

8.—LADIES' MATCH—500 YARDS—FIVE ROUNDS.

Each lady presenting a prize having the privilege of nominating a gentleman to shoot on her behalf for special prizes offered by the association.

<i>Gentlemen winners of ladies' prizes.</i>	<i>Lady winners of special prizes.</i>
Staff-Sergt. Jamieson, 43rd. 25	Miss Woodburn. Lt. Rogers, 43rd. . . 23
Sergt. J. C. Chamberlin, 43rd. 23	Miss B. Bacon. S.-Sgt. Armstrong, Guards. 22
Col.-Sergt. Deslauriers, Guards. 23	Miss White. Lt. Gray, Guards. 21
Staff-Sergt. Sutherland, Guards. 23	Miss Bacon. Lt. Gray, Guards. 21
Corpl. Carroll, Guards. 23	Mrs. Perley. Capt. H. F. Perley, H.Q.S. 21
Lieut. Rogers, 43rd. 23	Mrs. Gray. Lt. Gray, Guards. 21
Lieut. H. W. Chamberlin, 43rd. 23	Miss Macpherson. Major Macpherson, Guards. 20
Dr. Hutchison, O.R.C. 22	Miss Macpherson. Lt. Gray, Guards. 20
Staff-Sergt. Armstrong, Guards. 22	Mrs. Bacon. Lt. Gray, Guards. 19
Lieut. Gray, Guards. 21	Mrs. A. H. Todd. Maj. Todd, Guards. . . 16
Capt. Wright, 43rd. 21	Mrs. Sutherland. S.-Sgt. Sutherland, Guards. 12
Capt. Perley, H.Q.S. 21	Miss Odell. Lt. Winter, Guards. 9
Pte. Morrison, Guards. 21	

This is the first time that a ladies' match has been included in the Metropolitan rifle association programme, and it was a decided success. A formal presentation of prizes won in this match took place at its conclusion. Lieut.-Col. Bacon presided and Mrs. Bacon made the presentation, the competitors choosing according to score from the handsome prizes presented by the ladies.

The Creedmoor Programme.

THE annual prize meeting of the United States National Rifle Association is fixed for the 13th September next at the usual place, Creedmoor. For the information of shots, and to afford a basis of comparison with Wimbledon and Rideau, we give herewith a synopsis of the programme. The position at 200 yards is always standing, at 500 prone, and at longer ranges in any position.

1. "Directors' Match."—200 yards; open only to directors of the N.R.A.; 5 rounds; any military rifle.

2. "Judd Match."—Open to all comers; any military rifle, including specials; Remington rifles, state model, will be allowed one point on each score; 200 yards; 7 rounds; entrance fee \$2 each, re-entries \$1; only three entries allowed to be shot on each day, match to occupy two days. \$285 divided into 27 prizes, the aggregate of two of two scores to count for the first five prizes.

3. "Wimbledon Cup Match."—Open to all citizens and residents of the United States; 1000 yards; 30 rounds; any rifle within the rules; cleaning allowed. Prize, the Wimbledon cup, value \$500.

4. "President's Match."—First Stage.—200 and 500 yards, 7 shots at each; open to all members of the army, navy and marine corps of the United States, or the national corps of any state; Remington state model and Springfield .45 cal., 3 grooved and chambered for 2 1-10in. shell only. Twenty-three prizes, total \$210.

Second Stage.—Open to all prize winners in the first stage; 700 yards; 10 shots; position any; rifles same as in first stage, but .50 cal. Remington state model will receive one point allowance. Prize, the mid-range championship of America for one year and cash \$25, to be awarded to the competitor making the highest aggregate score.

5. "Shorkley Match."—Any military rifle; 800, 900 and 1,000 yards; all comers; 10 shots at each distance. Twelve prizes, aggregating \$110.

6. "All Comers' Continuous Match."—200 yards; 7 shots on American standard target; any rifle, military rifles, as permitted in the 4th match, will be allowed four points, and other military or special military rifles three points on each score. The aggregate of three scores to count for each of the first five prizes, aggregate of two scores to count for the others; entries unlimited. \$360 divided into 33 prizes.

7. "Governors' Match."—Seven shots at 500 yards; any military rifle; open to all comers; re-entries allowed. The aggregate of three scores to count for the first five prizes, aggregate of two scores to count for the others; two points allowed on the aggregate of the three scores, in the first five prizes to state model rifles of .50 cal.; one point allowed on aggregate of the two scores. \$200 divided into 18 prizes.

8. "All comers' and Marksmen's Badge Match."—200 and 500 yards; 5 shots at each; entrance \$1, re-entries allowed; Remington rifle .50 cal., state model. 34 prizes, \$276.

9. "Hilton Trophy Match."—Open to teams of 12 from the military or militia of any country; 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 rounds at each; any position at 500 and 600 yards; any military rifle which has been adopted as an official arm. Prize, a trophy, presented by Hon. Henry Hilton, value \$3,000. Also a medal to each member of the winning team.

10.—Open to teams of 4 from any regularly organized rifle club or association or military organization, no limit to number of teams from one organization; ten shots at 200 yards, any rifle, American standard target; teams using the Remington rifle, State model, will be allowed 20 points, and 16 points will be allowed to teams using other military or special military rifles. Entrance fee \$5 per team, re-entries allowed, but only the highest score to count. Four prizes, \$50, \$40, \$30 and \$20.

11. "Inter-State Military Match."—Open to one militia team from each State or Territory, 200 and 500 yards, any military rifle. Prize, a large bronze, presented by the Commander-in-Chief. Also a medal to each member of the winning team.

12. "Inter-State Long-Range Match."—Open to teams of 4 from any rifle club in the United States. 800, 900 and 1,000 yards; 15 shots each; any rifle within the rules. Prize, a trophy; also a medal to each member of the winning team.

13. Open to teams of 12 from the National Guard of the State of New York. 200 and 500 yards; 5 rounds at each. Prize, a trophy, presented by the State of New York, value \$300.

14.—Open to teams of 12 from each regiment, etc., in the First Division of the

N.G.S.N.Y. Remington rifle, state model; 200 and 500 yards; 15 shots at each distance. Prize, a trophy, presented by the State of New York, value \$100.

15. "Second Division National Guard Match."—As No. 14 for Second Division.

16. "General Sheridan's Skirmishers' Match."—Open to teams of 6 from the regular army, navy, marine corps, national guard, volunteers or militia of any county, state or territory; 600 to 200 yards, and return; second-class targets; military rifle with which the organization has been regularly armed. A commanding officer or coach may be allowed in rear of each team, or as a member on the firing line. The first prize is a trophy presented by S. D. Schuyler, Esq., value \$150.

Correspondence.

THE LATE MAJOR GRANT'S BRAVERY.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

SIR,—Through the kindness of a friend I have received a copy of your journal in which I read with heartfelt regret the recent decease of Major Grant, of the Governor-General's Foot Guards. As it is due to the humanity of that gallant officer that I am to-day in this world, I request space in your columns to relate how, at the risk of his own life, he saved mine. On the 6th January, some five-and-thirty years ago, I was skating on the bay at Kingston, Ontario, a short distance west of Murney Point tower, and rather more than a mile from the shore. Deceived by heavy loads crossing earlier in the day, I concluded that the ice was equally strong everywhere in the neighborhood; but suddenly breaking through, I found to my cost it was not to be trusted. Aware that getting out of ice in such cases was not an uncommon achievement, but ignorant then of the fatal character of the St. Lawrence, I was not greatly alarmed, nor was it until I had broken my way to ice sufficiently strong to bear my weight, and had made several unsuccessful attempts to gain a footing, that I began to realize a struggle for life. Again and again I lifted myself out of the water as high as length of arms permitted, but the current acting on my legs forced me to relinquish my grasp and jerk back into the stream to avoid being carried under the ice. Being a good swimmer and diver I tried every means I knew to keep up and escape without tiring myself out, but after a time I began to suffer from cold, and found it hard to keep my head above water. In making one last but unavailing attempt at escape, I saw some one in the distance hastening towards me. Then the struggle was to keep in sight until he might possibly arrive. I tried to float on my back, but sinking in spite of my best efforts, the last thing I remember was spurring blood and water out of my mouth high into the air. I then became insensible until hearing a well known voice calling aloud "Oakes, Oakes, hold your heart!" I at once regained consciousness and feebly responded. He told me to keep quiet, which I did, knowing that in his iron grasp I was safe; indeed from mere exhaustion and quickly recognizing the danger of struggling, I felt but little inclined for further exertion. When my brave and intrepid preserver came upon the scene I had disappeared, but thrusting his arm to its utmost reach into the water, he succeeded in grasping my shoulder, whence he continued to pass his hand down to my wrist by which he held me to the edge of the ice. He then called loudly for help from the shore, where Mrs. Grant, distracted by the extreme peril her husband was in, at length prevailed on some men who were passing to push over the ice in a boat that was fortunately at hand. In the meantime the ice on which Major Grant was lying broke off from the main body, thus placing both of us on an island which began to submerge. Never for a moment relaxing his grasp of me the true hearted hero ceased not to speak words of encouragement, until by means of the boat we were saved from what must else have been a watery grave. Preceding or accompanying the boat the late Mr. Hinds, then manager of the Bank of Upper Canada in Kingston, rendered assistance. To rightly understand the great risk Major Grant so fearlessly incurred, it must be explained that had he for a moment consulted his personal safety he would have selected a circuitous route over the strong ice, but without a moment's hesitation he made for the spot in a direct line, in doing which he repeatedly broke through, and had often to jump from island to island of ice. How he, a large and heavy man as he was, escaped drowning I undertake not to say. In thus paying a tribute to the memory of the gallant old veteran who has gone to his rest, I deem it not possible to imagine a nobler humanity nor a courage higher than his; for assuredly his was the courage of the man who well knew his danger, but feared not to face it.

J. H. OAKES.

[This letter has been in our hands since shortly after Major Grant's death, but owing to the temporary suspension of the GAZETTE we could not sooner publish it.—EDITOR.]

THE QUEBEC PROVINCIAL MATCHES.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

SIR,—My attention has been called to your items in regard to the Quebec Provincial rifle matches. That unlucky statistical officer only did his duty in following the well known law of disallowing an inaccurate aggregate score. The score in question was not righted because it was "said to show" a certain figure, but because it *did* show that figure, without erasure or visible error on the ticket, or any other complaint being made against that register-keeper. As for loss of time, the regular matches were all commenced on time. It is true that the "Extra Series" time was curtailed (to the loss of money to the association), but the fault lay with some competitors who were neither prompt in starting nor in taking their turns. There was no loss of time in changing targets, as but *one* change was made, and that during lunch hour on second day. The simple fact is this, some men fancy that at a provincial meeting they can break through regulations with impunity which they would not dare to infringe at a larger meeting, like the dominion, and this is no credit to them. The old principle of rifle competitions was to place all men on an equality and to show no favor; and I hope you will chastise all evasions of regulations *everywhere*, without fear or favor.

RIFLEMAN.

THE SHOEBURYNNESS TEAM.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Six-by-Nine," referring to the presence of regulars on the Shoeburynness team, simply states the fact. In past years this very question was debated in the D.A.A., and the final settlement was that when the English volunteer artillery objected to A and B battalions, &c., then the Canadian volunteers might also object; so the matter has remained, waiting the English protest. There is no doubt of the fact that the composition of the Canadian team will not bear scrutiny, and this has been matter for regret on the part of more than one.

GUNNER.