

About common shell ricocheting, you say in last copy of GAZETTE, "Ricochet commonly occurs when the competitor has negligently omitted to withdraw the safety-pin." Can you tell me how many negligent gunners, in this respect, there have been during say the past five years? Putting the ricochet down to "the negligent gunner," the association encourages him by giving one mark extra for his negligence.

The annexationist newspaper here has taken a fling at the colors of the 100th Regiment. Of course, says the editor, because "these colors are British there is any amount of enthusiasm over them, but never a word is said about the colors of Canadian regiments which were under fire during the Fenian raids, North-West rebellion, &c." As a matter of fact there were no colors with regiments at Ridgeway—of the Lower Province raids I cannot speak; neither did any accompany regiments under fire in the North-West. Perhaps the editor still believes—as stated at the time by the Fenians—that the colors of the Queen's Own had been captured!

I understand that new Regulations will shortly appear. Paragraph 1,003 of 1883 deals with horses, &c., and says "care should be taken that all horses intended for use at annual drill are made familiar beforehand with the work they will be required to perform at drills," &c. How can I accomplish this without being out of pocket and without making it a charge against the public? Say for instance a battery sub-division. Some general officers have, like a good many mounted militia officers, ignored this paragraph.

THE QUEEN'S OWN TOURNAMENT.

About 2,000 people assembled in the Mutual street rink on Monday evening to witness the military tournament of the Queen's Own Rifles. The entertainment was under the patronage of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Campbell and the officers of the Toronto Garrison. A capital programme was presented, which was carried out with a spirit and valour becoming the contestants. Perhaps the most enjoyable exhibition of the evening was the tug of war between the Queen's Own Rifles and the Guelph Field Battery, which was won by the former after a great struggle.

The committee in charge of the games were:—Col.-Sergt. Cooper, chairman; Col.-Sergt. Kennedy, Sergt. Robinson, Sergt. Creighton, Sergt. Higginbotham, Col.-Sergt. McKell, treasurer; Col.-Sergt. World, secretary; Sergt. Henderson, assistant secretary.

The judges were:—Lieut.-Col. W. D. Otter, D.A.G.; Major Hamilton, Q.O.R.; Capt. Mason, R.G.

Starter—Mr. H. C. Biggar.

Timekeepers—Lieut. Sears, "C" Co., I.S.C.; Mr. C. P. Orr.

Clerk of Course—Sergt. Major Crean, Q.O.R.

In addition to the above a large number of prominent military officers and members of other city regiments were present.

The prizes were gracefully presented by Mrs. Otter to the following, being a full list of the winners:—

One quarter-mile race—Pte Sewell; 2nd, Sergt. Geo. Creighton.

One mile race—Sergt. Henderson; 2nd, Pte. Geo. Watts.

Tug-of-war—1st trial—Queen's Own Rifles of Canada v. 1st Provisional Brigade Guelph Field Battery—Queen's Own Rifles.

Animated wheelbarrow race—double first prize—Sergt. Creighton and Pte. Geo. Watts.

One mile drill order race—Pte Watts; 2nd, Pte. W. J. Goldsmith.

Tug-of-war—Toronto Garrison Artillery v. one of the other teams—Grenadiers.

100 yards sack race—Pte. Brokers, "C" School; 2nd, Pte. Brooks, Garrison "A."

Tug-of-war—2nd trial—10th Royal Grenadiers v. "C" School I.S.C.—Grenadiers.

Relief race—double first prize—Corp. Watts, Sergt. Creighton.

Potato race—Pte. Watts, Sergt. Donaldson.

Quarter-mile heavy marching order race—Pte. Sewell, Corp. Watts.

Tug-of-war—final for championship of Canada, 11 silver medals—Tenth Royal Grenadiers.

The Queen's Own band furnished excellent music which was much appreciated.

LINCH-PIN.

Regimental Intelligence.

Other of the Montreal city corps are said to be likely shortly to follow the example set by the Victoria rifles in equipping themselves with gaiters.

Armour Sergeant Nolan, of the 6th Fusiliers, has this year been fifty years in military service. He enlisted in 1837, and has served Her Majesty in the Crimea, Indian metting, North-West India and Afghanistan.

The regular winter course of instruction of the Ottawa Field Battery is about to commence. This will consist of standing gun drill, shifting ordnance and sword exercise. Capt. Bliss will likely deliver a course of lectures in the orderly room during the season.

Sergt. Instructor Chas. Hewlett, of the 43rd battalion, was last week presented with a handsome souvenir from No. 1 company, on the occasion of his severing his connection with the battalion in consequence of having been appointed to a similar position in "C" battery, which he will join as soon as marching orders for British Columbia are received.

The committee of the P.Q.R.A. which has charge of the grant of \$500 from the corporation of Montreal to purchase the jubilee challenge trophy, competed for among the militia corps of the city, have accepted, with a few amendments, the design of an English firm represented by Messrs. Watson, Pelton & Co. The design is for a silver table piece. A formal presentation will be made to the 6th Fusiliers, the first winners of the trophy.

The annual inspection of the Montreal Engineers takes place on the Champ de Mars on Saturday, 29th. The company is well up in infantry drill, but as far as engineering work goes will be able to do very little for want of encouragement from the militia. Last year some capital engineering work was done, but only at great financial loss to the officers. They had to go to great expense in providing material etc., and the government refused to reimburse them. When the ridiculously delayed new drill hall is completed, if it ever will be, the Engineers will have a fine modelling room and will then be able to do something in the way of the work for which they are maintained. Signalling has been gone into extensively by the company this year. — *Star*.

The 1st Brigade Halifax Garrison Artillery paraded on Tuesday evening last week at the drill shed for the first time under their new commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel Curren, for pay and the distribution of prizes won at the several rifle competitions and also at the artillery competitions held at Quebec and Halifax. The commanding officer complimented the several competitors as they came forward to receive their

prizes, after which the deputy adjutant-general inspected the clothing. The commanding officer then made an address, asking every member to endeavor to make this brigade second to none in the Dominion. He also stated that a school of gunnery would be opened on the 31st of this month, and he hoped to see every n.c.o. who did not now hold a certificate from the R. S. A. attend and make himself efficient in gunnery. The captains then took command of their respective batteries and distributed the annual pay, after which the brigade was dismissed.

On Saturday evening last the officers of the Governor-General's Foot Guards met at mess at the Rideau club for the purpose of banqueting Lieut.-Col. Ross, the late commanding officer, and Major Wicksteed, who has just retired from the post of paymaster. The chair was occupied by the adjutant, Capt. W. E. Hodgins, who is president of the mess, and Lieut. John Hodgins, vice-president, occupied the vice chair. Besides the guests of the evening and the officers of the Guards, there were present Major-General Sir F. Middleton, Col. Powell, Adjutant-General; Lieut. Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery; Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne, D.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson, director of stores, Militia Department; Capt. Anson and Capt. Pakenham, A.D.C.'s to the Governor-General; Lieut.-Col. White, commanding 43rd Batt.; and Dr. Powell, surgeon of the 43rd. The band of the regiment played during the mess.

The Target.

Ottawa.—Saturday last, when the Ottawa Rifle Clubs programme for the season was completed, was a very busy one for the members, there being two spoon competitions to be fired, an open match for good prizes offered by the Guards' Rifle Association; and, for those who were members of that regiment as well, the regular matches of the association. To save time it was agreed that the scores for the 500 yards range of the Snider spoon competition should count for the Guards' open match also. The Snider spoon competition was the fifteenth on the club's list for the season, and was set down for the 1st inst., but had to be postponed. The Martini match was the eighteenth and last on the list. There were junior spoons offered in both, and the scores were as follows:

Fifteenth Competition—Snider.

T Carroll	30	23	21	74
F W Smith, (win sr. class)	31	25	16	72
Lieut Gray	30	15	22	67
Capt Wright	28	19	20	67
N Morrison	33	18	16	67
J D Taylor, (winner jr. class)	24	29	14	67
T McJanet	31	22	13	66
Capt Cox	25	16	23	64
J H Fairweather	25	17	22	64
Major Anderson	26	20	18	64
Geo Duncan	25	25	12	62
Capt Sherwood	28	21	12	61
W A Jamieson	26	12	23	61
F C Lightfoot	26	18	5	49

Eighteenth Competition—Martini.

T Carroll, (winner sr. class)	30	27	25	82
Capt Wright	28	22	30	80
Lieut Gray	27	15	30	72
T McJanet, (winner jr. class)	26	25	20	71
Capt Sherwood	30	15	24	69
Capt Cox	24	24	18	66
N Morrison	26	25	14	65
Major Anderson	29	23	13	65
F W Smith	30	15	13	58
W A Jamieson	26	19	8	53
Geo Duncan	27	11	14	52
E G Smith	12	14	8	34

The season's aggregate prizes have been won by the following members:

Snider aggregate, best five of nine competitions at Queen's ranges. Prize presented by Mr. James Grant, won by Capt. A. P. Sherwood with 384 points.

Martini aggregate, Queen's ranges, best four of six competitions. Prize presented by Major Perley, President O. R. C., won by Capt. J. Wright with 334 points.

Martini aggregate, 800 and 900 yards, best two of three competitions. Prize presented by Major Anderson, 1st Vice-President O. R. C., won by T. Carroll with 91 points.

Grand aggregate, highest in three preceding aggregates. 1st prize, Dominion R. A. silver medal, won by E. D. Sutherland with 786 points. 2nd prize Ontario R. A. silver medal, won by Capt. J. Wright with 781 points.

THE GUARDS' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The sixteenth annual prize meeting of the Guards' Rifle Association was held on the Rideau range on Saturday last, the 22nd inst. Notwithstanding the lateness of the season and the unpropitious weather, the day being so cold as to necessitate the wearing of overcoats and gloves, the attendance of non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment was large. The officers present were Major Todd, vice-president of the association, Capt. Waldo, Lieut. Gray, and Lieut. Winter, the secretary treasurer. The scoring was low, a strong wind adding to the difficulty experienced on account of the numbness of the competitors' fingers. Owing to a delay in commencing the day's programme, darkness came on just as No. 4 match was about to be commenced, the all comers' having been fired previously, and as even by the aid of the torches thoughtfully lit by the markers at the butts, the marking discs could at last not be made out at the firing points, when a competitor was lucky enough to bring down the target, the attempt to complete the match had to be abandoned, and the committee at a meeting on Monday evening decided that it should be fired over again on Saturday next. Until this is done the aggregate prizes cannot be awarded. The following is a list of the winners in the completed matches, together with their scores:

Match No. 1.—"The Maiden."

Open to members of the association who had never won a prize in any rifle meeting, company matches excepted. (Members who won prizes in the 4th class at last year's competition considered eligible.) 200 yards, 10 rounds, standing. Class-firing targets and scoring. Ammunition and entrance free.

Pte Kirk, No. 5 Co.	27	Pte Rowley, No. 2	22
Pte Haak, " "	25	Corpl Strouger, " 5	22
Pte E Walmsley, No 5	25	Pte Gooding, " 1	21
Corpl McCarthy, " "	24	Pte Boehmer, " 5	21
Pte Brown, No 2	23	Corpl. Gordon, " 1	21
Col.-Sergt Cope, No. 6	23	Bandsman Kehoe	20
67 entries. Two 20's counted out.			

Match No. 2.—"The Nursery."

Open to members of the association who had never won a prize, either in kind or cash, of the value of \$5 or over, company matches excepted. (Members who won prizes in the 3rd class at last year's competition considered eligible.) 300 yards, five rounds, kneeling. Class-firing targets and scoring. Entrance free.

Bandsman T Benbow	18	Pte Seager, No 1	15
Pte Gooding, No 1	16	Bandsman T Dunn	15
Sergt Codd, " 2	16	Corpl McCarthy, No 5	15
Corpl. Ross, " 2	16	Pioneer Schultz, " 5	15
Pte Hagan, " 6	16	Pte Brown, " 2	15
Corpl Watts, " 1	16	Corpl Strouger, " 5	14
Corpl Behan, " 4	16		
80 entries. Five 14's counted out.			