

men from among the Martini shots. In doing so, the committee, of course, paid special regard to the former Martini experience of those who seemed eligible for positions. With the experience of the present year it must be recognized that this method of selection possesses at least one serious fault. While it, no doubt, is calculated to bring together a team of experienced and reliable men, it makes no provision that the men shall put in sufficient practice to fit them for such a match. Even taking into consideration the fact that the weather during the fortnight preceding the match practically stopped all firing in St. John, it would seem to the Council that there was too much indifference among the team to the necessity of hard practice, and, in the end, the team was not prepared to do its best for the Province.

On Thursday, the 13th of June, this Association, in its due rotation, received the visiting Teams of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on Drury Range. The day, though clear, was very windy, and even cold, and the personal pleasure of the match was therefore a little marred. The match ended in the decided success of the Nova Scotia Team, with a total score of 658, 65 points more than New Brunswick with a total of 593; the Island being a close third with 588.

The visiting Teams accepted the invitation of the President and Council to dinner at the Dufferin Hotel. In the course of the evening the Maritime Trophy was formally surrendered by the President to the Captain of the N. S. Team. An impromptu toast list, and a sprinkling of songs, largely contributed by the visitors, made the evening pass quickly and pleasantly.

The Council would wish to recognize, in the fullest manner, the obligation under which the Association was placed by many of the officers of the St. John Corps, and by some who were able to be present from a distance. In truth it was principally owing to their assistance that the Association was able to give due prominence to the match, and due honor to the visiting teams. At the request of the President many of these officers attended in uniform during the shooting, and it is not saying too much to state that their willing support was the chief cause of the pleasant evening spent at the Dufferin table.