

the aggregate; thus necessitating practice with two different rifles for all who intend competing at Dominion meetings. This innovation may be looked upon as an experiment, and if it meets with favor we expect to see the proportion of Martini matches increased next year. It may be thought curious that the 200 yards standing match should be allotted to the Martini, when that weapon is looked upon as particularly adapted for long ranges; the reason for this action was that the standing match represents nothing and leads to nothing in Canada, while at Wimbledon the Alfred, a standing match with Martini, is included in the aggregate, and consequently a match under the same conditions here would be of use towards deciding the Wimbledon team.

Personal.

Lieut. J. W. Sears, I.S.C. of Toronto, has been spending a fortnight with his family at St. John, N.B.

Lieut.-Colonel James Deacon, of Lindsay, senior major of the 45th battalion, and lately major of the Midland, has been appointed, by the Ontario government, police magistrate for Victoria county.

Colonel Prince, U. S. V., representing the Gatling machine gun company, was in town this week, and interviewed the several heads of departments likely to be interested in these quick firing death-dealers.

Lieut. Gordon, R. N., who so successfully conducted the three government observing expeditions into Hudson's Bay, left for Halifax on Monday to assume command of the fast fishery cruiser "Acadia." He will combine with the fishery protection service a series of observations on the tides and currents around the coasts of the Maritime provinces.

Recent Deaths.

We regret to learn that Capt. Bruce, R. G., has lost his wife, a daughter of Mr. G. P. Mackenzie, by death, after a married life of only about two years. The funeral, which took place on the 23rd ult. to Mount Pleasant cemetery, Toronto, was attended by the officers of the Grenadiers in a body, a large number of the officers of the Queen's Own, the officials of the Maritime Court, of which Capt. Bruce is registrar, and a large number of private citizens in carriages. A wreath from the Grenadiers' officers, and another from G. Co., which Capt. Bruce commands, testified to the sympathy which his comrades feel in his great loss.

Dominion Artillery Association.

COUNCIL MEETING OF 4TH MAY.

THIS was held to wind up business of the year. There were present: Lieut.-Col. McKenzie, chairman, Lieut.-Cols. Irwin, Montizambert, Cotton and Oswald, Major Stewart and Captain Donaldson, secretary.

On the recommendation of the commandant of the 1886 Shoeburyness team a grant of \$25 was made to Sergt. Bridgford.

The several prizes won by the team were disposed of as follows: His Excellency the Governor-General's cup was presented to Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, commandant of the team. The certificate of merit for practice with 10 inch. R.M.L. guns, was presented to the sergeants' mess of A Battery, of which Sergt. Bridgford, No. 1 of detachment, is a member; and the cups presented by Sir Richard Wallace, Bart., for the 64-pr. R.M.L. competition were presented to the members of the winning detachment as inscribed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was held at noon on the 5th May, Col. Oswald presiding, and there were present Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton, C.B., K.C.M.G.; Col. Powell, A.G., Col. Oliver, R.A., Comdt. R.M.C.; Lieut.-Col. Irwin, I. of A., Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, Asst. I. of A., Lieut.-Col. Cotton, Asst. I. of A., Lieut. Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Gray, Comdg. Toronto F.B., Lieut.-Col. McKenzie, Comdg. Gananoque, F.B., Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, D. of S., Major Turnbull, Montreal, B.G.A., Major Anderson, 43rd Batt., Major Stewart, Comdg. Ottawa F.B., Capt. McMurrich, Toronto G.B., Capt. Bliss, Ottawa F.B., Capt. Wicksteed, late M.G.A., Capt. Hendrie, Hamilton F.B., Capt. Donaldson, Militia Dept., Secy., Lieut. Malloch, Toronto G.B., Capt. Douglas, R.N.R., and others.

The president read a letter from the Governor-General's military secretary expressing His Excellency's regret at being unable to attend. The annual report was then received and adopted and the accounts as audited were passed.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Governor-General for his continued interest in the association, on motion of Sir Fred. Middleton; to the Government for their assistance in the past, on motion of Col.

Gray; to the contributors to the fund to defray the Shoeburyness expenses, on motion of Col. Macpherson; and to the auditors, on motion of Col. Montizambert.

The following were added to the list of life members: Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, Lieut.-Col. Gray, Capts. Boulanger, Smith and Donaldson.

Capt. Douglas addressed the meeting, expressing regret that he had not been able to postpone the exhibition of the firing of the 3-pr. Nordenfelt machine gun until this date, and announcing his willingness to show the working of these guns to any members desiring it, or to give such exhibition as the association might request.

The following officers were elected: president, Lieut.-Col. Oswald; vice-presidents, Lieut.-Cols. Stevenson, Montreal; Peters, London; Armstrong, New Brunswick, and Capt. McMurrich, Toronto.

COUNCIL MEETING OF 5TH MAY.

Present—Lieut.-Col. McKenzie, V.P., in the chair, Col. Oliver, R.A., Lieut.-Cols. Irwin, Montizambert, Cotton, Oswald, Gray, Major Turnbull, Capts. Donaldson, Lulham and Lane, Lieuts. Malloch and Ogilvie.

The following officers were elected: Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, President of Council; Lieut.-Col. McKenzie, Major Crawford, Lindsay, and Capt. Moore, vice-presidents; Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, Capt. Donaldson and Lieut.-Col. McKenzie (from the Ontario A. A.) members of the executive committee; Lieut.-Col. Macpherson and Major Wicksteed, auditors; Capt. Donaldson, secy. and treas.

On motion of Col. Irwin, seconded by Col. Oswald, it was resolved, that the sanction of the proper authorities be requested to hold a general competition for garrison artillery at Quebec, and that if obtained the secretary be empowered to communicate with the secretaries of the National and Scottish artillery associations informing them that a meeting will be held at Quebec, and inviting their associations to send out battery teams under their auspices.

On motion of Col. Irwin, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, it was resolved to request a committee of the O. A. A. to examine into the possibility of obtaining a good range east of Toronto, and to report as soon as possible to the D. A. A.

On motion of Col. Gray, seconded by Major Turnbull, it was resolved to request the Government to increase the number of rounds of ammunition to field and garrison batteries, so as to admit of officers having some instruction in gun practice.

In Parliament.

AS heretofore, we propose giving a summary of any action taken by the Dominion Houses of Parliament having reference in any way to our militia force. So far, as is usual in the early days of the sessions, very little has been done, but the business may be expected to begin with a rush after the week's holiday just begun.

The first action of the Commons indirectly affecting the force was the election to the speakership of a lieutenant colonel commanding an active battalion, and the chairman of the D. R. A. council. Colonel Ouimet's nomination was not opposed by the opposition, but Mr. Blake could not resist a fling at the government on the head of Colonel Ouimet's position towards the Riel resolutions last year, when he voted with the opposition, and taunted them with inconsistency in elevating to the position of first commoner in Canada, "his fellow Rielite."

On the 15th April Sir Adolphe Caron laid on the table the annual report of his department.

On the 19th Mr. Davin asked whether the government had any intention of arranging for pensions for the Mounted Policemen after certain terms of service, to which, to which he received the formal reply that the matter was under consideration.

On the same day the same irrepressible member moved for a return of those outside the regularly enrolled militia force, who have been recommended for scrip for services of whatever kind in the late rebellion, either as volunteers, home guards, scouts, or any other capacity. He explained that a volunteer corps had been authorized in Regina, under Capt. D. L. Scott, and that it was included in Col. Scott's battalion together with one at Birtle, as an ordinary active militia corps. On the 18th September it was relieved from active service and disbanded, and it was since contended that as a home guard it had no claim for scrip. Mr. Davin thought it had as much right to every consideration as any part of the force, because they were actively engaged in bearing arms, and because the Birtle company, clerks and transport officers received scrip.

Sir Adolphe Caron claimed that the action of the department was controlled entirely by the statutes, the first act referring only to the regularly enlisted force and the Act 49 Vic., cap. 29, extending the list. He would bring down the return as soon as possible.

Dr. Sproule brought up the case of the Macdonald scouts of Moosejaw. They had applied for the same recompense as the active force,