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NOTE AND COMMENT.

A Conservative daily congratulates the Militia Force upon the fact that the estimates submitted to the House this year provide for an increase of \$25,000 in the allowance for drill pay, etc. Our esteemed contemporary is apparently unaware that for some years past the estimate for this particular purpose has been considerably exceeded, a fact to which attention has regularly been drawn by the Auditor-General. The amount now asked for is nothing more than what it has been found necessary to spend for several years past, and is no increase in fact, but merely a question of book-keeping, other items being decreased to adjust this apparent increase.

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General rules established to meet special cases or remove specific grievances not infrequently work more injustice than that sought to be removed. An illustration is afforded by the provision made a couple of years ago, that graduates of the Royal Military College not having joined any corps, but becoming attached for certain service at camp, should after five years be promoted from their Militia rank of Lieutenant to that of Captain. But no such step in rank is allowed those who regularly join any corps of the Militia, and the effect of this is that graduates who have put in more than five years constant service are still only Lieutenants in the absence of regimental promotion through resignation of their seniors, while others who have served only a few weeks in camp as attached officers, have got their captaincies. The anomaly should be removed without delay.

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The Manitoba Rifle Association are in the creditable position of reporting a surplus on hand, after closing the accounts for the past season, during which they were at considerable expense in meeting

liabilities of former years. The new management deserve congratulation on the satisfactory result of their unselfish efforts, especially when it is remembered how blue was the outlook when they took hold. Pluck and enthusiasm, added to a thoroughly practical knowledge of the work undertaken, make an irresistible combination, and when upon the reorganization the Association chose as their secretary Mr. Coulson N. Mitchell they secured a working head endowed with all these desirable qualities. That he and his associates in the work may be as successful this year will be the wish of all devotees of the rifle.

THE BISLEY TEAM.

Notifications have been sent to the first twenty eligible for places on the Bisley team, that acceptances must be sent in to the Secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association by the 15th April, otherwise the next in order will be called upon. A question having been raised as to the eligibility of Lieut. W. M. Andrews, 5th Royal Scots, who shot as an officer on the Retired List, but has since taken his present commission, the Executive have decided that he is not qualified under the rule, and in consequence he has been passed over, the twenty-first man being thus brought into the list of those notified.

We expect to be very shortly in a position to congratulate Lt.-Col. F. Massey, 6th Fusiliers, Montreal; and Major W. C. Macdonald, 48th Highlanders, Toronto, upon appointment as Comandant and Adjutant respectively of the Bisley team of 1892. On more than one occasion since his name has been mentioned in this connection, we have dwelt upon the propriety of an appointment such as that of Col. Massey, as a fitting reward for services rendered to the cause of rifle shooting. In the case of Major Macdonald, who also has been mentioned in former years in

connection with the appointment he is likely to receive, although he has not the looked for qualification of having attended the N. R. A. meeting as a competitor, he is otherwise so well suited to the position that few will be found to question the wisdom of such a choice.

The officer having the strongest claim to the Adjutancy is in our opinion Capt. J. W. deC. O'Grady, of the 43rd Battalion. Having already been to Wimbledon as a member of the Canadian Team, Capt. O'Grady has the personal knowledge of N. R. A. methods considered almost indispensable for the Adjutant, and his record as a team captain in his regiment has been one of singular success. The Dominion Rifle Association has for many years benefited by his advice and assistance, and the latest proof of his interest appeared at the annual meeting last week, when the announcement was made of the series of prizes for a Nursery Aggregate he has secured from citizens of Ottawa. A leading official of the Bank of Montreal, his appointment would be a graceful compliment to that institution—the most generous in annual contributions to the D. R. A. prize fund. But a promotion Captain O'Grady has just received in the Bank service is not unlikely to stand in the way of his present acceptance of the Adjutancy. If, however, circumstances will permit him to go, the appointment should be offered him as the person best entitled to and qualified for it.

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

We are happy to be able to announce this week the awakening of the Canadian Military Rifle League after the winter's rest. The former Secretary, Mr. W. R. Pringle, finds as he expected that it is quite impossible for him to again take up the affairs of the League, but the President has now taken hold, and to start the busi-

ness has issued the following circular letter to each member of the Executive:—

TORONTO, March 22nd, 1892.

Dear Sir,—It will be remembered that at the annual meeting of the Canadian Rifle League the appointment of a Secretary was left to the Executive Committee. Efforts have been used by me since the meeting to induce Mr Pringle to act for at least one more year, and I have had some reason to hope these efforts would be successful. Recently, however, for purely business reasons, he has positively declined, and another man must be selected. There are many riflemen who would fill the bill very well, but I desire that the duties shall be undertaken by some one who can see me or be consulted by me without any inconvenience, and the name of Major Delamere is suggested by me for the position for this year. He will not be available for re-election at the next annual meeting. As a member of the Executive Committee do you concur in Major Delamere's appointment?

In sending me your reply please let me also have your views on one or two points of vital importance to the League:—

1st. What do you suggest with a view to a more satisfactory system of checking and verifying the scores? I intend to send out a very strong letter on the subject to the C.O.'s of all competing corps before the first competition takes place; but if I receive from each of the members of the Committee his well considered views on this difficult question I may be able, with the Secretary's assistance, to adopt some sort of a system that will at least be an improvement on the past.

2nd. Do you think any higher entrance fee can be imposed without danger of a falling off in entries?

3rd. Do you think it necessary to provide so large a number of prizes in the shape of cups? The badges have been recognized by the Militia Department, and of course will be appreciated all the more from that fact, but perhaps there is not any necessity for the tremendous array of cups which we have hitherto presented.

4th. What, if any, suggestions have you to make for improving the programme of last year?

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible, so that at the termination of the session of the Legislature I may be in a position to have all necessary arrangements made and announcements published.

I am, yours very truly,

J. M. GIBSON,
President.

It is to be hoped that Col. Gibson's request for early replies will be granted, as it is important that the League programme should be announced soon, in order that rifle associations generally may shape their plans accordingly.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual business meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., with the usual average attendance, although some familiar faces were missed; among whom was the late Capt. Macnachten of Cobourg, who for many years was a very regular attendant.

Lt.-Col. Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick occupied the chair, and on his right was His Excellency the Governor-General, attended by Viscount Kilcourse, A.D.C.

The annual report having been received as printed, accepted as read, and adopted, Major Hughes, 45th Battalion, moved the usual vote of thanks to His Excellency for his presence and continued patronage of the Association.

His Excellency in replying remarked that on glancing at the cover of the report the thought occurred to him that the title might be aptly changed from Dominion Rifle Association to Dominion Smooth-bore Association. It was a source of regret that year after year passed without any improvement in the arm with which the force is equipped.

Lt.-Col. Massey moved the vote of thanks to the Minister of Militia, whose presence at the meeting afforded much pleasure to the members present, and might, he trusted, be accepted as an augury of good omen for the force, as evidencing the interest which the Minister intended to take in everything connected with his Department.

Lt.-Col. the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell responded in a most felicitous strain, and recalled, amidst considerable amusement, the first occasion on which he had met the Hon. President of the Association; on which occasion, acting as A. D. C. to the D. A. G. at one of the Brigade Camps, he had been detailed to convey an order to the President, then commanding his regiment. Upon delivering the order he was asked to repeat it, and having done so, was asked if he could tell how to do it, to which he was forced to reply, "Lord no; it was hard enough to remember how to deliver it."

He assured the members that whatever it was in his power to do to improve the position of the force, having due regard to the limited means placed at his disposal, would be done, and he would always endeavour to secure the co-operation and approval of the other members of the Cabinet in any scheme to improve the force.

The thanks of the Association having been tendered to the Major General commanding, Major General Herbert on rising expressed his thanks to the members of the Association for the kind manner in which the mention of his name had been received. He assured them that everything he had been able to do had been not only a duty but a pleasure, and that the more he goes on and sees the deep

interest taken in their work by all ranks, the very satisfactory progress made, and the good results attained considering the limited opportunities afforded them, the greater pleasure it afforded him to work for and with the Militia of Canada. It was the same way with the rifle shooting, and this made him all the more anxious that a weapon might be put in their hands more efficient than that with which they are at present armed.

Last year was a red letter year for the riflemen of the Dominion, not only at Bisley but at the D.R.A. also, for which he thought we owe a great deal to the Military Rifle League, and he was pleased to announce that he had just given authority for the winners of badges in the League to wear them when in uniform in a similar manner to the badges won at Bisley or at the Dominion Rifle Association meeting.

He had read with great interest the report of Major Weston, commandant of the Bisley Team, whose recommendations were practical and of considerable value. With reference to the suggestion that the Association endeavour to obtain permission for the team to practice on the Pirbright range, he feared there would be difficulties in the way which would be hard to overcome, as the whole brigade of Guards had to do their firing on this range, and it was usually fully occupied; but if the Council determined that it would be desirable to endeavour to obtain permission to use it, he would communicate with the military authorities if the Executive would wish him to do so, and do his best to secure the needful permission.

Lt.-Col. Turnbull, M.G.A., moved, seconded by Lieut. Laurie, I.S.C., the thanks of the Association to the several donors of prizes to the Association.

Major Blaiklock moved a hearty vote of thanks to Lt.-Col. Roberts for his continued kindness to the Bisley Team of 1891. Major Blaiklock stated that on the arrival of the team at Cambridge they found that no arrangements *whatsoever* had been made for their board or lodging, and they were indebted to Col. Roberts for most unremitting kindness and attention in endeavouring to secure suitable quarters for them, as well as in granting them the use of the Cambridge University rifle range for practice during the week preceding the Bisley meeting.

Lieut. Sutherland moved that inasmuch as the National Rifle Association authorities have determined to open their matches under certain restrictions to retired volunteers, and it is usual for our D. R. A. to follow in the footsteps of the parent institution, that provision be made by the Council in this year's programme for the admission of retired volunteers to all matches under certain restrictions to be imposed by Council. Major Blaiklock moved in amendment that Mr. Sutherland's motion be received as notice of motion for next annual meeting, in order that a full discussion of the matter might

be had at the competitors' meeting and the views of those most interested ascertained before action is taken in the matter. The amendment was adopted.

Captain O'Grady announced that Mr. J. W. McRae, President Ottawa Electric Street Railway, Mr. J. R. Booth, lumberman, Ottawa, and Mr. F. X. St. Jacques had each announced their intention of contributing \$50 to the funds of the Association, and that Captain S. Maynard Rogers, 43rd Bat. O. & C. R., had given \$40 for the same purpose.

The election of officers followed and resulted in the re-election of the President and Vice-Presidents, as last year, with the exception of Lt.-Col. Allan Gilmour, who is replaced by Lt.-Col. J. M. Gibson as Vice-President for Ontario.

The Council, with one or two exceptions, is much the same as last year. The most notable change is the election of Lt.-Col. Henshaw as a representative from Quebec, and his subsequent choice as Chairman of the Council in succession to Lt.-Col. Hon. J. A. Ouimet, who had expressed his desire to be relieved of the position.

NOTES OF THE MEETING.

It felt as if a portion of the routine proceedings had been omitted when the Deputy Minister of Militia, who has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the Association, was not called upon to apologize for the absence of his Minister.

His Excellency the Governor-General and the Major General are entitled to very warm corners in the hearts of all Militiamen for their unceasing efforts to stir the Government into providing more modern arms for the use of the force than the old gas pipes now in their hands.

Colonel Mackenzie Bowell is winning golden opinions in his new portfolio. Militia officers from a distance who had business to transact with the Department were astounded to find that it was possible to obtain definite and decisive answers inside of 48 hours.

The D. A. G. of Military District No. 2 was, we think, the only officer present from points west of Ottawa who came to the city specially for the meeting. This does not evidence great interest on the part of western riflemen in the proceedings and ought to be remedied. Hamilton used to send two very favourite faces, Lt.-Col. Gibson and Major Mason, but of late years we have missed them, and no one seems to replace them.

The Executive had a long discussion as to whether or not Lieut. Andrews should be allowed a place on the Bisley team. He shot as a Retired Officer. Then taking a commission in the 5th Royal Scots, his appointment was antedated to a time before the matches. The rule is that Retired Officers are ineligible for Bisley, but because his commission had been antedated an unsuccessful attempt was made by personal friends on the Executive to have him declared eligible.

THE DOMINION ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association was held in the Tower Room of the House of Commons, on Thursday, 17th March, commencing at 12.15, with a very slim attendance. The president, Lt.-Col. Stevenson, was in the chair, and among those present were: His Excellency the Governor-General and Capt. Walsh, A.D.C.; Lt.-Col. Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Militia; Major-General Herbert, Commanding the Militia; Col. Walker Powell, Adjutant-General; Col. C. E. Panet, Deputy-Minister; Lt.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery; Capt. Donaldson, Secretary; Lt.-Col. Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, M.P.; Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison, M.P.; Lt.-Col. E. G. Prior, M.P.; Lt.-Col. Otter, D.A.G.; Lt.-Col. Turnbull, M.G.A.; Major Cole, v.G.A.; Lt.-Col. John Macpherson; Capt. Bliss, O.F.B.; Lieut. Gilmour, O.F.B.; Dr. R. J. Wicksteed, and Mr. J. D. Taylor. The proceedings opened with an address from the chairman, who in moving that the report as printed and presented be taken as read, expressed regret at the small number of officers present. This might be because of the general satisfaction with the manner in which the affairs of the Association were conducted, or to a feeling of indifference, but if the latter were the cause it was certainly confined to the attendance at the meeting, as during the year great interest had been shown in the practical working of the Association. Col. Prior seconded the resolution in a brief speech in which he expressed his conviction that the small attendance was by no means due to indifference to the welfare of the Association. The motion was carried.

THE EXECUTIVE'S REPORT.

Lt.-Col. Irwin, as Chairman of the Executive, moved the adoption of their report, and dwelt briefly upon each of the subjects there dealt with. With respect to the range finding practice, which it is proposed should be continued next season, he said that whilst in former years, with the smooth bore guns in use and the targets plainly visible, very careful laying was not a necessity, the adoption of rifled guns has made the case entirely different, the ranges being so great that the most careful observation is called for. The Dominion Association had in a humble way endeavoured to imitate the example of the Royal Artillery, and commencing with range finding practice with one gun, they had gone on to two, and then the whole battery.

The competitive gun practice at Kingston had been carried out with good results.

The drill and driving competition was also exceedingly well carried out, and the beautiful cup offered by Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski had been finally won by the Durham Field Battery, as winners two

years in succession. They richly deserved the victory, their record for several years having been exceedingly high.

A GARRISON MEET AT HALIFAX.

With respect to the Garrison Artillery practice, usually carried out at the Island of Orleans, a change was proposed with a view to meeting the claims of the Maritime Province gunners for a meeting nearer home. Lt.-Col. Montizambert, Assistant Inspector of Artillery, had examined the range available at Bedford Basin, Halifax, and having found it in every way suitable for garrison gun practice it was proposed that next year's meeting should be there. Col. Rym and the other officers of the Imperial troops at that station had promised to do all possible to assist in carrying out the arrangements; and the expected facilities for practice with the modern improved guns of the Imperial garrison would be an inducement to the Ontario and Quebec members to visit Halifax.

The Field Battery practice would it was hoped be carried out next season as usual.

A deplorable and fatal accident had occurred at the shifting ordnance competition at the Island of Orleans, but this was the first accident since the inception of these competitions, and was the single exception to the rule that when properly conducted they are quite safe. The accident could not have been foreseen and no one could be held blameworthy.

THE EFFICIENCY SCHEME.

As to the efficiency competitions he could not speak too highly of the good effects they had upon the whole artillery force. His Excellency had been kind enough to continue his presentation of cups, and they were the objects of the greatest emulation. The credits in these competitions had been doubled in value, in order to assist the inspecting officers in making their awards relatively accurate, and the plan had worked well. A specially noteworthy fact was the manner in which the questions were answered by the members of the leading batteries, showing a thorough study of the subjects.

The prize list had been increased by \$304, making a total of \$1,334 offered last year, besides which all had been paid for the time spent in camp in connection with the competitions.

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

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ADDRESS.

Lt.-Col. Turnbull moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor-General. 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 Orleans and elsewhere. Lt.-Col. John Macpherson seconded the resolution, and it was carried by a rising vote.

Lord Stanley of Preston in reply thanked the mover for the kind words just spoken, and said that whatever efforts he had made in connection with the artillery meetings had occasioned him sincere pleasure. On every occasion except one since he had come to Canada he had attended the meeting at Orleans, and his impression was always favourable. The Camp Commandant and Quartermaster were entitled to great credit for the arrangements made, and the range itself could not be improved upon in that part of the country. He was glad to hear that a concession was to be made to the Garrison Artillery of the Maritime Provinces, in the way of holding the next meeting at 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 advantage was taken of it. He would not advise any but the most cautious investment in this connection, but thought we should have the most improved guns of position. If, however, our present weapons are not as perfect in equipment as they might be, practice with them is of great advantage and he trusted it would not be neglected during the coming year.

The field batteries so far as he had seen had maintained an excellent record, and he congratulated the Durham Battery upon their exceptionally proud position. As to the Association generally, so long as the spirits now inspiring prevails, it could claim and should receive the utmost attention from all good citizens.

THE MINISTER OF MILITIA.

Major Cole moved a vote of thanks to the Government, to Parliament, and to the Minister of Militia; and that Lt.-Col. the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell be elected a Vice-Patron of the Association. He felt sure, he said, that the new Minister of Militia would afford them all assistance in his power. Lt.-Col. Otter seconded the resolution, which was declared carried.

Lt.-Col. Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, replying, thanked the Association for the resolution, and Lord Stanley for the kind reference made in his address. He could promise His Excellency and the head of the Council that whatever advice he might tender them his desire would be to do what was best in the interest of the force.

He knew that in the days of his active military connection there were very great demands on its behalf, and he anticipated that in this as in the Customs Department the demands would be rather more than could be granted. He invited, however, representation of all desires, and if any could not be granted he would frankly tell them so, and why (applause). This he had found to be the better way for all concerned. On the subject of weapons, he thought it highly desirable that the best arm procurable should be had for each branch of the service, and he should do his best to render the Artillery and the whole force as effective as possible.

A NEW RULE.

In accordance with notice given Lt.-Col. Irwin moved the following resolution affecting the Rules of the Association:—“That the following be made a rule: ‘Officers who compete for prizes must be life or annual subscribers to the Association.’”

He desired also to make an explanation which would have been made by Major Stewart, the President of the Council, had he been present. This related to the reference to the Morris tubes, which the Council had reported as not forthcoming. These, he was happy to state, had been received, and were now ready for issue to those field batteries in a position to make intelligent use of them. The duck suits also had been received, and would be issued in time for this year's drill.

The motion carried, after endorsement by the chairman, who said he would like to see every officer a subscriber to the Association.

Capt. Donaldson moved a vote of thanks to the Hamilton Powder Co., for their continued donation of \$100 to the funds of the Association, and that Dwight Brainerd, Esq., be elected a life member. He wished it particularly noted that this was the only mercantile firm contributing to the funds. The resolution carried.

THE PRESIDENCY.

General Herbert moved that Lt. Col. Curren, H.G.A., be elected President for the coming year. This choice, he pointed out, would be particularly apt in view of the intention to hold the next Garrison meeting at Halifax. As the Maritime Provinces furnish so large a proportion of the competitors and the Halifax Brigade is one of the most efficient in the Dominion it would be a graceful act this year to move the meeting down to Halifax. He knew there would be no difficulty about the arrangements. There were at Halifax some of the most modern specimens of artillery, and this opportunity of seeing the really scientific application of artillery knowledge would give a decided impetus to our force.

THE GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

He thought it not out of place here to make some few remarks on the Canadian Artillery in general, and its efficiency,

which he thought was largely due to this Association. As he had already intimated in a General Order, he considered the Artillery the most efficient arm in the Dominion, and this he attributed to the system of inspection carried out in connection with the work of the Dominion Artillery Association. Inspection had thus been prevented from degenerating into a mere parade and march past, for while the effect of inspection—what is efficiency and what is not—had been largely lost sight of in many instances, such was not the case here. Even here, however, he considered that too much importance had been attached to some things and not enough to others—for instance, discipline and interior economy appeared to be slighted—and he had discussed with the Inspector plans for improvement, with the result that he thought they had struck upon a plan for keeping the ledgers in better order, thus securing that the batteries should get their equipment in proper time. He blamed the officers of the batteries for the hitherto faulty administration which had permitted the matter of equipment to be neglected until the last moment.

THE PERIOD FOR DRILL.

In the Report of Council, at Paragraph 8, he noticed a strong recommendation that a longer period than twelve days should be allowed for the annual drill of the Artillery. This he could not support, so long as he saw a third of the Militia not drilled at all. He would, however, recommend the grant of pay by the Department to such detachments as go into camp for practice under the auspices of the Association. Personally, he would like to see the period of drill increased, but feared this could not be done; the other he thought could be done.

THE VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Lt.-Col. Prior, M.P., seconded the motion and the election of Lt.-Col. Curren as President was unanimously carried. Lt.-Cols. Armstrong, Prior, and Turnbull were re-elected Vice-Presidents, and Lt.-Col. Moore, P. E. I. G. A., was elected a Vice-President in place of Lt.-Col. Curren. Lt.-Col. Stevenson, Capt. W. McCrae, and Capt. D. C. F. Bliss were elected members of Council.

Capt. Bliss moved, and Lieut. Gilmour seconded, a vote of thanks to the Auditors, Lt.-Col. John Macpherson and Mr. F. E. Knight, which was carried unanimously.

THE RETIRING PRESIDENT.

The chair having been taken by Lt.-Col. Turnbull, a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Lt.-Col. Stevenson, was moved by Lt.-Col. Irwin, who feelingly referred to the various capacities in which Col. Stevenson had served the Association for many years past, and the regret all felt that ill health had caused his absence from last camp. He knew it was very hard for Col. Stevenson to dissociate him-

self from his battery and the Association, and that they could always count upon him as a warm friend.

Lt.-Col. Stevenson returned thanks. He had always taken a deep interest in and appreciated the importance of the Association. He was glad that his successor was an officer from the Lower Provinces, and hoped that Col. Curren would be able to inspire greater interest in the Association there. Seeing that His Excellency, the Officer Commanding, and the Minister of Militia, had found time to be present on this occasion, he thought the Artillery officers generally might be aroused to the necessity of devoting one day in the year to the business of the Association. He called upon the press to make a note of this—if indeed General Herbert would not issue a General Order on the subject. (Laughter.)

The meeting then adjourned.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Council met in the afternoon, when officers were elected as follows:—President, Major Nicoll, 1st Brigade Field Artillery, Guelph; Vice-Presidents, Major Crawford Linday, Quebec, Lt.-Col. Call, Newcastle, Major Cole, Montreal, Lt.-Col. Irving, Charlottetown; Secretary-Treasurer, Capt. Donaldson, Ottawa; Executive Committee, Lt.-Col. Macdonald, Guelph, Capt. Maxwell, Halifax.

A committee of Council, consisting of Lt.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery, Lt.-Col. Stevenson, Lt.-Col. Turnbull and Major Cole, waited upon the Major-General Commanding with reference to holding the Garrison Artillery competition for 1892 at Halifax, N.S., and received satisfactory assurance of his cordial co-operation in carrying out the suggestion of the Council.

It was moved by Capt. Bliss, seconded by Capt. Donaldson, that the suggestion of the Executive Committee re messing in Clause 3 of their report be adopted.—Carried.

It was decided on motion of Lt.-Col. Stevenson, seconded by Capt. Bliss, that all details as to carrying out competitions and preparation of prize list be referred to the Executive Committee.

Another crack shot has moved from Eastern Canada to the West, in the person of Staff Sergt. J. R. Wynne, of the 5th Royal Scots of Montreal, who has established himself in business as a druggist in Winnipeg. Like the other migrants, Mr. Wynne will doubtless keep his hand and eye in training, and make the Dominion rifle meeting the occasion of a pleasant annual reunion.

Lieut.-Col. A. H. Todd has resigned the command of the Governor General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, in consequence of a disagreement with the Militia Department on the subject of the annual pay of his corps. His retirement will be a great loss to the Guards, with whom he has served for twenty years—ever since the formation of the regiment.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Royal Military College Club took place at the British American Hotel, Kingston, on Friday, 11th March. Ex-cadets from all parts of the country came to renew old acquaintances, and to pay a visit to their "Alma Mater." The following gentlemen were present: Capt. S. J. Denison, I.S.C, president; F. W. White, Esq., C.E., Ottawa, secretary; Capt. A. G. Wurtele, R.M.C.; Capt. Cochrane, R.M.C.; Capt. Rivers, Regt. C.A.; Capt. Van Straubensee, R.E.; Hazen Drury, Esq., C.E.; George Perley, Esq., C.E.; Captain E. F. Wurtele, 8th Royal Rifles; R. W. Leonard, C.E.; W. B. Carruthers; W. F. Van Buskirk, C.E.; R. Kent; Lieut. J. A. Moren, R.A.; Capt. F. M. Gaudet, Regt. C.A.; E. T. Gilmore; B. H. Fraser; H. A. Panet, C.E.; G. A. Hamilton; J. A. Gunn; Lieut. Burstall, Regt. C.A.; J. F. Johnstone.

At 10 o'clock the President, Captain S. J. Denison, took the chair. It was decided that in order to place the club on a better financial footing, the annual subscription of members be increased.

A committee composed of Capt. Cochrane, R.M.C., Capt. Rivers, Regt. C.A., and Mr. Bruce Carruthers, were appointed to decide upon the adoption of a suitable distinguishing badge to be worn by members of the club.

At this point letters of regret from Messrs. F. J. Dixon and Duncan Macpherson were received and read by the president.

A committee composed of Capt. A. H. Van Straubensee, R.E., Duncan Macpherson, Esq., and R. W. Leonard, C.E., were appointed to make arrangements for the erection of a suitable memorial to their late comrade Capt. H. B. Mackay, R.E., D.S.O., who died while in the service of the East African Company.

The meeting adjourned from 1 to 3 p.m.

The meeting having re-assembled, the following business was transacted:

Resolved, that every officer of the club may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds of the officers.—Carried.

Moved by Capt. E. Wurtele, seconded by Mr. Hazen Drury, that the examining officers consider certain doubtful points about regulations laid down for the uniform to be worn by graduates.—Carried.

Resolved, that a deputation of officers of the club should wait upon the Minister of Militia urging that paragraph 136 R.M.C. regulations, be adhered to more closely in future.

Moved by Mr. H. Drury, seconded by Capt. E. Wurtele, that the Militia Department be requested to allow those graduates of the R.M.C. who wish to, to take a course of two or three months at one of our schools of instruction.—Carried.

Moved by Capt. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. B. Carruthers, that the deputation waiting on the Minister of Militia, urge

the reduction of fees paid by cadets, by \$100 in order that the attendance at the college may be increased.—Carried.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Capt. V. B. Rivers, Regt. C.A.; 1st Vice-President, Mr. F. W. White; 2nd Vice-President, Capt. VanStraubensee; Secretary-Treasurer, Capt. E. F. Wurtele, 8th Rifles; Committee, Messrs. Macpherson, Denison, Cochrane, Leonard, D. C. Campbell. Votes of thanks to retiring officers were passed.

THE DINNER.

The annual dinner took place in the dining room of the British American, where a sumptuous repast had been provided in Mr. Dunham's best style.

The list of invited guests was as follows: Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Militia and Defence; Col. C. E. Panet, Deputy Minister; Major-General Ivor Herbert, C.B., Commanding the Militia; Capt. E. Streatfeild, A.D.C.; Col. Walker Powell, Adjutant General; Lt.-Col. B. VanStraubensee, D.A.G.; the Commandant and Staff of the Royal Military College; Lt.-Col. Cotton, Regt. C.A., Commandant R.S.A.; Major C. H. Drury, Regt. C.A.; Surgeon Major Neilson, Regt. C.A.; Mr. L. W. Shannon; Mr. E. J. B. Pense.

The toast list was: "The Queen," "Army and Navy," "Royal Military College," "Royal Military College Club," "Our Guests," "The Press," "The Ladies."

The health of the Queen having been drunk, Capt. Denison rose to propose the toast of the "Army and Navy." In a few words he commented upon the pleasure he experienced in seeing so many distinguished friends of the college present, especially the commandant, Gen. Cameron. Coupled with this toast were the names of Col. Cotton and Capt. Husskisson.

Col. Cotton, replying for the Canadian Militia, said that he had always taken the greatest interest in the Royal Military College, having known cadets the time of its foundation, and meeting them in the remotest parts of the country. Undoubtedly the day was not far distant when graduates of the R. M. C. would occupy foremost places in the Dominion.

Capt. Husskisson replied briefly for the Army.

On behalf of the "Dead Marines" Capt. Gaudet replied for the Navy.

The next toast was that of "The Royal Military College." Major Gen. Cameron, on rising to reply, was received with great applause. He expressed great pleasure in meeting so many ex-cadets, and had the most sanguine hopes for the future of the college. Nevertheless, some things required to be remedied, and he thought that greater encouragement should be given to graduates of the college by the granting of more than four commissions in the Imperial service, and especially by our own

Government, who should not fail to secure the services of highly trained cadets for our own permanent force, and in the civil service. This statement was loudly applauded. The speaker also thought that some modification might be made in the college course. The graduates of the college have distinguished themselves all over the world, and proved themselves worthy of occupying the highest posts. It was the duty of the ex-cadets to watch jealously over the welfare of the college, and assist in upholding the high position attained by that institution. The highest authorities in England agree in saying that the college course is superior theoretically and practically to that of Woolwich and Sandhurst. This is proved by the fact that young officers, who enter the Royal Engineers, invariably pass through Chatham in a shorter space of time than their Woolwich brethren. The General stated that he was of opinion that all staff appointments in Canada should be given to graduates of the Royal Military College. In support of his argument he would refer his hearers to the last paragraph in the regulations for the R.M.C., which although it had the force of an order in council, still was ignored entirely and was practically a dead letter. In conclusion, the General regretted that he could not, for various reasons, accept the honour tendered him of becoming honorary president of the club, and after thanking the members of the club for the courtesy done him he retired amid great applause.

Lt-Col. McGill, the genial staff adjutant of the R.M.C., was the next speaker, and by his bright and witty remarks kept the whole room in fits of laughter. He also furnished some valuable and interesting statistics in reference to the college.

Battalion Sergt.-Major Dumble said that all the cadets manifested the greatest interest in the club, and maintained in a neat little speech that he did not agree with those who said that the college was going down. On the contrary he thought the college was making great progress in the right direction.

Doctor R. T. Walkem, Q.C., proposed the toast of "The Royal Military College Club." He said that he had followed closely the career of the college since its foundation, sixteen years ago. It had been his privilege to know intimately the founder, a man who was universally esteemed by those who knew him, and the fruits of his labours were visible in the achievements of the graduates of the R. M. C., and the high position occupied by that institution. A great point in favour of the method of instruction at the college was that it caused cadets to form habits of self-reliance, which were simply invaluable to them in after life. It was our duty to endeavour to retain in the country as many of the cadets as possible, and not allow them to drift towards the republic to the south of us. This end would be attained by finding employment

for those who wished it. It was also the duty of the citizens of Kingston to do all they could to make the stay of the cadets in our midst as pleasant as possible, and with that end in view his house had always been opened to receive any of the cadets who wished to avail themselves of his hospitality. (Applause.) Dr. Walkem then called upon all to drink to the health of the club, coupling with it the names of Capt. Rivers and Denison.

Capt. Denison in replying gave an interesting sketch of the history of the club since its foundation in Toronto. He also drew attention to the brilliant victory gained by the club in obtaining a concession as to reduction of time from the Law Society of Ontario. The thanks of the club were due to the Hon. W. R. Meredith for the valuable assistance he rendered in this matter.

Capt. Rivers, spoke briefly, and pointed out the advantages to be gained by graduates joining the club directly they left college.

Mr. Fred. W. White proposed the toast of "Our Guests," which was replied to by Messrs. Day, Harris, Martin and Captain English.

"The Ladies'" health was proposed by Capt. Denison, Major Drennan responding.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with songs by Mr. Leonard and Lt-Col. McGill, and a most amusing story told by Mr. White in his inimitable style.

TORONTO.

THE HIGHLANDERS' FIRST CHURCH PARADE.

Lt-Col Davidson has decided to hold the first church parade of his regiment on the last Sunday in April. They will assemble in the Queen's Park at 3.30 p.m. and march by the shortest route to St. Andrews Church where the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell will preach. As the brass and reed band of the regiment has not yet been organized, the officers commanding the Queen's Own Rifles and the Royal Grenadiers have offered their fine bands to play alternately with the pipers.

A picture that has attracted quite a bit of attention has been displayed for the past few days in the window of Messrs. Crean & Rowan, King St. It is a large handsomely framed portrait of Major Gen. Herbert, C. B., taken by Mr. Jarvis of Ottawa and presented to the Military Institute by Major Manley R. G.

TORONTO'S DRILL HALL.

A very glaring notice is just now displayed on nearly every bill board in the city, calling attention to the fact that in response to a requisition signed by a number of ratepayers, His Worship Mayor Fleming has called a meeting of those interested for Friday evening, 25th inst., at St. Andrew's Hall, the object

being to discuss the manner in which the contracts let are being carried out; in reality I would say to give a few agitators a chance to air their own particular views.

Q. O. R. BUGLER'S REHEARSAL.

Last Wednesday evening a very jovial party of 73 gentlemen, attended at the invitation of Capt. Pellatt, to a preliminary rehearsal of part of the programme, intended to be given in Chicago next year. The Buglers paraded about 33 strong under Bugle-Major Swift and Bugle-Sergt. Woods, and received the guests with "The Salute," and immediately broke into a quickstep. After this, under Bugle-Sergt. Woods, the Buglers sounded all the calls used in a regimental parade. Under the direction of the Bugle Major about 1/4 of what is intended to be given at Chicago was given by the Bugles and Drums and considering the short practice the result is extremely creditable to all concerned and certainly the prestige of the Regiment will not suffer at the hands of the Buglers. This was followed by the drum accompaniment of "The Regimental" and Ninety-five. This finished the programme of the evening and speeches of congratulation on behalf of those present from Lt-Col. Hamilton, Capt. Pellatt and Mr. W. J. Barnes brought the proceedings to a close and all adjourned to the ante room where refreshments had been provided by Capt. Pellatt. The phonograph was present and captured some of the pieces of the programme.

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QUEBEC.

The Royal School of Cavalry and "B" Battery R. C. A. had a march out through the principal streets of the city on Friday the 18th instant, and as usual presented a fine appearance.

The "B" Battery Minstrel Troupe gave a very pleasant performance on Tuesday evening the 15th instant in the Citadel Theatre.

A Commanding Officer's Inspection of the 8th "Royal Rifles" took place on Friday evening the 18th instant. Lt-Col. Prower accompanied by Major G. E. A. Jones and Captain and Adjutant E. Montizambert made a careful inspection of the Pioneers, Bands and the several companies, after which the Battalion was put through a few movements by Lt-Col. Prower.

The following promotions were notified to the regiment.

To be Sergt Instructor of Musketry:—Sergt. Joseph Dewfall, from "E" Company.

To be Sergeant:—Corporal A. W. Hay "E" Company, vice Dewfall, promoted.

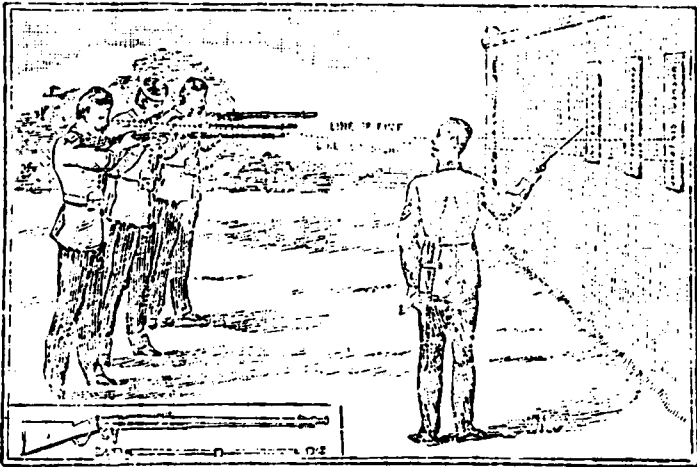
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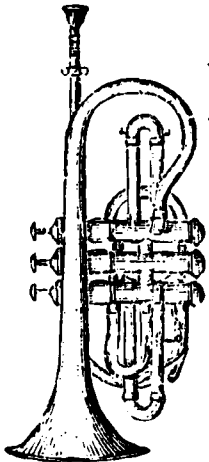
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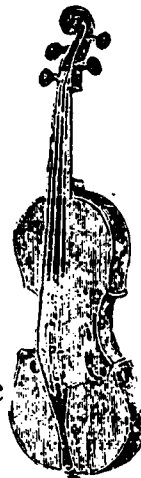
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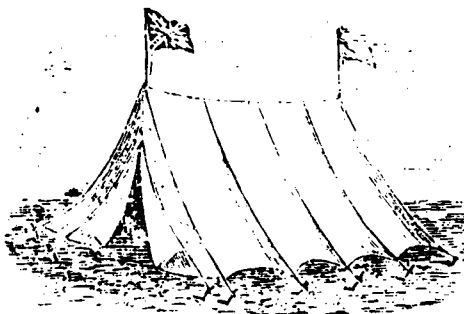
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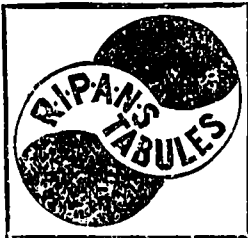
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