

\$2,334 offered last year, besides which all had been paid for the time spent in camp in connection with the competition.

Capt. Bliss seconded the resolution, and the report was then adopted, and the accounts as audited were passed.

It was then moved by Lt.-Col. Turnbull, "That the thanks of the Association be tendered His Excellency the Governor General for his attendance at this meeting, for the kindly interest taken by him in the Association, and for his continued donation of prizes for General Efficiency." The mover said he felt that this motion represented the sentiments of the Artillery all over the country, who had noted with great satisfaction the interest His Excellency had taken in the meetings at the Island of Orleans and elsewhere. Lt.-Col. John Macpherson seconded the resolution, and it was carried by a rising vote.

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

His Excellency the Governor General, who was received with applause, in returning thanks said that he was extremely indebted for the kindness with which he was received, not only on this but on past occasions, by the members of the Dominion Artillery Association but he was more than touched by the very kind manner in which Lt.-Col. Turnbull had spoken of the interest he had taken in the Association. He visited with pleasure the Island of Orleans and saw the competition going on there last season. The camp commandant, the camp quartermaster, and indeed all the officers concerned, were entitled to the greatest credit for the excellent arrangements they had made. The camp was a plain one but it was very businesslike. It would be very difficult to find a better range.

He was very glad that some concession was likely to be made to the Maritime Provinces members, by holding the next gun practice there, in consideration for the long journeys they have been making to Quebec. A good range would be found at Bedford Basin, Halifax. He felt quite sure—and General Herbert would bear him out—that the Regulars there have every desire to facilitate the camp arrangements. Sir John Ross had expressed his willingness to give opportunities for practice with the improved guns at Halifax, and anything sanctioned by the authorities he would gladly carry out.

Since the last meeting of the Association, there had been a change in the office of Minister of Militia, a gentleman well known as the most efficient head of another department having been placed where he could be of immense advantage to the militia force. He was glad to see the new Minister present, and would direct his attention to the small appropriation for rifled ordnance made every year, though no