

and had always advocated sixteen days, but had not been able to secure sufficiently large appropriations to meet the outlay. He would lay the application before his colleagues, though he must say he thought there was little prospect of success.

The deputation and their parliamentary friends next waited upon Sir John Macdonald to make the same application to him. Having heard Col. Dawson, Col. Otter, Mr. Small, Mr. Brown and others, Sir John said he was afraid that in this year of retrenchment the Government could not grant the desired appropriation. "We must consult the military authorities, though," he added, "and I will speak to the Minister and to Gen. Middleton; he's a good practical man." Being further pressed on the score that the new drill could not possibly be learned this year at city headquarters, Sir John jocosely remarked that he would arrange it with President Harrison that there should be no war this year.

While the deputation were before Sir Adolphe Caron Col. Denison presented a petition from the army and navy veterans of Toronto, asking for the use of the old fort, which they desired fitted up as barracks for such of them as are in destitute circumstances. Sir Adolphe said this too involved a very serious question as there were pensioners in every city in Canada, and they would all want like treatment. However, he would give the matter consideration.

Meetings of Riflemen

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Montreal Rifle Association was held Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Victoria Rifles' Armoury, Capt. Hood in the chair. The following were elected office bearers for the ensuing year: Patrons, Sir D. A. Smith, M.P., Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., Mr. A. Desjardins, M.P., Lieut.-Colonels F. Bond and F. Massey, Captains J. S. Hall, jr., M.P.P., and C. C. Newton; president, Capt. John Hood; vice-presidents, Capts. A. H. Sims and W. Abbott; secretary, Mr. K. Mathews; treasurer, Mr. D. McCrae; committee, Messrs. A. Shaw, J. J. Bell, J. R. Wynne, R. Kough, P. Jackson and J. W. Marks; auditors, Messrs. C. L. MacAdam and E. W. Wilson; representatives to D. R. A. and P. Q. R. A., Capt. Newton and Mr. K. Mathews. The first match will be shot at Laprairie on Good Friday, Queen's ranges, Martini rifles. The prizes will be a N. R. A. medal, D. R. A. medal, P. Q. R. A. badge and O. R. A. medal. The shooting men of the district are going to make an effort to have the matter of a rifle range for the city corps brought up in the House at Ottawa. The prospect at present for the shots of the fifth district is very black, little or nothing having been done to the range at Cote St. Luc.

THE MANITOBA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Rifle Association was held on the 12th inst., at the office of the Deputy Adjutant General, Winnipeg. The attendance of members was large. Lieut.-Col. Boswell occupied the chair. The first business of the evening was the presentation of the annual reports and accompanying statements, which were received and adopted. The 17th annual report of the council of the association was submitted by Major Buchan, secretary. It first mentioned the lowering of the association debt from \$361.04 to \$84.41. The prize meeting of the past year was fairly successful. The entrance fees amounted to \$489 and the membership fees and grants to \$1,518, as against \$1,584 the previous year. The range and target expenses, including the entire cost of the matches, show a large deduction as compared with the previous year. The amount contributed by the association toward the expenses of the provincial team to the D. R. A. matches was \$270 (9 at \$30 each), against \$320 in 1887. The report of the team matches show that Staff-Sergeant Graburn, 91st, succeeded in winning the N. R. A. medal.

With a view to giving the association more of a provincial character and to extend its influence throughout the province and territories, several amendments were suggested by the council.

The council expressed their deep regret at the death of Mr. C. J. Brydges, who for many years had been a life member of the association, and was ever a willing and liberal contributor to the funds. He was always ready to assist in forwarding the aims and interests of the association. The report closed acknowledging the many grants and donations received during the past year.

The following cash statement was presented: Receipts \$2,283.14, disbursements \$2,240.83, balance in bank \$42.31; total assets are \$212.52.

Captains Benedict and Doidge were then appointed scrutineers, after which the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Patron, Sir Donald A. Smith; Vice-Patrons, Premier of Manitoba, Mayor

of Winnipeg, and the Chief Commissioner of the H. B. Co.; President, A. Logan; Vice-Presidents, Lieut.-Col. Boswell and W. M. Whyte; Council, Capt. Wastie Brandon, Lieut. Brown, Portage la Prairie; Major Bell, Indian Head, N.W.T.; Inspector Norman, N. W. M. P., Regina; Private Gillies, Stony Mountain; Captains Balfour, Graburn, Bruce and Doidge, Lt. Benedict, Staff-Sergeant Mitchell, Color Sergeant Keannon, Winnipeg. Representatives on council of Dominion Rifle Association, T. M. Daly, M. P., and Lt.-Col. D. A. McDonald, Ottawa. The thanks of the meeting were tendered the retiring officers and the chairman.

ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Council of the Ontario Rifle Association was held on Saturday, 16th inst., at the Rossin House, Toronto. In the absence of the president, Mr. Wm. Mulock, M. P., the chair was taken by Major J. J. Mason, of Hamilton.

There were present Col. Gzowski, Lieut.-Cols. Otter and Alger, Majors Dunn and Delamere, Capts. Mutton (secretary), Bruce, Manley and O'Brien, and Messrs. McNachtan, Crowe, Cartwright, L. H. Irving, A. J. Greene, A. Bell, Pearce and Mowat, each representing affiliated associations.

The first important matter was introduced by Col. Gzowski, who may be termed "the father of the O. R. A.," and who is always watchful of its interests at home and abroad. Col. Gzowski referred to the fact that it was thought by some that the different rifle associations were not doing their duty, inasmuch as they failed to bring out the rank and file of the force, who were thus left ignorant of the first duties of a soldier, the handling of his rifle. He would rectify this by introducing an idea that had been first suggested to him by Lieut. L. H. Irving, late of the Toronto Garrison Artillery. It was that the O. R. A. should set the lead by requesting the Government to require every battalion in Ontario to send a team of eight men who have never fired in a match before to the annual matches in August, and to pay their transport, and that the association should give a handsome prize or prizes to encourage this object. He suggested \$100, of which he will contribute one-half. The Colonel stated that such a course will greatly stimulate rifle shooting among the rural battalions, from whom competitors would be chosen, and to which they would return with fresh ideas of shooting as learned among the crack shots of the Dominion at the ranges in Toronto.

The remarks were received with much favor, and as Col. Gzowski was called away from the meeting it was moved by Col. Otter that the suggestions be embodied in a resolution. This was carried unanimously.

The Secretary introduced a deputation from the City Council, Mayor Clarke and Ald. McMillan, on the subject of Garrison Common. His Worship explained that the Council wished to work in harmony with the volunteers, in proof of which he pointed to Alderman McMillan, who had been a volunteer, and whose sons were all in the force to-day. They wished more room for Exhibition Park, and while admitting that they were powerless to enforce their request he thought they would surely come to terms. These were that the Rifle Association should allow the city the use of the grounds during the two weeks of the fair, for which time the grounds were always closed at present. And that in return the city would level and improve the common and make the butts as safe as they could be made for shooting purposes. The remarks of His Worship were supplemented by the chairman of the Executive and were well received by the riflemen present.

This committee was appointed to confer with the one from the City Council: President Mulock, Lieut.-Cols. Otter and Gibson, Majors Delamere and Dunn and Capt. Bruce.

A deputation of the Toronto Cricket Club, composed of Messrs. G. G. S. Lindsey and Shanly, was introduced. The club requested the sub-lease of a piece of land just west of the Old Fort for the purpose of a cricket ground. The idea was entertained by the council and referred to the same committee as above for confirmation.

These officers were chosen, the President and vice-presidents having been elected at the annual meeting of the association in August last:

Treasurer—Lieut.-Col. Alger (re-elected).

Secretary—Capt. Mutton, Q.O.R. (re-elected).

Auditors—Capt. Boomer (retired list) and Capt. T. D. Delamere (retired list.)

Certain important suggestions from the annual meeting were then discussed and it was decided that the time system should be adopted at the matches this year; that the number of rounds in the extra series be reduced from seven to five; that the whole range be open for an hour each morning for extra series; that in the Canada Company match (maiden) "any" position may be used instead of "kneeling."

The secretary, Capt. Mutton, showed the council a sample of the medals he had procured by order of the council for the winners in the London Merchants' Cup Match, at Ottawa. They were greatly admired and unanimously approved. The prize meeting this year will be held during the week preceding the D. R. A. meeting at Ottawa.