

Lieut.-Col. Bacon moved, seconded by Major Prior, that the thanks of the Association be tendered the C. P. R. for former favours, and that the secretary be requested to ask for reduced rates on behalf of the British Columbia team, at the annual competition of the Association.

THE COUNCIL MEETING.

At a regular meeting of the Council held in the afternoon the executive committee, treasurer, secretary and auditors were re-elected.

Major Anderson having introduced the subject of want of target accommodation at the present range, after discussion a committee consisting of Major-General Laurie, Majors Perley, Anderson, Blaiklock and Tilton were appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter. Major Tilton to be chairman.

THE RIFLE QUESTION.

Mr. E. D. Sutherland drew the attention of the Council to the fact that the meeting of the competitors last year and the year before the inutility of the Snider-Enfield beyond the 500 yard range had been discussed. He read the following resolution unanimously carried at the last meeting: "Resolved, that the Executive Committee be recommended to abolish the use of the Snider at ranges over 500 yards, and that the Martini-Henry be substituted." In conclusion he moved that the executive should take steps to give effect to this resolution.

The motion was lost on division, the argument against it being that such a decision would interfere with matches at more than one range—for instance the Macdougall cup match has, it is claimed, to be fired at 400 and 600 yards, according to the conditions upon which the cup was given.

Major Bloiklock brought up the ammunition question, and freely criticised the management of the Quebec factory. He was followed, on the same subject, by Capt. Sims, Major Perley and Major Bond, but no action was taken.

Ontario Rifle Association.

Annual Meeting of the Council—The Toronto Range—Team shooting recommendations thrown out.

[From The Empire.]

THE annual meeting of the Council of the Ontario Rifle Association was held at the Rossin house on Saturday 10th inst. The new president of the association, Mr. Wm. Mulock, M.P., occupied the chair. There were present: Capt. Mutton, secretary; Col. Gzowski, A.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. Otter, D. A. G.; Lieut.-Col. Alger, Lieut.-Col. Gibson, 13th; Major Dunn, G.G.B.G.; Major J. J. Mason, 13th; Lieut.-Col. Deacon, 45th; Lieut.-Col. Allan, Q.O.R.; Capts. J. Bruce, Royal Grenadiers; W. M. Cooper, 12th; J. B. McLean, 31st; Lieut. Lanskail, 12th; Mr. A. Campbell, Owen Sound Rifle Association, and others.

The annual report was submitted and approved of.

A memorial from the city council was read praying that the association take steps for the removal of the rifle ranges to a safer place. Considerable discussion took place on this question. It was generally felt that the city council did not care two straws whether the ranges were moved or not as long as the ground could be secured for use by the Industrial Exhibition Association. The council had evidently not read the report of the Court of Enquiry with Major-General Middleton's recommendations. These were in effect that a row of buoys should be placed in the lake outside the extreme line where bullets would strike. All boats would have to keep to the outside of this line. In addition to the buoys a look-out party should be stationed below the bank on the shore to warn off any boats that might be seen approaching the line of fire. The association will likely adopt these recommendations.

It was decided to receive a deputation on the matter, composed of Mayor Clarke, Ald. John McMillan, Ald. Piper, Messrs. Withrow, Rennie, and Staunton and Mr. J. K. McDonald. Mayor Clarke introduced his deputation, and Ald. McMillan stated their case. He pointed out that the rifle practice as at present conducted was very dangerous to the lives of the citizens. The city was very anxious to do all that could be done for the volunteer force, and they had in consequence obtained the refusal of two hundred acres of land within a hundred yards of Port Credit station, on which an excellent range could be found. The city would spend about \$25,000 in purchasing and preparing it for the use of the association. He stated that it was about thirteen miles from Toronto, and return train tickets could be obtained at 25 cents. Mr. Withrow admitted that he wanted the land now held by the association for Industrial Exhibition purposes.

After the deputation withdrew the matter was thoroughly discussed. A desire was expressed by all to what was best in the public interests. On motion of Lieut.-Col. Gibson it was decided:

"That having read the memorial from the council of the city of Toronto on the subject of the removal of the ranges, and heard the representations made by the deputations from the city council and the Industrial and Arts Association, this council is of the opinion that the allegations in the memorial are in many respects not in accordance with the facts, in which view the council is supported by the report of the

Court of Enquiry appointed by the Militia Department. But in view of the offer made by the deputation to provide ranges at Port Credit, a committee be appointed to report at a future meeting of the council. And that in connection with the extension of certain privileges to the Industrial Exhibition Association, the secretary be instructed to remind the association that no answer had been given to the letter of 17th May, 1887, addressed to the city clerk on that subject."

After the usual committees had been appointed the council decided to give a bronze medal to each of the members of the teams which won the Provincial match last year and some years ago.

The recommendations from the association were then taken up. The proposal to reduce the number of men composing a battalion team in the Tait-Brassey match from eight to five was put to a vote and lost. So likewise was the proposal that the number of teams each battalion could enter be unlimited. It was decided to postpone consideration of the question of the time of holding the annual meeting until next meeting. The proposal to count the first stage of the Gibson match in the aggregate was not agreed to.

After deciding that in future better arrangements would be made for the accommodation of the press representatives the council adjourned.

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