the second query of the series was put, 'Who's all right?' and the final stentorian shout of 'Canada,' from soldiers and civilians alike, was given with a heartiness and enthusiasm that showed there was something more meant than the compliments of a holiday parade. There was the feeling, strengthened by association with the Canadians themselves, that the people of the Dominion regard themselves as part and parcel of the Empire, and would stand shoulder to shoulder with their fellow-subjects in the hour of danger."

The Daily News also gives an account of the team while leaving camp: "The Canadians, who were most heartily cheered by their comrades, and the Royal Artillery, who were removing the tents, left an hour sooner with the 3rd Kent, and headed by the

beautiful band of that corps; but before they marched out Major J. H. Wrenn, the camp brigade-major, addressing Col. F. Minden Cole and his officers and men, said: 'Soldiers of the Canadian militia—As camp brigade-major I bid you good-bye and God-speed on behalf of all ranks. You have had the distinguished honor of winning Her Most Gracious Majesty's cup, the Queen's Prize, but you have done more—you have won the respect and confidence of every officer and man in this camp. We are proud to have you for our comrades, and we are thankful to know that the far-off frontier of the British Empire—our common heritage—is in the guardianship of men such as you. By your conduct and achievements here, by the stirring feelings they have evoked, you have done as much in the direction of confederation of the Empire, and in securing the union of hearts, as could be done by the speech and schemes of many statesmen. Once more, for one and all, I bid you good-bye and God-speed.'"

At the annual dinner of the Worshipful Company of Saddlers in London on the 14th of August, the master, Mr. F. W. Porter, presided and was supported by several of the past masters, including the Lord Chancellor, Sir Richard Cotton, Lieut.-General Laurie, M.P. Among the guests were Admiral Saumarez, C.B., Col. Minden Cole and Capt. Myles, of the Canadian artillery. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts Col. Cole, who replied on behalf of the reserve forces, said the Canadians were greatly pleased at recently winning the Queen's prize at Shoeburyness, but were even more gratified at the numerous congratulations and the kind reception given them while they had been in this country. He assured the English nation that the Canadians are loyal to the backbone, and would always be ready to take their share of duty to their loving Queen and country whenever aid was needed. The Lord Chancellor, in the course of his remarks in reply to the House of Lords, said he recognized with pleasure the sympathy of the Canadians and other colonists, and expressed his belief that the Anglo-Saxon spirit was still existent in all the British dominions, and would prevail to the end.

The names of the group and the position held by each in the Queen's Prize competition were: Col. F. Minden Cole, battery commander; Capt. Myles; Sergt.-Major Bridgeford, gun group commander from Quebec. The first gun detachment was made up of Sergt.-Major W. F. Fellows, Montreal, gun captain; Bomb. Pollock, St. John, N.B., gun layer; Bomb. Dickson, Montreal; Gunner Rousseau, Quebec; Bomb. Nott, Quebec; Sergt.-Major A. K. Van Horne, Yarmouth, N.S.; Corpl. McGowan, St. John's, and Quartermaster-Sergt. McGuinness, Montreal. The second gun was captained by Sergt.-Major Cornish, Vancouver; Gun-Layer Corpl. Lettice, Victoria, B.C.; Sergt. W. H. Sprague, Prince Edward Island; Sergt. Marshall, Halifax, N.S.; Sergt. Theakstone, Halifax; Sergt. Thomas, Victoria, B.C.; Sergt. Zillies, Montreal, and Sergt. Morrison, Montreal.

The Volunteer Service Gazette of the 15th says: "The detachment of the Royal Canadian Artillery, now in London, are certainly a splendid set of men, and most soldierlike in appearance. Colonel Minden Cole and the adjutant, Captain Myles, may well be proud of them, and they are heartily to be congratulated on carrying off the Queen's Prize (Garrison), the Londonderry Cup, and several other prizes.

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