

Serpts. of C School; Bandmaster Bailey, Q.O.R.; ex-Col.-Sergt. Simpson.

#### Q.O.R. REVOLVER ASS'N.

The last match of the season will be held in the drill shed on Friday evening, 4th March, from 7 to 10.30 o'clock, when the following matches will be fired.

Match 1.—Open to all members. 25 yards; standing, off-hand; revolver, any pattern, not exceeding .45 calibre and 7½ inch barrel; rounds, seven; entries limited to two scores, highest score to count.

Match 2.—Aggregate of scores in No. 1 match to count.

Match 3.—Teams. 1, 5 officers right half battalion vs. 5 officers left half battalion. 2, 5 non-commissioned officers right half battalion vs. 5 non-commissioned officers left half battalion. 3, 5 non-commissioned officers Q.O.R. vs. 5 non-commissioned officers from any battalion or revolver association.

Extra series.—Open to all comers; entries unlimited; rounds 3; highest score to count.

Lieut. Elliott, 12th Batt., having donated 3 medals to the association they will be shot for under the following conditions:

Competitors to be admitted in three classes.

1st class, gold medal; 2nd class, silver medal; 3rd class, bronze medal.

Medals to be shot for in any regular competition highest score in match No. 1 to count.

No competitor will be allowed to win two medals in the same class, but if a competitor who has already won a medal, makes the highest score in his class in any future match he will receive a bar to be given by the association.

Competitors in 2nd and 3rd class after winning medal and bar will be promoted to the next class above them.

The association intend to continue medal competitions at future matches on similar conditions.

The following additional information is given regarding this prosperous association as well as the dimensions of their standard target:

The Association is open to the Active Militia of Canada, Toronto Police Force and Ex-Members of the Queen's Own Rifles.

Members of the Association are entitled to shoot in above Matches other than extra series on paying the entrance fee to each Match.

Anyone paying the membership fee of \$1.00 will be entitled to free entry in Match No. 1.

Prizes in Aggregate match and extra series will be posted up on night of Match.

Competitors to find their own Ammunition.

Ammunition may be had from register keepers at small advance of cost.

No two members will be allowed to use the same revolver, except in the case of the Association's Revolver.

Use of Association Revolver may be had at a charge of 10 cents for the evening.

Size of Target (of Paper):—

First circle on Bulls Eye	13¼ inches.	value	7 pts.
Second " " "	2¾ " "	" "	6 " "
Balance-Bulls Eye	4 " "	" "	5 " "
First Outer Circle	5¼ " "	" "	4 " "
Second " " "	7 " "	" "	3 " "
Third " " "	9¼ " "	" "	2 " "
Fourth " " "	12½ " "	" "	1 " "

The committee are sparing no pains to make this the most successful of any yet held under their auspices, and further information will be freely granted by communicating with Col.-Sergt. N. B. Sanson, Ontario Chambers.

## Letters to the Editor.

This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed, in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

### MARTINI-HENRY AMMUNITION.

DEAR SIR,—Your valuable paper of the 18th February contains this information interesting to the service,—that the manufacture, at the Quebec Cartridge Factory, of 64-lb. and 9-lb. shrapnel and common shell has proved a decided success, and that Martini-Henry ammunition has begun to be made there also. The pros and cons of the shrapnel will be left to the gunners to discuss, but a few words on what interests the infantry will not be out of place.

It seems that the experimental tests conducted by the London Field with the Martini-Henry ammunition served out to the volunteers of England, have shown up serious defects in the cartridges, the uneven charges of powder being a most serious one. This is not to be wondered at since the limit of variation allowed at Woolwich Factory in Snider, and no doubt the same in Martini, is four grains weight of powder. A variation of three grains in the Snider will make a difference in elevation of 21 inches on the target at 500 yards, being equal to that between a bulls-eye and an outer.

The report of the cartridge commission of 1885 among other changes recommended the reduction of this limit of variation to one grain. By reason of recommended improvements to that admirable filling machine having been adopted; such as, the base on which it rested being solid masonry, obviating all jarring; changing the motion from a boy's foot to a machine power, giving an even steady movement, also keeping the quantity of powder in the hopper at a uniform height, besides the whole process of filling being carried on with more careful attention, the limit has been reduced to one grain, and, moreover, it has been proved that it can be still further reduced.

Three or four grains less weight in the bullet is immaterial, provided the weights do not vary in each, but let the centre of gravity be in its proper place.

Our coiled shell is the best for Snider, it being a short and uniformly thick cartridge, but the solid drawn shell should be used for the Martini, its length and peculiar shape making it more liable to damages.

The Quebec Cartridge Factory turns out better Snider cartridges than ever came out of Woolwich, so let the best Curtis and Harvey's powder be used and the above points carefully attended to. There is no reason why the same remark should not be applied to the manufacture of Martini-Henry ammunition now being initiated at Quebec.

If I M. Canadian troops will not be satisfied with any ammunition of an inferior quality, it must be the best and nothing but the best for all requirements.

CARTOUCHE

### RE MORRIS TUBES.

DEAR SIR,—As advertisers in your paper ever since it has been in existence, we should like to ask, is it possible that our existence is unknown to any single officer in the Dominion of Canada?

Notwithstanding all the exertions of direct address exercised for fifteen years, whereby we have annually sought to communicate with every officer whose name appears in the Militia List, is it possible that any officer does not know the nature of our business? Our general catalogue of last year was specially designed to acquaint the militia of Canada with the resources of our business.

Is it possible that the writer of the letter in your last issue receives the CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE, yet never gives a casual glance at the advertisements?

We are forced to ask, what is the use of advertising if a correspondent may occupy free, a whole column of your issue in directly antagonizing the interests of paid advertisements, without any interest being manifested on your part?

Without wishing to make any personal charges against the writers of the letter referred to, we cannot but question his references to Montreal, which are so absurdly incorrect that we interpret the letter to be hastily written in the same tone of ignorance which has led the writer so completely to ignore our existence.

The Victoria Rifles of Montreal were the first to receive Morris Tube outfits and since the erection of the new Montreal drill shed, the Sixth Fusiliers, Royal Scots, Prince of Wales Rifles, Montreal Garrison Artillery and Sixty-fifth Regiment have been fully equipped with the Morris Tube ranges by us.

For many years we have pressed before the Militia Department the importance, if not necessity of providing this useful adjunct, and through our instrumentality the Morris apparatus will now be found fairly distributed through the schools and garrisons from Halifax to Vancouver.

The vim with which the writer proposes the importance of carrying in the Government stores the tubes and ammunition, exhibits a sentiment we gladly testify to be on the wane in Canada; the officers generally know the cost of uniforms and accoutrements in England, and our published price lists have thoroughly convinced the majority of unprejudiced minds that home industry is worth protecting.

We gratefully acknowledge the patronage of our numerous customers throughout the Dominion, whereby we have been able to establish a Military Emporium worthy the aspirations of our young nation, and we proudly refer to the confidence placed in us by many of the foremost manufacturers of Great Britain whereby we are appointed to represent them on this continent, and among this list for many years has appeared the name of the Morris Sighting and Aiming Apparatus Co'y. Yours respectfully,

JOHN MARTIN & Co.