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NOTE AND COMMENT.

THE Queen's Birthday was as usual royally celebrated by the Militia, whose parades were the great features of the occasion in many places. Several crack corps took advantage of the holiday to make trips to sister cities. The Queen's Own Rifles went into camp at Niagara, and had some useful practice in field work, including a sham battle. The Grenadiers had a pleasure excursion to Woodstock, and the Thirteenth of Hamilton to Berlin. The 53rd Battalion travelled from Sherbrooke to Quebec, and took part in the elaborate siege and defence of that stronghold. The Governor General's Foot Guards made Peterborough their destination on their annual outing. The visiting corps one and all appear to have won general admiration for their soldier-like appearance and all-round good conduct—a circumstance speaking volumes for the character of the young men composing the militia force.

A movement is already on foot to have a monster military celebration in Montreal on next Queen's Birthday, and if the militia of that city enter heartily into the project no doubt they can make it a success. There is no other place so well suited for a great military demonstration.

THE *Mail's* voting contest, for the most popular corps and officer respectively, appears to be exciting a great deal of interest, and already large numbers of votes have been cast. In another place we publish the *Mail's* remarks on the inaugural voting, and the conditions governing the

competition. The statement of the votes received up to that time gives an idea of the multitude of candidates to be brought forward, and no doubt a few weeks will elapse before any one corps or officer takes a decided lead. The returns up to Wednesday evening placed Capt. Zealand, 13th Battalion, ahead with 1,144 votes; Capt. Macpherson, Victoria Rifles, Montreal, next with 1,125 votes; and Capt. Symons, 12th York Rangers, third with 1,119. For the most popular corps the vote then stood for the leaders: Queen's Own Rifles, 1,547; 13th Battalion, 1,525; 12th Battalion, 1,402; Victoria Rifles, 1,151.

DOMINION ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association was held Thursday morning, 21st inst., in a committee room of the House of Commons. There were present His Excellency the Governor-General and the Viscount Kilcourse, A.D.C., Major-General Herbert, Col. Panet, deputy minister of militia, Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., Lieut.-Cols. Stevenson, Montreal; Macdonald, Guelph; Mackenzie, Gananoque; H. R. Smith and John Macpherson; Major Stewart, Major McLean and Major Hall, Capt. Bliss, Lieut. Hurdman, Capt. Donaldson, secretary, and others. Lieut.-Colonel Stevenson, vice-president, took the chair.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin reported that the past year had been the most successful in the annals of the Association. This body differed from the Dominion Rifle Association, its scope being wider than the mere encouragement of gun practice, one most important function being the promotion of the general efficiency of the artillery. The encouragement given by successive Governors-General had in the past been productive of the very best results, there being much wholesome emulation between the batteries to obtain the honour of winning His Excellency's cups awarded for general efficiency. In view of the closeness of the competition, he suggested an increase in the number of prizes in the competition. He reviewed the incidents of the prize meetings at Orleans and at Kingston, and in connection with the latter expressed the hope that the officers commanding batteries would see their way clear to make a longer stay in camp in future years, as much benefit was derivable from contact with the other batteries there.

Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald spoke of the very great assistance rendered by the officers and men of the permanent batteries in connection with the artillery meetings, and expressed regret that more credit was not given them in the annual report of the council. The report was then adopted.

Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor-General for his continued interest in the affairs of the Association. This was seconded by Major John Stewart.

Lord Stanley replied briefly, expressing satisfaction at

having been able to attend not only the business meeting here, but also the garrison practice at Orleans, and the hope that this year he would be able to visit the field artillery meeting at Kingston. He had noticed with pleasure the businesslike air of the camps, and the eagerness with which the men took part in the competitions. He referred to the encouragement given by Sir John Ross, commanding Her Majesty's forces at Halifax, to the Canadian artillery, saying that he knew it was the wish of that officer that the Imperial forces should assist those of Canada in every way.

His Excellency then formally presented his cup offered in the general efficiency competition, to Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald of the 1st Brigade Field Artillery, Guelph, whose No. 1 Battery were the winners.

Major Hall moved a vote of thanks to the Minister of Militia for the assistance given to the Association. This was acknowledged, in the absence of Sir Adolphe Caron, by his deputy, Col. Panet, who took occasion to state that for the future the artillery ammunition could be manufactured at the Government factory in Quebec; and he also stated that the Department had imported a number of Morris tubes for the use of the artillery.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin moved that Major-General Herbert, Hon. Honore Mercier, Premier of Quebec, and Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, donors of valuable prizes to the Association, be elected life members, and also receive the thanks of the Association. The resolution was seconded by Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P. The mover and seconder cordially welcomed the new Officer Commanding the Militia to the meeting of the Association. General Herbert spoke in acknowledgment, referring to the vast importance of the artillery in military organization, and stated that he had devoted some time to the study of the views of the best authorities on artillery, and whatever information he could in consequence impart to this Association he would be happy to give. He thought that a new departure in artillery science was about to appear, the smaller weapons with improved projectiles to take the place of the monster weapons. It was in the power of the Association to study the experience of the nations, and when the time arrived thus to be in a position to recommend to this Government the purchase of more modern weapons.

Lord Stanley moved, and General Herbert seconded, that Lieut.-Col. A. A. Stevenson be elected President of the Association. Both spoke in eulogy of Col. Stevenson's long services, General Herbert stating with respect to his informal inspection of Col. Stevenson's Battery last week that he had never seen anything of the sort more perfectly turned out.

Col. Stevenson said it was only the previous day that he had got a hint of the intention to elect him President, and while he had at first intended positively to refuse, in consequence of the earnest solicitation of the Inspector of Artillery and the kind remarks of the Governor-General and the General Commanding he had changed his mind and would endeavour to do his best for the Association during the coming year.

Col. Macdonald moved a vote of thanks to the auditors, Lieut.-Col. Macpherson and Mr. F. E. Knight.

The vice-presidents of last year were re-elected, with the one change that Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Montreal Garrison Artillery, takes the place of Lieut.-Col. Stevenson, promoted to the Presidency.

The council were re-elected, with the addition of Lieut.-Col. Stevenson, Montreal, and Capt. McCrae, Guelph.

Capt. Donaldson moved a vote of thanks to Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Hon. Honore Mercier and the Hamilton Powder Co., through Dr. Brainerd, President, for donations to the Association. He referred particularly to the Hamilton Powder Co., who for several years past had been liberal contributors, setting an example in this respect which might be followed by other large manufacturing corporations.

Lord Stanley moved, and General Herbert seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was accorded, and the meeting then adjourned.

The following are the reports presented at the meeting:—

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

1. Reports of the Executive Committee and the Secretary-Treasurer, with accounts duly audited, submitted herewith. The Council has pleasure in drawing special attention to these reports, which show, by the Efficiency Returns of both Field and Garrison Batteries, the continued and increasing good work of the Association.

2. The annual meetings for practice and competition were largely attended by both branches of the Artillery force, and a marked improvement was noticeable in the work done by the different batteries, showing the benefit of such meetings.

3. The Council have much pleasure in reporting that duck suits, promised last year for fifty per cent. of the combined Artillery force, will most probably be issued by the Militia Department this season, as the difficulty of procuring the required material (which caused delay) has been overcome.

4. The Executive Council strongly recommend that the Presidents of the Association, Executive Committee and Council be requested to recommend to the Department the issue of "Morris" or other good armoury practice tubes for the 40-pr. B. L. and 9-pr. M. L. guns. The Council are confident that this issue, if granted, will greatly assist in improving the Artillery force in the Dominion.

5. The Council are pleased to learn that several batteries have supplied themselves with small-arm practice tubes and ammunition at their own expense for their armouries. The commanding officers can testify to the large attendance at these ranges during the entire year, and the marked improvement in the shooting efficiency from this practice. The Council recommend that, in future, the small arm annual practice scores be recorded (as fully as practicable) in the annual report of the Association.

6. The Council recommend that in future officers who compete for prizes should be life or annual subscribers of the Association.

7. An extra-ordinary meeting of Council was held in Montreal on the 3rd of December, 1890, to consider protest of Capt. Oxley, Halifax Brigade G. A. See minutes of Proceedings. The Council would recommend that the foot notes on examination papers be so worded that no misconstruction of their intentions can be made by any competitor, as seems to have occurred in this case.

8. The position of President of the Association became vacant during the year, owing to the retirement of Major-General Middleton from that position. No steps were taken to fill the vacancy.

9. The Council urgently recommends that a longer period than twelve days' annual drill be allowed Artillery, and that Garrison as well as Field Batteries be drilled each year.

10. The Council desires to express its obligations to the Inspector and Assistant Inspectors of Artillery and their executive staff, also to commanding officers of permanent batteries for their assistance and co-operation during the annual meetings, for carrying out practice and general aims of the Association, the chief object being the improvement and efficiency of the Artillery force of the Dominion.

(Signed,) THOMAS T. TURNBULL, Lt.-Col.,
President of Council.

Montreal, February, 1891.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Field Artillery Practice.—1. The practice for this year was carried out on the same general lines as during 1889. The range-finding practice being advanced to a further stage by the employment of sections, instead of subdivisions, for

this purpose, and by other modifications intended to make the practice more thoroughly and practically instructive.

This practice was participated in by fourteen batteries, the London and Richmond Batteries being the only ones unable to carry it out; the former on account of there being no safe range near the camp, and the latter not having yet drilled for this year.

The published detailed rules for this practice will be found in the report; they have been generally well observed, and the practice itself has proved to be of increasing value to all concerned. It is proposed to further extend the scope of this practice during the ensuing drill season.

2. The annual competitive gun practice was carried out at Kingston over the same range as the previous year, and was participated in by 27 officers and detachments from twelve batteries; the Winnipeg and Newcastle Batteries practised at local camps. The Toronto Battery was unable to send a detachment at the time, and have not since made any arrangements for practice at local headquarters.

Both at this practice and at the range-finding practice of the several batteries the improved sight was used; unfortunately for its success it was only manufactured in time to be issued in very limited numbers, and only at the time of using, consequently the marksmen were unable to obtain any preliminary practice in its use, and there is no doubt in many cases were rather handicapped in consequence. Subsequent practice carried out by the Royal Schools of Artillery has, however, proved its value as a great improvement upon the old open sight, to which it is an adjunct, and as sights are now issued to all batteries opportunity will be afforded for practice in its

3. The arrangements made for camping, messing, transport, etc., for this meeting, by the executive staff of "A" Battery, under the general directions of the commandant, were extremely satisfactory, and the only drawback to the entire success of the meeting, as regards its instructional value, is to be found in the arrangements made by some commanding officers, by which the attendance of their detachments at the meeting was limited to the time sufficient for firing only, and it may be noted that the time spent in camp by each detachment appeared to be inversely proportioned to the distance it had to travel to get there.

It is to be hoped that this defect will be remedied next year, and that the duration of stay in camp by each detachment will not be less than twenty-four hours; much benefit will be gained by the marksmen in carefully watching and judging apparent result of fire under different conditions of atmosphere, etc.; a visit to the range to watch the actual effect of fire will be found instructive, and the opportunity of meeting detachments from different localities, or provinces, is not without its value in strengthening the *esprit de corps* of the force.

4. In this connection the Executive Committee desire to impress upon commanding officers the necessity of complying in all respects with the directions contained in the circulars relative to this meeting, issued previous to it; much inconvenience and unnecessary expense has been in some instances caused by neglect.

5. Application was made for the supply of a certain number of Morris tubes for issue to Field Batteries, and, it is to be hoped, will be favorably considered.

Drill and Driving Competition.—6. This competition was well and closely contested by nine batteries, the average time made by the winning battery (Durham) being twenty seconds less than that made by the winning battery the year previous, and general average of all the batteries was also much better.

Garrison Artillery Practice.—7. The practice at local headquarters was this year confined to the batteries of the British Columbia Brigade, and two batteries of the New Brunswick Brigade, the Halifax Brigade being, fortunately, enabled to obtain transport for detachments, from each of their batteries.

8. The competition at the Island of Orleans was conducted on the same principles as during the previous year, an additional round of plugged shell being, however, fired by each competitor with the 40-pr. gun, and one plugged shell less with the 64-pr. The range was also increased by about 200 yards for each nature of gun.

The practice was participated in by 29 officers and detachments from 24 batteries, and the general results were very satisfactory. Gun practice on Friday, the last day of the meeting, was unavoidably prevented by unfavourable weather, and the detachments from one of the Levis Batteries and the Cobourg Battery had to wait until Monday morning before being able to complete their practice. The results of the practice of each battery are elsewhere fully detailed.

9. *Shifting Ordnance Competitions.*—These competitions were entered for by detachments from the Montreal and Prince Edward Island Brigades, and by three detachments from the Halifax Brigade.

The Montreal detachment commenced with the "A" shift, but owing to the sliding of the carriage under the skids when mounting the gun, the latter fell when partly up, and the detachment relinquished the competition. The gun carriage was subsequently found to be decayed and partly broken, and was replaced by another. The detachment claimed the right to perform the "A" shift over again, but it was decided by the Executive Committee that, as their failure was not in any way due to the defective condition of the carriage, another trial could not be allowed, and the detachment subsequently withdrew from the competition for the "B" shift.

Both shifts were afterwards performed in excellent time by the detachment from the Island Brigade.

The Halifax detachments were detailed for these competitions on Friday, 11th; the weather, however, was extremely unfavourable, and the competition was postponed until Saturday morning, which, however, being equally unsuitable, the detachments were obliged to leave camp without competing.

During the following week an application was received by the Executive Committee from Lt.-Colonel Curren, commanding the Halifax Brigade, for permission to perform the "A" and "B" shifts at local headquarters in competition amongst themselves for the second and third prizes offered by the Association. This application was sanctioned by the committee on the condition that an officer of the Royal Artillery should act as umpire. The result of this brigade competition will be found elsewhere.

Efficiency Competition.—10. These competitions for both Field and Garrison Artillery have been exceedingly closely contested, the difference between the first and second batteries in both not exceeding one point, and the total number of marks obtained by the leading batteries in both competitions showing an extremely creditable state of efficiency.

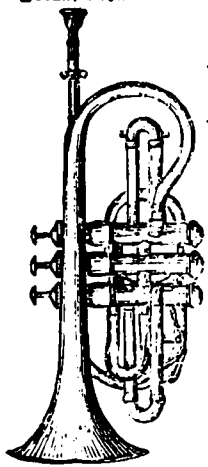
A protest was received from the officer commanding the Halifax Brigade with reference to the awarding of credits for answers to questions given by an officer subsequently to the inspection of his battery. As the question involved a decision on general principles somewhat without the lines of action laid down for the Executive Committee, it was referred to the President of Council, and was decided at an extra-ordinary meeting, details of which will be found in the report of Council.

The report is signed by Lt.-Colonel D. T. Irwin, Chairman, and Lt.-Colonel C. E. Montizambert, Lt.-Colonel W. H. Cotton, Lt.-Colonel J. R. Armstrong, Major John Stewart, members of Council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary presents herewith the fifteenth Annual Report of the Association, giving details of the several competitions, etc. The affiliations for the year consisted

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5 " 19 August
2 " 16 September

7 and 21 October
4 " 18 November
2 " 16 December

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25 " " 50	1,250
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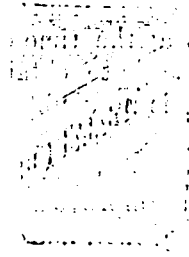
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CANADIAN MILITARY-RIFLE LEAGUE.

NOTICE.

Several teams did not fire in the first match because they had not any ammunition. They are hereby notified to fire 23rd May, but in future if any fail to fire on the match day they will forfeit the score. Team Captains are requested to be more prompt in telegraphing.

INTER-CITY MATCH.

Team Captains will please notify the undersigned of their intention to take part in the Inter-City Match.

W. R. PRINGLE,

Toronto, 19th May, 1891.

Secretary

of: The Royal Military College, "A" & "B" Royal Schools of Artillery, 14 Field Batteries, 26 Garrison Batteries. There were four non-affiliating field batteries. It was hoped that all these batteries would have been represented this year, but circumstances appear to have arisen which prevented their entering the competitions. A full representation is earnestly expected for 1891. The total affiliations, field and garrison, is slightly above the average.

The total receipts amounted to \$3,569.50, from the following sources: Government annual grant, \$900; Government vote for Shoeburyness team or Garrison Artillery competition, \$2,000; Hamilton Powder Company, \$100; life member's subscription, \$20; annual subscribers, \$95; affiliations, 1889, \$128.50; 1890, \$326. The total disbursements amounted to \$3,511.80, of which the sum of \$1,276.31 was in connection with the Quebec competition and \$319.30 balance due for 1889. In addition to the above the sum of \$1,144.94, charged to allowance for annual drill, was expended under the authority of the Inspector of Artillery in carrying out the details of the field artillery practice.

The balance in Bank of Montreal at Ottawa to the credit of the Association is \$1,860.17. This amount has gradually accumulated since the Association was relieved by the Government from paying transport for the detachments of Garrison Artillery attending the annual competitions at Quebec. I would suggest that *one thousand* dollars of this sum be permanently invested as the nucleus of an endowment fund for the Association.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Stanley of Preston, continued his donation of two cups—one each to field and garrison batteries—as first prizes in the general efficiency competitions. The Hon. Honoré Mercier, Premier of the Province of Quebec, and Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, President of the Council of the Association, presented the prizes mentioned in the last Annual Report. The former, a handsome centre piece consisting of two mailed figures, and the latter a silver shield in repousse work, with gold and oxydised tracings representing squads at gun practice and shifting ordnance. The shield was made by Messrs. Elkington and Sons of London, from designs furnished by the donor. It is suggested that photographs of the above be obtained for presentation to the batteries holding them for the year as a souvenir of the event.

I regret to have to record the death, which occurred shortly after the last annual meeting, of Major Seeley, New Brunswick Brigade Garrison Artillery, a life member of the Association.

The former system of printing the proceedings of the annual general meeting and meetings of Council at the end of the report, which was omitted in the 1888 report, was reverted to last year as being more satisfactory—the proceedings being thus distributed to members immediately after the meeting, instead of being delayed for twelve months.

A few of the General Orders, referring more particularly to the artillery branch of the service, which have been promulgated since the last edition of Regulations and Orders, have been collated and are published with the report for convenience of reference.

The following letter was received from General Middleton previous to his departure from Canada:—

QUEBEC, August 20th, 1890.

SIR,—I find that urgent business at home necessitates my leaving for England earlier than I expected. I have, therefore, to request that you will convey to the Council the resignation of my appointment as President of the Dominion Artillery Association. At the same time I beg to express my regret at being obliged to do so. I shall always feel interested in the well-doing of the Association,

which has already been of such service to the Dominion artillery.

I remain, etc., etc.,

(Signed), FRED. MIDDLETON,

Lt.-General, and Major-General Canadian Militia.

Capt. Donaldson, Sec'y D. A. A.

Major-General Herbert, Commanding Militia; Hon. Honoré Mercier, and Lt.-Colonel Turnbull are eligible for election to life membership in the Association.

I desire to take this opportunity of thanking the Inspector of Artillery, the Assistant Inspectors of Artillery and other officers who have furnished me with the information required for the compilation of the report.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. DONALDSON, Captain,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THE RIFLE LEAGUE.

The following are the scores of the first match of the Canadian Military Rifle League series, completed since last issue, about twenty teams prevented from firing on the 16th having fired on the 23rd inst. The match was at 200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots, Snider, teams of 10 men. The weather conditions were generally unfavourable, which largely accounts for the comparatively low scoring:—

1. 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke,	858
2. 54th Battalion, Windsor Mills	853
3. 13th Battalion, Hamilton, 1st team	839
4. 45th Battalion, Bowmanville, 3rd team	796
5. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 2nd team	796
6. 21st Battalion, Essex Centre, 1st team	791
7. 45th Battalion, Lindsay, 1st team	791
8. 96th Battalion, Port Arthur	787
9. 62nd Battalion, St. John	780
10. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 1st team	780
11. Toronto Rifle Association	773
12. C Company, I. S. C., Toronto	771
13. Leicestershire Regt., Halifax, 1st team	758
14. 43rd Battalion, Ottawa, 1st team	754
15. 63rd Battalion, Halifax, 1st team	754
16. 13th Battalion, 2nd team	744
17. 8th Battalion, Quebec, 1st team	743
18. Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, 1st team	742
19. 82nd Battalion, Charlottetown	731
20. 7th Fusiliers, London	726
21. 26th Battalion, Vannech	726
22. 63rd Battalion, 2nd team	726
23. Ottawa Rifle Club	719
24. 20th Battalion, Georgetown	716
25. 57th Battalion, Peterborough, 1st team	714
26. Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, 1st team	713
27. 20th Battalion, Milton	710
28. Montreal Garrison Artillery, 1st team	708
29. Prince Edward Island Garrison Artillery	706
30. 43rd Battalion, 2nd team	701
31. Prescott Rifle Assn.	696
32. Queen's Own Rifles, 2nd team	688
33. 5th Royal Scots, Montreal, 1st team	687
34. Kentville Rifle Association	685
35. 31st Battalion, Owen Sound	684
36. 15th Battalion, Belleville	684
37. 37th Battalion, Hagersville	684
38. 22nd Battalion, Woodstock	682
39. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 1st team	679
40. 43rd Battalion, 3rd team	678
41. 38th Battalion, Brantford	677
42. St. John Rifle Co.	676
43. D Company, I. S. C., London	670
44. Royal Military College, Kingston	669
45. 71st Battalion, St. Stephen	668
46. 6th Fusiliers, 1st team	667
47. 93rd Battalion, Fort Lawrence	667
48. Victoria Rifles, Montreal, 1st team	673
49. 65th Battalion, Halifax	663
50. B Battery, Quebec	662
51. 15th Battalion, Belleville	661
52. 49th Battalion, Belleville	661
53. 59th Battalion, Cornwall	661
54. Sackville Rifle Association	658
55. Halifax Rifle Association	656
56. Leicestershire Regt., 2nd team	656
57. 6th Fusiliers, 2nd team	644
58. 77th Battalion	641
59. Toronto Rifle Assn., 2nd team	640

60. A Company, Infantry School Corps, Fredericton,	631
61. A Battery, Reg. Canadian Artillery, Kingston, 1st team....	629
62. 10th R. G., 2nd team	628
63. 71st Battalion, Fredericton	625
64. Charlottetown Engineers	621
65. Leicestershire Regt., 3rd team.....	619
66. 8th Royal Rifles, 2nd team	618
67. Queen's Own Rifles, 3rd team	601
68. 49th Battalion, Madoc	600
69. 9th Battalion, Quebec.....	597
70. 95th Battalion, Brandon	596
71. Battleford Rifle Association	583
72. 14th Battalion, Kingston.....	595
73. 44th Battalion, Niagara Falls.....	584
74. Queen's Own Rifles, 4th team.....	576
75. 90th Battalion, Winnipeg	573
76. Levis Rifle Association	572
77. 69th Battalion	566
78. G. G. F. G., 2nd team	563
79. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 2nd team	563
80. Governor-General's Body Guard, Toronto.	557
81. 50th Battalion, Huntingdon	556
82. Montreal Rifle Association	556
83. 43rd Battalion, 4th team.....	551
84. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 3rd team.....	548
85. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 4th team.....	543
86. 57th Battalion, Peterborough, 2nd team	539
87. Montreal Garrison Artillery, 2nd team.....	520
88. Regina Rifle Association	517
89. Governor-General's Foot Guards, 3rd team	515
90. B Battery, R. C. A., 2nd team	510
91. 3rd Vics, 2nd team.....	502
92. 1st Prince of Wales Rifles, 1st team	498
93. 55th Battalion	487
94. 45th Battalion, Bowmanville, 2nd team	462
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THE N. R. A. PRIZE LIST, 1891.

The following notes refer to those competitions which are either new or in which the conditions, &c., differ from those of 1890 :—

POOLS, CARTONS, &c.

Running Deer Pool.—There will be, as formerly at Wimbledon, only one range—110 yards.

Running Man Pool.—In this the range will also be 110 yards. Last year it was 130.

Cartons.—Carton shooting will be confined this year to the M.H., for which there will be three series for "Centrals," at 200, 500 and 600 yards respectively. In each series there will be twenty prizes (of the total value of £50), ranging from £15 to £2. For "numbers," two sets of prizes will be given, but every competitor who make 54 Cartons at 200 yards, 25 at 500, or 18 at 600 will receive £5. A competitor may take any number of prizes for "Numbers," but only one prize at each distance for "Centrals."

PRIZES SHOT FOR UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

The "Hillhouse."—This is the competition which was last year termed the "Cowshot," but which has now reverted to its original name. It is now shot for at the Running Man instead of the Running Deer, and the range is 110 yards instead of 180.

The "Coll."—The range is 110 yards instead of 100.

The "Martin Smith."—The N. R. A. added money has been reduced from £30 to £10, and there are now only three prizes for double rifles and eight for single rifles.

The "Holland."—Answers to the "Holland and Holland" of last year, but the weapons are now only defined as "Sporting rifles," and only six shots are allowed.

The Revolver Prizes.—No prize in kind is given this year,

but the total value of the money prizes has been raised from £100 to £150. There are thirty-two prizes (of the total value of £30) in each of the first two series (at moving and disappearing targets respectively), and a third series has been added in which the target appears for twelve seconds only. In the third series there are nineteen prizes, of a total value of £30. A competitor may take one prize and no more in each series.

The "Stag," the "Holland," "McKenna," and "Electric" Competitions have not yet appeared in this year's prize list.

M. B. L. RIFLES.

The "Duke of Cambridge."—£30 of the £50 appropriated to this competition is now given by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge.

The "Secretary for War."—The N.R.A. does not this year add any money to the £50 given by Mr. Stanhope. The number of prizes is reduced from twenty-nine to fifteen.

The "Henry."—The total value of the prizes is increased from £40 to £50, and the number of prizes is fifteen instead of thirteen.

The "Pape."—This answers to the "Optimus" of last year. The first prize is a gun of the value of £15 15s., given by Mr. Pape, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The "Steward."—The conditions for this bi-diurnal competition are altogether altered. It is now to be shot at 800 yards, of course in any position. The first prize, given by Mr. Steward, N.R.A. optician, is a marble clock, with marble and bronze vases to match, of the value of £26 5s. The sum added by the N.R.A. has been reduced from £55 to £30, and there are now only twelve prizes in lieu of fifteen as last year.

The "Bass" prizes have been removed from the M.B.L. list to that of "Any rifles."

MARTINI-HENRY AND LEE-BURTON RIFLES AND CARBINES.

The "United Service" Cup.—The position at 600 yards which last year was "prone" only, may now be "prone, sitting or kneeling."

The "Mackinnon Prize."—This is a new competition, which may, however, be considered to take the place of the "Standard" of last year. The prizes are two in number, the first £20, given by Colonel Mackinnon, secretary of the N.R.A., and the second £10, added by the Association. The competition is for "rapid directed volleys" between teams of eight Volunteer Yeomen, or Colonial Militia, from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, the Colonies, and India respectively. Five volleys, one of which is, however, to be "interrupted" by word of command, are to be fired by each team in one minute. Riccohets to count as hits. No sighting shots allowed.

The "China Cup."—The range is increased from 500 to 600 yards.

The "Mappin Brothers."—The four cups formerly added by the N. R. A. are now given, as well as the Challenge Cup, by Messrs. Mappin Brothers.

The "Mullens" and "Wantage."—The targets will be painted blue instead of black as last year.

The "Brinsmead."—The Royal Marine Depot, Walmer, is now included in this list of those corps, &c., entitled to enter a team for this competition. The targets will be painted blue instead of black, and will appear for only ten seconds instead of fifteen. When the line advances rifles must be trailed *on the right hand*. As soon as the line has advanced to within 250 yards of the targets it will be turned about and will continue the competition, retiring instead of advancing.

The "Rudge."—The value of the tricycle given by the Rudge Cycle Company is increased from £25 to £30, and money given by the N. R. A. is reduced from £30 to £18, the first money prize being now £12 and the second £6.

The "Financial Times" Challenge Cup.—This is the competition which last year was called the "Rapid," and is fired

on the same conditions. The *Financial Times* Challenge Cup is held by the first prize man. The money prizes amount to £50—viz., £20 given by the proprietors of the *Financial Times*, and £30 added by the N. R. A. The number of prizes has been reduced from eighteen to fourteen, but the aggregate value remains the same as last year, £50.

The "Whitehead."—The regulation of last year, that no prize in this competition could be won "by a winner of the first prize in either of the two preceding years," does not appear in the present conditions.

The "Evelyn Wood."—The £50 given in prizes is to be appropriated "at the discretion of the General Officer commanding the Aldershot District."

The "General Eyre."—The money added by the N. R. A. has been reduced from £50 to £35, and there are now only twenty-six prizes instead of thirty-one.

The "Gregory."—The first prize, given by Mr. Gregory, N. R. A. Optician, consists of a Photographic Album containing 200 photographs, of the value of £26 5s.

The "Brookwood."—This competition takes the place of the "Probyn" of last year. The money is reduced from £115 to £115, and there are now forty prizes instead of twenty-five.

The "Carrington" prizes are shot for under the same conditions as last year. The first prize, however, this year is a silver cup of the value of £15, given by Messrs. Carrington, of Regent Street. The added money is £105.

The "Daily Graphic."—Instead of the ten albums of last year, the proprietors of the *Daily Graphic* give twenty framed sketches of the value of £10 10s. each. The N. R. A. gives £340 instead of £330, and there are one hundred and twenty-six prizes, one more than last year.

The "Graphic."—The seven rounds at 220 yards must be got off in two minutes instead of three as last year. As in the *Daily Graphic* the albums are replaced by framed sketches. The N. R. A. gives £454 as against £400 last year, and the number of prizes is increased from one hundred and eighty-seven to one hundred and eighty-eight.

The "Clark Kennedy."—By this name the All Comers' Aggregate Competition is now to be known, the magnificent cup given to the N. R. A. by Mr. A. Clark Kennedy as a memorial of his father having been appropriated to it as a challenge prize. Last year it will be remembered the Clark Kennedy Cup was to be held by "the Volunteer or Yeoman of London and Middlesex making the highest score in the competition for the Queen's Prize," and was won by Lieut. Warren (G.M.), of the Victorias.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

THE KOLAPORE TEAM.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Having taken notice of several articles in THE GAZETTE with regard to the choosing of the Kolapore team, I wish to say that I think no better or fairer system can be adopted than that by which Col. Bacon, Commandant of 1889, chose his team. If my memory serves me right, the six men holding the highest places in the Grand Aggregate Match, were considered to have won their places on the team, the Commandant reserving the right to choose the other two men to fill the seventh and eighth places. Whether this is the best way or not to choose a team, the result (as you know) was very satisfactory, and at the same time all the members of the team seemed to be perfectly satisfied with the way in which the team were chosen.

I do not think it best to connect the practice at Cambridge, with the shooting in the matches, from which to form a basis for choosing the team, as there are men who have done excellent shooting at Cambridge, and have failed

to draw "blood" when they got to work in earnest, and *vice versa*. For instance: the rifleman having the lowest aggregate for the week's practice in 1889, went to Wimbledon and shot like a trojan, winning a place on the Grand Aggregate, also on the Kolapore team, in which he figured well up to the top with the good score of 87 points.

I also notice in THE GAZETTE, a claim made for the 1890 team, which is not quite correct; *i. e.*, regarding the four men in the last stage of the Queen's, claimed as an achievement which has never before been effected by any team. What's the matter with the team of 1886. They had four men in the last stage of the Queen's, holding places as follows: Bell 28th, Armstrong 33rd, Russell 49th and Kimmerly 51st, winners of £44. The error may have occurred through a mis-print in the D. R. A. report of 1886, as the winnings of the men in the last stage of the Queen's were placed in the column representing the Alexandra match.

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Militia General Orders (No. 7) of 22nd May, 1891.

NO. 1.—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE (Civil Staff).—The Reverend Clare L. Worrell, M.A., has been appointed Professor of English, from 17th April, 1891, vice the Reverend Kearney Leonard Jones, B.D., deceased.

CAVALRY.

4TH REGIMENT OF CAVALRY, O.—"D" Troop, Picton.—Captain Edwin Armitage Earl Halliwell, retires from the service.

8TH "PRINCESS LOUISE'S NEW BRUNSWICK" REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.—"E" Troop, Johnston.—To be 2nd Lieutenant prov.: John Humphrey Harris, Gentleman, vice W. Forester, promoted.

ARTILLERY.

HAMILTON FIELD BATTERY OF ARTILLERY, O.—To be Surgeon: Assistant Surgeon Alexander Bryson Osborne, M.D., from 13th Battalion, vice D. G. Storms, promoted.

WINNIPEG FIELD BATTERY OF ARTILLERY, M.—To be 2nd Lieutenant: Charles L. Petersen, R.S.A., (1st B.) vice R. McD. Thomson, resigned.

INFANTRY AND RIFLES.

1ST BATTALION, "PRINCE OF WALES" REGIMENT, Montreal, Q.—To be Captain, prov.: Joseph Peter Cooke, Esquire, vice F. Scott, retired.

To be Lieutenant, prov.: Frank Meighen, Gentleman vice A. G. Milloy, promoted.

To be 2nd Lieutenant prov.: Edgar Noel Armstrong, Gentleman, vice W. L. Bond, promoted.

2ND BATTALION, "QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA," Toronto, O.—To be Captain: Lieutenant Arthur Burdett Lee, V.B., vice H. Brock, retired.

5TH BATTALION, ROYAL SCOTS OF CANADA," Montreal, Q.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: John Carson, Gentleman, vice J. A. Linton, resigned.

6TH BATTALION, "FUSILIERS," Montreal, Q.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: William Ernest Findlay, Gentleman, vice A. E. Kemp, promoted.

7TH BATTALION, "FUSILIERS," London, O.—2nd Lieutenant William Charles Coe, retires from the service.

9TH BATTALION RIFLES, "VOLTIGEURS DE QUÉBEC," No. 5 Company.—To be 2nd Lieutenant prov.: Louis Joseph Tarte, Gentleman, vice L. F. L. Stein, promoted.

10TH BATTALION, "ROYAL GRENADIERS," Toronto, O.—To be Captains: Lieutenant Alfred Buell Cameron, R. S. I., vice Forbes Michie, deceased.

Lieutenant and Captain John Bayne McLean, Adjutant, with seniority immediately next to and below Captain A. B. Cameron.

To be Lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant D'Arcy Hugh Kirkland MacMahon, R.S.I., vice W. S. Lowe, promoted.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: William Lehman, Gentleman, vice D'A. H. K. MacMahon, promoted.

13TH BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Hamilton, O.—To be Lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant John Dickson Laidlaw, R.S.I., vice P. Donville, promoted.

The name of 2nd Lieutenant Charles Alfred Peterson Powis, whose promotion to the rank of Lieutenant was notified in General Orders (11) 5th September, 1890, is as now, and not as hitherto described. 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Hobson retires from the service.

14TH BATTALION, "THE PRINCESS OF WALES' OWN RIFLES," Kingston, O.—To be Lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant Dennis Rupert Dupuis, R.S.I., vice W. Nicol, retired.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: Colour-Sergeant Hector Munro Jack, vice G. A. S. Hamilton, transferred to 3rd Battalion.

21ST BATTALION, "ESSEX FUSILIERS," O.—No. 3 Company, Essex Centre.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Winsor H. Russell, Gentleman.

23RD "BEAUCE" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—No. 4 Company, St. Vidal de Lambton.—To be Lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant Charles Denis Denechaud, R.S.I., vice E. Bouchette, resigned.

24TH "KENT" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Brampton, O.—No. 4 Company, Chatham.—To be Lieutenant, prov.: Osric Leander Lewis, Gentleman, vice T. K. Mackeand, promoted.

25TH "ELGIN" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 6 Company, St. Thomas.—To be Captain: Lieutenant John Charles Ponsford, R.S.I., vice John W. Gamble Boyd, left limits.

26TH "MIDDLESEX" BATTALION OF LIGHT INFANTRY, London, O.—To be Quartermaster: John Heavry McIntosh, Esquire, vice Ethelwolf Scatcherd, who retires from the service.

31ST "GREY" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 3 Company, Leith.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: Corporal William Pattison Telford, vice William John Watson, failed to qualify.

33RD "HURON" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Goderich, O.—To be Majors: Captain Robert Crockett, M.S., from No. 1 Company, vice W. F. Murray, retired.

Captain John Arthur Stanley Varcoe, R.S.I., from No. 9 Company, vice J. G. Wilson, promoted.

To be Adjutant: Lieutenant John A. Wilson, R.S.I., from No. 3 Company, vice Henry Cook, deceased.

No. 1 Company, Goderich.—To be Captain: Lieutenant Dudley Holmes, R.S.I., vice R. Crockett, promoted.

No. 3 Company, Seaforth.—To be Lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant Alexander Wilson, R.S.I., vice J. A. Wilson, appointed Adjutant.

No. 9 Company, Dunganong.—To be Captain: Lieutenant William Young, R.S.I., vice J. A. S. Varcoe, promoted.

To be Lieutenant, prov.: Robert Huston, Gentleman, vice W. Young, promoted.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov.: Thomas Hamilton, Gentleman.

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