

Immediately on the conclusion of this match, the squad were formed for the Merchants' Match, in which there were nineteen prizes offered for competition at 200, 300 and 400 yards ranges. For this match there were fifty five entries. However, at the termination of the firing at the 400 yards range which was the range commenced at, it was getting late and the remaining two ranges were till next day. The highest scores at this range were made by W. Chambers, 19; E. Lockhart, P.B.I., 18; P. H. Parr, 17; J. Thom, W.F.B.I., 17. These men were being closely followed by others, which caused considerable speculation as to the probable winner.

So far the first day of the tournament was a success. The range, targets and marking gave every satisfaction. The latter was managed by means of dummy targets over the markers' butts, and discs. The markers and a bugler were supplied by the Dominion Artillery, and two non com. officers from the Provisional Battalion acted as scorers, and Staff Sergt. Chartrand assisted the Secretary, Capt. Carruthers.

Owing to the very short notice Mr. King had received, the luncheon and refreshments were not ready at as early an hour as was arranged, for, consequently some of the visitors at the range left before the Council could extend any hospitality to them.

Second Day—Friday.

On Friday morning the weather, which had proved threatening the previous day, showed itself in a very decided manner, and throughout the day it may be said to have rained almost incessantly. As there were several competitors on the ground, a majority of whom had entered for the Merchant's Match, an attempt was made to continue the firing, but it was found impossible to get the targets in order, and the conclusion of the match was postponed until the following day.

Third Day—Saturday.

This morning the prospects were brighter for a day's shooting, and the competitors having arrived, the firing for the Merchant's Match was resumed at 10 a.m. It will be seen by the scores that the shooting was very good when we take into consideration the rawness of the atmosphere and the mud under foot, these served to make competitors uncomfortable and to unsteady their nerve. However, notwithstanding these drawbacks the following scores were made:

200yds. 300yds 400yds Total

1. W. Chambers	13	12	19	44
2. T. H. Parr	13	14	17	44
3. Corp. Young, D.A.	15	13	16	44
4. F. Lockhart, P.B.I.	11	13	18	42
5. Capt. Fletcher	14	12	16	42
6. Major Irvine	10	15	16	41
7. J. Thom, W.F.B.I.	11	17	13	39
8. J. Barwis, D.A.	9	16	14	39
9. W. McIver	12	13	14	39
10. J. S. McGill	12	14	13	39
11. Thos. Hughes	11	11	16	38
12. D. Campbell	13	11	14	38
13. Sgt. Roberts, D.A.	10	12	15	37
14. Capt. Taschereau	9	13	14	36
15. Jas. Gunn, P.B.I.	11	13	12	36
16. G. Johnston	16	9	11	36
17. R. Hunter	11	12	12	35
18. Pte. Larwell	13	10	12	35
19. Geo. Lillie	9	12	13	34

Highest individual score at each range:
Geo. Johnston, 200 yards, 4, 3, 2, 3, 4, total 16;
Bomb. Barwis, 300 yards, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3, total 16;
W. Chambers, 400 yards, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4, total 19;

The squads were then formed for the Company Match; to be competed for by five officers, non-commissioned officers, or men from any company of active militia in the province. The first prize for which was \$25, presented by F. Buchanan, Esq. The entries consisted of three representative squads from the force now doing duty here, and three from the Provincial Militia of Manitoba. The fortunate winners being the Winnipeg Field Battery, under Major Kennedy; Protests, however, were entered against the Battery and also against the Winnipeg Rifles who scored on the third prize. The protest with regard to the Battery was not allowed, but that of the Winnipeg Rifles was allowed, to stand for the consideration of the council. At this point the company scores were as follows:—

1st PRIZE.

Winnipeg Field Battery, 90 points; highest score, Sergt. Thom, 26.

2nd PRIZE.

No 4 Company, Provisional Battalion Infantry, 66 points; highest score, Pte. Lockhart, 20.

3rd PRIZE.

Winnipeg Rifles, 66 points; highest score, Sergt. Burling, 18.

4th PRIZE.

Battery Dominion Artillery, 65 points; highest score, Lieut. Peters, 22.

Mapleton Rifles, 63 points; highest score, Pte. Geo. Johnston, 14.

No. 2 Company, Provisional Battalion Infantry, 61 points; highest score, Pte. Burdick, 16.

With regard to the Mapleton Rifles it may be as well to state that the men representing beall natives of Manitoba and was the only company of the Provincial Militia, from a distance, on the ground, and it speaks well for the officer commanding it, Capt. Piton, and the men under him, that they should show by competing, under many difficulties, at this Rifle Meeting, that the men take an interest in their company's standing and a lively appreciation of Capt. Piton's interest in them. This Match concluded on Saturday and all left the range with the hope that the next matches would have fair weather.

Fourth Day—Monday.

The morning opened with a better prospect of fair weather and during the day the contestants had only to combat with the rawness of the atmosphere and the mud under foot. All of them were on the alert as the crack prizes of the meeting were to be fired for. There was very little diminution in the number of competitors entered for each match, and nearly all that engaged in previous contests entered for others with the hope that their names would figure in the prize list. At an early hour the squads were formed under the charge of the President and Hon. Capt. Howard, and the men went steadily to work for the first chance for the Hon. H. B. C.'s prize. The first prize being a piece of solid silver plate valued at \$100, and the second a cup or plate of solid silver valued at \$90. Open to all members of the Association who were bona fide residents of the Province. The prizes to be won two consecutive years. Five rounds each at 400 and 600 yards. At the completion of the firing the scores stood as follows:

400yds 600yds. Total

1. Pte. Lockhart, P.B.I.	17	14	31
2. Lieut. Peters, D.A.	18	11	29

On the announcement of the scores being made a protest was handed in by Sergt. John Nesbitt, Winnipeg Field Battery, stating that the winners named were not bona fide residents of the Province. This also remained for the decision of the Council.

The next on the list was the Province of Manitoba Match, consisting of several prizes donated by residents of Winnipeg, the first being a cash prize of \$30, presented by R. Cunningham, Esq., M. P. for Marquette, and the second a silver watch presented by Dr. Schultz, M. P. for Lisgar, valued at \$30.

The contest, as will be seen by the score, proved a very close one, as in several instances the total points were ties, which were however, settled by the rules without recourse to any extra shots. The scores, in point of totals, do not reach as high as those of the All Comers' Match but show steeper shooting through the different squads.

360 yds. 400 yds. Total

1. Capt. Taschereau	18	14	32
2. W. Chambers	17	15	32
3. A. Gillies	16	16	32
4. Corp. Young, D.A.	16	16	32
5. Major Nesbitt	18	13	31
6. E. Burling	16	15	31
7. T. H. Parr	14	17	31
8. Jas. Cain, P.B.I.	17	13	30
9. Corp. McLeod, M.R.	17	13	30
10. Sergt. Nesbitt	15	15	30
11. Thos. Hughes	17	12	29
12. D. Campbell	17	11	28
13. Robt. Falls	16	12	28
14. A. G. Piers, M.R.	16	12	28
15. Lieut. Peters, D.A.	14	14	28
16. Pte. R. Porter, P.B.I.	16	11	27
17. W. Armit	15	12	27

On concluding this match the prizes were also awarded to those who had made the highest aggregate scores in matches 1, 2, 4, and 5.

1st. W. Chambers	132 points.
2nd. Corp. Young, D.A.	138 "
3rd. T. H. Parr	126 "

The next match on the programme was the one for small bore rifles, this was deferred until the next day, and entries taken for the next match, which was a Martini-Henry rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition, valued at \$75 and called "The Besley Testimonial Prize," being the result of a collection made under the auspices of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, and the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor of London Eng., and a committee of distinguished noblemen and gentlemen, during the mayoralty of Alderman Besley, as a testimonial to mark the feeling entertained towards the Canadian Active Militia, for their loyalty and valor. To be shot for by enrolled members of the Active Militia, of the Province of Manitoba only, subject to special instructions from the Militia Department.

The instructions referred to not having been received by the Association at the commencement of the matches, the Militia Department at Ottawa was communicated with by telegraph, and the answer received was, "That the regulations for this prize would be left to the Lieutenant Governor and the members of the Manitoba Rifle Association Council." The Council met and after deliberation passed the following resolution, which no doubt will be approved of by his Excel-