

garments, especially when left on the grassy floor of their tents, were well soaked. Still, the ardour of those who were visitors for the first time did not seem to be dampened, for in hundreds of the tents the most vaient efforts were made to get breakfast ready, and those who had not the heart to rough it sought the welcome cover of Jennison's immense *salon*, where plenty is provided at most moderate prices. The Canadians mess in a portion of the Civil Service tent, and they are perhaps as comfortable as any men in camp. They are a little closer to the Iron House, and nearer this year to the brow of the hill looking towards Richmond, while the shifting of the camp tents to this position gives the men a quieter situation, and removes the reception tent from the main road alongside the Putney entrance, thus avoiding the clouds of dust which were so uncomfortable last year. Although the first Sunday is not included in the official programme of the meeting, still church service is held in the large tent. The congregation yesterday was therefore a small one. Amongst those present were Lord Wharncliffe, the chairman of the Association; Col. Mildmay, Col. Peel, Capt. Pixley, Col. McKinlay, of the Canadian team; Major Cotton, and Major Gibson. The chaplain had finished prayers and had commenced his sermon from the text in the Book of Samuel, "And David taught Israel the use of the bow." When a storm broke over the camp, and the rain came down in drenching torrents. The wind was high, and so interfered with the service that both the preacher and his congregation had to beat a hasty retreat. Later in the afternoon the weather was rather better, and the high wind of the morning had so slackened its pace that with the aid of waterproofs and umbrellas a large number of visitors who had come from town made their way through the camp to renew the pleasant acquaintance with the riflemen who were here last year, and make new friends amongst the thousands who for the first time will try their skill at Wimbledon targets.

THE AMERICAN TEAM.

The topic of the day has been the proposals made by the American team, who lately vanquished the Irishmen at Dollymount, to shoot with the teams of Great Britain. It was at first proposed that the Americans should compete side by side with their British cousins in the international match for the Elcho Shield, on a spare target, without course, actually participating in the contest. The three captains of the team were agreeable to this, but Major Page entered a protest, and a fresh proposition was therefore made. The substituted terms were that a selected team of eight, composed of three English, three Scotch, and two Irish, should compete with the Americans, but to this proposal the latter demurred, as will be seen by the following letter:—

BELFAST, July 9, 1875.

Sir,—I am just in receipt of your favour of the 7th instant, communicating the invitation of the Council of the National Rifle Association to the American Rifle Team to shoot a match at Wimbledon on the 17th instant, against a team of eight from the United Kingdom, distance 1,000 yards, number of shots, 30, &c. In reply I have to say that since the proposed competition between the Eights of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and an American Eight, has fallen through, the American Rifle Team have determined to adhere to their original intention of shooting but one "Team Match" dur-

ing their present visit to this country. The honourable Council will be good enough to accept the sincere thanks of the gentlemen of the American Rifle Team for the distinguished compliment which their kind invitation carries with it.—I have the honor to be, sir, yours most respectfully,

(Signed.)

H. A. GILDERSLEEVE,
Captain American Rifle Team.

Captain E. St. John Mildmay,
Secretary, N. R. A.

A meeting was held today by the Council, with the idea of bringing the matter to an amicable settlement, but no decision has been arrived at yet, although it is probable an effort will be made to carry out the first proposal. The Council are very desirous that the American representatives shall have a chance of displaying their skill at the target with the crack shots of Britain, and it is possible that they may be accommodated.

A JAPANESE MARKSMAN.

I understand that a Japanese officer who represents a rifle association at Yokohama will this year take a prominent part in the Wimbledon contest, and although by the rules he will not be able to carry off prizes, still his bullseyes made recently at Hythe and Aldershot, will try the metal of some of our champion shots. The Japanese, it is said, can make quite a string of bullseyes from the shoulder at a thousand yards.

THE CANADIAN TEAM.

I have already said something about their first night in camp, and very little about their shooting at the Altcar ranges. As a score that will be read by Canadian riflemen with some curiosity, I give that of the first practice, an *impromptu* one, held within a few hours of landing from the steamer, and with scarcely time to get their land legs on. The score is as follows, fired at 200, 500, and 600 yards:—

Major Gibson.....79	Ensign Waters.....54
Sergt Stephens...46	Private Cruit.....77
Sergt Power.....81	Sergt Pindar.....72
Private Little...67	Capt Nelson.....69
Ensign Fitch.....71	Sergt Ward.....79
Sergt Copping...66	Capt Arnold.....72
Private Paulin...67	Sergt Loggie.....80
Private Bell.....47	Sergt Harris.....62
Sergt Hunter.....68	Ensign Wright...87
Sergt Hill.....58	Private Mills....62

LANCASHIRE VS. CANADA.

The first of the usual contests at Altcar between the Canadians and the Liverpool Riflemen took place on the 7th. The contestants with the team were twenty men of the First Lancashire, and the results, as will be seen, were in favour of the Englishmen. The Canadians were under the command of Major Gibson, while Lieutenant Winstanley managed the Lancashire men.

The following are the scores, targets and scoring as at Wimbledon, 1875; highest possible score, 105; seven shots each at 200, 500 and 600 yards, any position throughout:—

1ST LANCASHIRE.	CANADIAN TEAM.
Sergt W O Davies.85	Sergt Hunter.....81
Corporal Nimmo..82	Capt Nelson.....81
Private Wade...81	Private Paulin...78
Private Sprott...81	Private Bell.....77
Private Latham...79	Ensign Wrigh...76
Sergt Speers.....78	Private Cruit...57
Sergt Atkinson...76	Private Little...75
Sergt Abernethy..75	Sergt-Maj Harris..74

Private Lennett...74	Sergt Copping....74
Private Verso....73	Capt Arnold.....73
Private Mason...72	Sergt Stephens...73
Sergt Thornton...71	Sergt Hill.....73
Private Roberts...71	Sergt Pindar....73
Sergt Mitchell...70	Ensign Waters...70
Corp Eastwood...70	Sergt Loggie....70
Pte H A Buckley.70	Sergt Power.....68
Sergt Milne.....69	Major Gibson....67
Corporal Porter...69	Sergt Ward.....63
Lieut Hayner....62	Private Mills....63
Pte W Buckley...48	Ensign Fitch...51

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Majority for 1st L. A. V.....19

THE SECOND MATCH.

took place on the 7th between the twenty men of the Canadian team and a like number of the Liverpool Rifle Brigade and the 1st Cheshire. The conditions of the match were:—Wimbledon targets (1873), seven rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards, any position, no sighting shots. The Rifle Brigade beat the Canadians by 28 points, the Canadians beating the Cheshire team by 16 points. The following is the score:—

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Rank and Name	200	500	600	T'l.
Pte R Wright.....	24	24	25	73
Pte J Brailsford	26	23	21	70
Sergt Major Moynagh	23	23	22	68
Pte Richardson.....	22	21	24	67
Sergt Alexander.....	24	26	17	67
Sergt Keogh.....	24	26	19	67
Lieut Davison.....	25	18	23	66
Capt Phillips.....	22	22	21	65
Capt W Cooper.....	23	21	21	65
Col-Sergt Lloyd.....	22	25	17	64
Col-Sergt Tarleton.....	24	22	16	62
Col-Sergt A Crossan.....	22	22	17	61
Col-Sergt Brown.....	23	23	14	60
Pte J G McCann.....	21	22	16	59
Sergt Aickin.....	25	20	12	57
Pte Haywood.....	23	16	17	56
Col-Sergt O R Pattison	22	20	14	56
Pte W Cox.....	21	13	21	55
Pte T Holt.....	24	14	17	55
Pte W Sullivan.....	19	21	14	54

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Ens Fitch.....	23	23	23	69
Sergt Loggie.....	24	21	24	69
Ens Waters.....	23	23	21	67
Sergt Harris.....	27	20	18	65
Sergt Pindar.....	23	19	22	64
Sergt Copping.....	26	20	18	64
Major Gibson.....	23	21	18	62
Pte Bell.....	24	18	20	62
Pte Cruit.....	25	21	16	62
Ens Wright.....	25	17	19	61
Pte Mills.....	22	22	17	61
Sergt Hunter.....	23	24	13	60
Pte Paulin.....	23	20	17	60
Capt Arnold.....	23	21	15	59
Sergt Ward.....	22	22	15	59
Sergt Hill.....	24	20	15	59
Pte Little.....	22	23	13	58
Capt Nelson.....	22	18	14	54
Sergt Power.....	24	19	11	54
Sergt Stephens.....	23	15	12	50

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1ST (A. B.) C.R.V.

Lance Corp Preston.....	24	24	22	70
Lieut Dean.....	22	22	23	67
Sergt T Pink.....	23	24	20	67
Sergt G Ellidge.....	26	24	17	67
Pte W Davison.....	23	23	19	65
Sergt Beazley.....	23	21	19	63
Pte Jackson.....	25	23	15	63