

SPORTS ON SATURDAY.

A TEST OF THE WINCHESTER AND SNIDER RIFLE MILES.

Victory of the Sniders—The New York Militia Tournament at West Point, N.Y., was held on Saturday.

The above match—originally Snider vs. Winchester, which has been creating so much excitement lately, came off on Saturday afternoon last.

At the outset the weather was fair, the sky clear, but the wind from start to finish was a "fish-tail" strong and puffy.

Towards the conclusion of the match, however, the light changed rapidly, causing a difference of five points in the elevation from the start of the 500 yards to the finish.

As a test of weapons the match did not, as everyone, even the competitors, knew beforehand, amount to much; but as a shooting competition, it was of great value.

There were represented on Saturday the following rifles: Snider, Martini, Winchester (military), Winchester (sporting), and the Hotchkiss Winchester (sporting), all with plain open sights.

The ranges were 500, 300 and 200 yards, two lighting and seven scoring shots at each range, and considering the "fish-tail" gale that swept up the valley and the vapor-laden atmosphere the shooting was remarkably good.

The match proper was between the Winchester (sporting), represented by "Not a Crack Shot," and the Snider, represented by "A Good Shot," both of whom were well known to the spectators.

When the match was over, the Snider was found to be the more accurate rifle, but during the match Capt. S. Hughes of Toronto, the adjutant of the Bowmanville battalion, secured the services of a gentleman, Lieut. Graham, who had been both the military Winchester and the Hotchkiss Winchester, and with the consent of Mr. J. B. Mitchell and Mr. Sando had the match, Snider vs. Winchester (sporting), altered to Snider vs. Winchester (military).

Although this seemingly altered the match, the champion of the Snider, at a great disadvantage still he pluckily continued to back the Snider against any rifle.

In justice, however, to Mr. Graham it must be said, that he never before fired a military Winchester and used the rifle for the first time last Saturday.

But the general opinion around Bowmanville is that he must be a very good marksman, and he is armed with a very good rifle, who is prepared to back the Snider in that town to do battle against the Snider.

Mr. Mitchell having bravely agreed to oppose the Snider, Lieut. Graham, the champion of the Winchester (sporting), and a gentleman more accustomed to drop a deer on the bank, or a fox on the run than to pepper a man with a target to oppose Lieut. W. S. Russell of the 45th B. Co. Further, to lead interest to the day's proceedings, as well as to test the rifle, Sergeant McLaughlin and Sergeant J. B. King (both of the same battalion) fired the Snider and Snider respectively, while Lieut. Graham and Bandaman Nowell tested the Hotchkiss, Winchester and Snider respectively.

In the opinion of the competitors the points worthy of consideration are that taken all in all the Snider is ahead of any other as a military rifle, and that, with a few improvements, would make a better one; that for sporting or military purposes where accuracy might be required, as in guerrilla or Indian fighting, or for cavalry purposes the Winchester and the Hotchkiss would be invaluable.

The Winchester (military) is a very good rifle, and its accuracy is not less than that of the Snider, and its trajectory is much lower than the Snider, and of course the bullet speeds up its way more rapidly. Had the rifle been properly tested as to elevation, etc., before there is no doubt it would have shown better results.

The Hotchkiss, however, was admitted by all to be the superior weapon. It can be used as a single fire, the magazine being easily kept in reserve, which is a great simplicity and durability of action render it a liability to become unserviceable.

It may be remarked that Mr. C. Clark of Toronto kindly disposed arms and ammunition at the disposal of the riflemen for the match.

As a result of the match the Snider riflemen of Bowmanville are now considered bold enough to meet on the Toronto ranges any four or five gentlemen using any other rifle, or to face among the bushes and corners of the Saskatchewan any number of Indian or half-breed hunters with double-barrelled shot guns loaded with buckshot.

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Racing at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 25.—First race—2 mile, Eva K won, with Metropolis 24, Talleyrand 21, time 1:19. Second race—1 1/8 miles, Crow Wallace won, with Kio 24, Hobbs 34, time 1:14.

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