

favourite, and the selection is generally regarded as an excellent one. Commander Weston can always be depended upon to do himself and the Halifax militia credit, not only as an efficient officer, but as a crack marksman and a first-rate fellow all round.

A NEW system of musketry training has been in use in India, for more than a year, with highly successful results, according to the reports issued. An important feature of the course is thirty-five rounds of volley firing, of the usefulness of which Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Assistant Adjutant-General for Musketry, thus speaks :

"To produce the best results from collective fire, it is necessary that aim should be taken quickly, and retained until the word 'Fire' is given, the reason being that it is outside the power of the individual to determine at what uncertain moment he may be called upon to release the trigger. For if at the word 'Fire' he has not yet settled his aim, or, having settled it, has lost it, or if through force of habit he has pulled the trigger without orders on first acquiring aim, a loss of power and effect will be the inevitable consequence. The last error is especially pernicious, as it has been conclusively proved in practice that the premature fire of one man will vitiate the general results in a degree altogether out of proportion to his own good or bad shooting. In fact, individual accuracy cannot compensate for a ragged volley, and in these collective practices, the importance of which is now being insisted on, exactitude of aim must always be subservient to punctuality in obedience to the word of command."

Referring to the above the *Army and Navy Gazette* says : "This means that the old system of careful aim and slow pressure of the trigger, which has hitherto been impressed on the men as the *sine qua non* of good shooting, will have to give way to the full low sight and the quick though steady pull at the trigger necessary for good volley-firing. Sir Frederick Roberts has earned a debt of gratitude from the Indian Army by the encouragement he has given to practical musketry. Every year shows more and more clearly that volley-firing is the secret of success in battle, and the more the troops practise this the better. It is only a matter of custom, and though individual shooting must be encouraged, the ultimate end of military musketry is best served by a well-directed volley."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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CANADIAN MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE.—Sir: I have noticed several suggestions to change the League programme so as to bring a match into the month of June. I may state that it will be impossible to make any change in the programmes, as the various rifle associations in the different parts of the Dominion have arranged their programme so as not to interfere with the League. At any rate there is a match in June, viz., the "Inter-City" Martini.

W. R. PRINGLE, Secretary.

The easy quiet way in which T. A. SLOCUM'S OXYGENIZED Mulsion of PURE COD LIVER OIL has won its way into public favor speaks volumes for its merits. At the office of the company, Toronto, Ont., can be seen scores of valuable testimonials, while any druggist will tell you that for all pulmonary difficulties it stands unrivalled.

THE MILITARY-RIFLE LEAGUE.

The most noticeable feature of the second match in the series is the improvement in the scores; occasioned, no doubt, by the more favourable conditions of the weather combined with a greater amount of practice. The winners of the first places in last year's competitions are again at the top, having changed places with the 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke. The ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards, and the following are the scores, together with the positions the various teams now occupy :—

	1st Match.	2nd Match.	Total.
1. 54th Battalion, Windsor Mills	853	799	1652
2. 13th Battalion, Hamilton, 1st team	839	803	1642
3. 96th Battalion, Port Arthur	787	811	1598
4. 53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke	858	729	1587
5. C Company, I. S. C., Toronto	771	798	1569
6. Toronto Rifle Association	778	790	1568
7. 45th Battalion, Lindsay, 1st team	791	774	1565
8. 43rd Battalion, Ottawa, 1st team	754	801	1555
9. 62nd Battalion, St. John	786	758	1544
10. Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, 1st team	742	796	1538
11. 21st Battalion, Essex Centre, 1st team	791	734	1525
12. 45th Battalion, Bowmanville, 3rd team	796	716	1512
13. 7th Fusiliers, London	726	782	1508
14. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 1st team	780	718	1498
15. 63rd Battalion, Halifax, 1st team	754	731	1485
16. 20th Battalion, Georgetown	716	761	1477
17. 43rd Battalion, 2nd team	701	750	1451
18. Prince Edward Island Garrison Artillery	706	743	1449
19. G. G. F. G., Ottawa, 1st team	713	736	1449
20. Ottawa Rifle Club	719	722	1441
21. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 2nd team	796	637	1433
22. 82nd Battalion, Charlottetown	731	696	1427
23. Montreal Garrison Artillery, 1st team	708	718	1426
24. 20th Battalion, Milton	710	715	1425
25. 13th Battalion, 2nd team	744	680	1424
26. 5th Royal Scots, Montreal, 1st team	687	734	1421
27. D Company, I. S. C., London	670	727	1397
28. 37th Battalion, Hagarville	684	712	1396
29. 59th Battalion, Cornwall	661	734	1395
30. 57th Battalion, Peterborough, 1st team	714	676	1390
31. Prescott Rifle Assn.	696	693	1389
32. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 1st team	679	700	1379
33. 93rd Battalion, Fort Lawrence	667	709	1376
34. Victoria Rifles, Montreal, 1st team	673	699	1372
35. 8th Battalion, Quebec, 1st team	743	627	1370
36. 6th Fusiliers, 1st team	667	702	1369
37. Queen's Own Rifles, 2nd team	688	681	1369
38. 43rd Battalion, 3rd team	678	684	1362
39. Royal Military College, Kingston	669	689	1358
40. 31st Battalion, Owen Sound	684	665	1349
41. 71st Battalion, St. Stephen	668	669	1337
42. 15th Battalion, Belleville	684	642	1326
43. Charlottetown Engineers	621	703	1324
44. 22nd Battalion, Woodstock	682	636	1318
45. St. John Rifle Co.	676	633	1309
46. 15th Battalion, Belleville	661	642	1303
47. 71st Battalion, Fredericton	625	672	1297
48. 26th Battalion, Vanneck	726	569	1295
49. 66th Battalion, Halifax	663	631	1294
50. Kentville Rifle Association	685	609	1294
51. 38th Battalion, Brantford	677	613	1290
52. 63rd Battalion, 2nd team	724	566	1290
53. 6th Fusiliers, 2nd team	644	625	1269
54. 49th Battalion, Belleville	661	604	1265
55. A Company, I. S. C., Fredericton	631	620	1251
56. 44th Battalion, Niagara Falls	584	664	1248
57. B Battery, Quebec, 1st team	662	578	1240
58. 14th Battalion, Kingston	595	640	1235
59. Toronto Rifle Assn., 2nd team	643	580	1223
60. 10th R. G., 2nd team	628	588	1216
61. Battleford Rifle Association	583	631	1214
62. Sackville Rifle Association	658	556	1214
63. A Battery, Reg. C. A., Kingston, 1st team	629	566	1195
64. 8th Royal Rifles, 2nd team	618	573	1191
65. 77th Battalion	641	548	1189
66. Montreal Rifle Association	556	624	1180
67. Queen's Own Rifles, 4th team	576	602	1178
68. 60th Battalion	566	609	1175
69. Halifax Rifle Association	656	518	1174
70. 49th Battalion, Madoc	600	562	1162
71. 50th Battalion, Huntingdon	556	583	1139