

THE DIGBY BATTERY.

The trophy won by the Digby (N. S.) Field Battery, at the Dominion Artillery Association competition at Quebec this year, was recently presented with fitting ceremony, at the Royal Hotel, Digby.

On the centre table in the middle of the room stood the Mercier Trophy, the prize won by the Battery. Following some appropriate remarks by Major Daley on the creditable effort of the Battery, the presentation of the cash prizes to the members of the detachment took place. The prizes numbered eight and amounted in all to \$62.00 in cash, and badges presented in the following order:

- 1st, Gunner J. Bent—Silver Cross Guns.
- 2nd, Sgt J E Woodman—Enamelled Badge.
- 3rd, Sgt. H Burnham—do.

Lieut. Bacon, who commanded the detachment, was congratulated on his good luck by many friends during the evening after the presentation was over. He led the way into the dining room of the hotel where an oyster supper had been prepared by Major and Mrs. Daley, who vied with each other in making the occasion a pleasant one for the boys. At 9.30 the visitors took their leave, feeling that it was something more than an empty name to be a "soldier laddie."

The Mercier trophy is a very handsome piece of bronze statuary representing two warriors in full battle array, with drawn swords, buckler, and standard. The statuary rests on an enamelled die which contrasts beautifully with the heavy rosewood base in which it is set. The height of the Trophy from base of pedestal is 30 inches. On the side of the base engraved on a silver shield is the inscription: THE MERCIER CHALLENGE TROPHY. For highest aggregate score with 40 pr. R. B. L. and 64 pr. R. M. L.

This prize is now at Battery Headquarters and will remain in possession of the team for at least one year.

D. A. A OFFICERS' FIRING COMPETITION.

The following were the scores of the officers participating in the Field Artillery competition of the Dominion Artillery Association, firing 3 common shell each: possible, 30.

	Score.	Dir.	Time.
1 Lieut. Knowles.....1, 1st Bde.....	26	6	2.57
2 Lieut. Davidson.....Newcastle.....	26	6	3.15
3 Major Coutlee.....Winnipeg.....	23		
4 Major Nicoll.....1, 1st Bde.....	22		
5 Capt. Milligan.....Durham.....	21	5	2.42
6 Lieut. Gaw.....Shefford.....	21	5	2.50
7 Lieut. Costigan.....Montreal.....	21	5	2.59
8 Lieut.-Col. Peters.....London.....	20	6	
9 Capt. Murchison.....1, 1st Bde.....	20	4	
10 Major Lindsay.....Quebec.....	19	5	
11 Capt. Merewether.....2, 1st Bde.....	19	3	
12 Lieut. McCrae.....2, 1st Bde.....	18	4	2.38
13 Lieut. Simpson.....2, 1st Bde.....	18	4	3.54
14 Lieut. Lawlor.....Newcastle.....	18	4	3.50
15 Major VanWagner.....Hamilton.....	17	5	2.49
16 Capt. Hendrie.....Hamilton.....	17	5	3.55
17 Major McLean.....Durham.....	17	3	
18 Major King.....Welland.....	16		
19 Major Mead.....Toronto.....	15		
20 Lieut. Patterson.....Winnipeg.....	14	4	3.00
21 Major Hall.....Montreal.....	14	4	3.44
22 Lieut.-Col. Call.....Newcastle.....	14	4	4.03
23 Lieut. Irving.....Toronto.....	14	3	
24 Lieut. Eccleston.....Welland.....	13	5	
25 Lieut.-Col. Macdonald.....1st Bde.....	13	3	
26 Major Davidson.....2, 1st Bde.....	11	5	3.00
27 Lieut. Jeffrey.....Welland.....	11	5	4.12
28 Capt. Doidge.....Winnipeg.....	11	4	
29 Capt. Wiley.....Welland.....	10	5	
30 Major Stewart.....Ottawa.....	10	4	
31 Capt. Hooper.....Montreal.....	10	2	

THE REVOLVER.

A CHAMPION.

The revolver championship of the South London Rifle Club has been won by an American with an American revolver. On Oct. 20, the last day of the season, the leaders in the revolver competition had a last struggle for the championship. Mr. Andrews arrived first and worked till he got a score of 40, and then Mr. Walter Winans arrived (it is curious that these two gentlemen, though competing against each other, have never yet met). He had only 36 to make to win the championship, as he had such a big lead. He made it at the first attempt. Then he started after Mr. Andrews's score for the top place in the day "spoon" competition. He made three 40s, and then a 41, which latter won first prize for the spoon. He was greatly handicapped by his favourite old revolver, out of which he has shot many thousand shots, working loose in the action, which made it have drop shots every little while, and he had no other with him to take its place. The championship goes to the competitor who makes the largest aggregate in five scores shot on different days during the club's shooting season with military revolver and ammunition; Walter Winans (Smith & Wesson), winner of championship of the club and gold jewel representing the same—Score, 41, 41, 41, 41, 41—205 out of a possible 210. Mr. Andrews (Colt) second, 41, 40, 40, 40, 39—200. Mr. C. F. Lowe (Colt) third, 40, 39, 39, 39, 38—196.

THE Q. O. R. ASSOCIATION.

The Q. O. R. of Canada Revolver Association intend holding their annual match some time during the week. It is likely to be held in the armoury, and in that case it may be fired some evening by electric light if thought advisable by the committee. The ranges will likely be 25, 35 and 50 yards, prizes at each distance and an aggregate. Some of the matches, probably all, will be open to the active militia of Canada and ex-members of the Q. O. R. A meeting is to be called early this week to decide on conditions, programme, etc.

The only ration a Russian soldier receives is an 8 pound loaf of black rye bread every third day, the baking of which is done regimentally. His further messing is provided for by an allowance from Government, the expenditure of which is controlled by a committee of officers. In a camp described by a correspondent of the *Army and Navy Gazette*, it was 5 kopecks (2½ cents) a day per man, and it was sufficient to supply him with half-a-pound of meat, meal for porridge suet for gruel, and vegetables. This may seem rather incredible, but the contract price of meat is at present 8 kopecks (4 cents) a pound, and other provisions are cheap in proportion. No fixed breakfast is provided; the soldier makes the best of his rye bread, brews his own tea, or buys a cup in the canteen. At 11 a dinner is supplied consisting of "stchi"—vegetable and meat soup—and porridge. The former is excellent. At 7 each man is served out with gruel. A drink called "kvas," a non-intoxicant brewed from corn, is supplied *ad libitum* at both these meals. Government provides the soldier with a canteen, knife, and spoon. Nature provides him with a fork. The meals are served up in a roomy shed with tables and forms, adjacent to the cook-houses. As every Russian citizen is liable to service with the colors for five years, pay is looked upon as a matter of secondary consideration. The yearly pay of a private is 2 roubles 70 kopecks (\$1.50), paid to him in two monthly instalments, each transaction being entered in the soldier's small-book. The work in camp consists chiefly of musketry; when not thus employed, three hours' drill in the morning and two in the evening are an ordinary day's work. Manœuvres lasting a couple of months take place every second year."