

The various "lists" which existed have been abolished, and the "Active" and "Retired" Lists substituted. On the former are placed all those officers who are serving or who are still physically fit to serve, and desire their names recorded as such. The Retired List comprises all those who have served, but who from age or other disabilities are no longer in a position to do so. It is instituted as an honourable record of those who have served their country and have retired in the ordinary course of events.

No attempt seems to have previously been made to ascertain or record the progress or otherwise in the matter of musketry. There has, owing to the re-arming of the Defence Forces with the magazine rifle, been a difficulty in arriving at a comparison, but steps are being taken to place on record future results.

The Hon. the Minister of Defence.

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