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The Volunteers' Just Complaints.

Manitoba this week makes the often heard complaint of lack of encouragement of the volunteer movement, and from our correspondent's letter it would appear that the condition of affairs there is a good deal worse than in Eastern Canada. In the older provinces the volunteers have greater resources in population and wealth to draw upon, and a spirit of military enthusiasm once roused survives longer than could be expected in the new West, whose population and wealth have yet to arrive and develop. But in old as well as new Canada, it is imperative that there should be more money spent upon the defensive force if it is to be maintained in a serviceable condition.

The military expenditure last fiscal year was \$1,323,551, out of a total ordinary expenditure of \$36,917,834 by the Dominion. Fifteen years ago the respective amounts were in round numbers \$1,000,000 and \$24,000,000; but at that time we had not the cavalry and infantry schools and their attendant corps, which now absorb \$300,000 of the annual expenditure: an extra battery of artillery has since added say \$60,000 to the annual cost of the permanent force; and the Royal Military College has imposed an additional charge of about \$50,000 on the military appropriations. These new items make up the increase in the expenditure now compared with fifteen years ago; and the citizen soldiers, who give up so large a portion of their spare time to voluntary military service, note with unavailing regret that no increase has been made in the amount set apart for their equipment or the expenses of the necessary training. In fact, the progress has actually been backward, for while in 1875 nearly \$400,000 was expended for drill purposes including the cost of assembling, the men in camps and their maintenance whilst there, the expenditure for this purpose last year was less than \$300,000.

Canada should not be close-fisted with her volunteer soldiers. They render her a willing service of value to the public at large compared with which the present paltry military expenditure of about twenty-five cents per head of the population is utterly insignificant. The volunteers are not unreasonable in their requests. They do not ask large immediate increase in the expenditure, and are content to go for the present without many desiderata; but they are justified in protesting, as they do protest, against being longer required to serve without proper equipment, and against an appropriation so slim that with the exception of the city corps none can assemble for drill more than once in two years, whilst many have a miserable struggle for existence in the face of the discouragement of only twelve days training every third year. The Minister of Militia will doubtless visit many of the camps this summer; the most welcome announcement he could make to the officers who on

such occasions delight to entertain him, would be that there is at last a prospect of successful issue to his endeavours to make their pleasant reunions annual.

The First Bisley Meeting.

The twentieth team sent to represent Canada at the annual prize meetings of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain, sailed from Montreal yesterday on the Parisian. They will have the usual week for practice in England, as the meeting, held at Bisley this year for the first time, opens on Monday, 14th July. They take with them the Kolapore cups, held since last year, when our representative eight secured them in competition against the best marksmen of the Empire. All the provinces of the Dominion, save Manitoba and the North-West Territories, are represented on the team. The Commandant is Lieut.-Col. E. G. Prior, M.P., of the Garrison Artillery, British Columbia; the Adjutant is Major A. H. Todd, of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, and ten of the shooting members come from the Adjutant's province, Ontario; Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have three representatives each, and Prince Edward Island has one. Col. Prior does not number marksmanship amongst the many good qualities fitting him for the command of his team, but of practical knowledge of the art of rifle shooting his Adjutant, Major Todd, possesses enough for both, and has had, besides, valuable experience as a competitor at Wimbledon. There are nine—rather more than the average number—"old hands" amongst the shooting members of the team, besides one—Pte. Davis—who, though now making his first trip from Canada, is an Old Countryman of Wimbledon experience. It is the sixth trip for one of the members, Staff-Sergt. Ogg—perhaps Canada's most noted shot; two others have been three times across, one has been twice, and five once previously. The following is the list of shooting members of the team, giving the order in which they stood upon the list of those eligible, their corps and place of residence, and the years in which they have already been on the Canadian teams for Wimbledon:—

No. on List.	Previously on Team.
1. Corp. H. Marris, 13th Bn., Hamilton, Ont.	1879-82-87
3. Sergt. C. M. Hall, 79th Bn., Waterloo, Q.	Never
6. Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd Bn., Ottawa, Ont.	"
9. Capt. E. G. Zealand, 13th Bn., Hamilton, Ont.	1888
10. Capt. F. B. Ross, 13th Bn., Hamilton, Ont.	1883
12. Lieut. E. Desbarats, 3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal, Q.	Never
15. Capt. H. S. Silver, 63rd Bn., Halifax, N. S.	"
16. Col.-Sergt. M. B. Henderson, 62nd Fusiliers, St. John, N. B.	"
17. Pte. C. A. Windatt, 45th Bn., Bowmanville, Ont.	"
19. Lieut. W. Hora, 14th Bn., Kingston, Ont.	1887
20. Sergt. J. Horsey, 45th Bn., Bowmanville, Ont.	1889
21. Capt. J. A. Longworth, Gar. Artillery, Charlottetown, P. E. I.	Never
22. Pte. J. Davis, 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, Ont.	"
23. Major W. A. Garrison, Garrison Artillery, Halifax, N. S.	1884
25. Lieut. E. A. Smith, Rifles, St. John, N. B.	1882-87-88
28. Capt. W. Bishop, 63rd Bn., Halifax, N. S.	Never
29. Capt. H. H. Gray, G. G. F. G., Ottawa, Ont.	1879-88
31. Lieut. J. Manning, 62nd Fusiliers, St. John, N. B.	Never
32. Staff-Sergt. J. Ogg, 1st B. F. A., Guelph, Ont.	1879-80-81-87-98
33. Capt. E. B. Busted, 3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal, Q.	Never

The indications are that the attendance of competitors at Bisley will be about up to the usual average at Wimbledon. The official return of entries for the two principal competitions up to the first closing date