

agreed that this year's system was open to the objection pointed out by Lt. Col. Hood, and said that the system in force at Bisley was far to be preferred.

After further discussion, in which Lt. Col. Gibson said that the constant shifting of the markers almost put the possibility of fraud out of the question, the question of ammunition was taken up. Lt. Col. Gibson explained that the reason that there were two kinds of ammunition this year was that each rifleman shooting might provide himself with the ammunition he had been using in practice. Hereafter he thought it most likely that only one sort of ammunition would be used by all.

Lt. Col. Hood then brought up the question of the revolver match, which, he said, should be given a more important position, and have more valuable prizes provided for it. Under the present system, the revolver shots who enter might just as well put up 50 cents each and shoot for the sweepstakes.

Major Delamere added that last year the men who won the first place in the revolver match, and might so claim to be the best revolver shot in the Dominion, received only \$3.40 as his prize, and had to pay \$1.50 in fees, besides buying his ammunition. The discussion became quite general, and it was evidently the sense of the meeting that revolver shooting should be encouraged by the association.

Lt. Col. Gibson said that in his opinion all officers should be compelled to practise revolver shooting. In the discussion of the regulations respecting the revolver match, it was asked by one rifleman present what a saloon pistol was, saloon pistols being barred from the match. Lt. Col. Gibson asked if it might not be the weapon commonly known as a pocket pistol. There was some laughter at this, which increased when Lt. Col. Anderson said that the difference was of muzzle-loaders and breech-loaders. After some further talk on general matters, the meeting adjourned.

After some minor questions had been disposed of the question of barring out winners at Bisley from the Nursery came up but received little support, Lt. T. Mitchell suggesting that if the babies wanted a special match for themselves he would propose one for the veterans. This brought the meeting to a close.

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Altogether, this meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association will be a meeting long remembered by shooting men and all those interested in shooting in the Dominion for its many features outside of the ordinary. Not only were the scores extraordinarily large all round, but in spite of a day and a half lost by storm the meeting was brought to an end only a half a day later than the time set in the programme. To do this many changes had to be made by the executive committee, and some matches had to be shot in conjunction. One feature of the meeting that is pre-eminent and without a parallel is that the three top men in the Governor General's match are all from the same corps, the 12th York Rangers,

while in the first ten for the Bisley team are six representatives of the same corps. The shooting also was far better than last year. In the Governor General's match last year, Sgt. J. Drysdale, of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, won the place of honor with a score of 92, while the winner this year, Staff Sgt. Simpson, York Rangers, made 96 points. The winner is considered the best all round shot in Western Canada, and was in the Bisley team this year and last. He won the Corporation of London cup in 1892 and the Canada club cup this year. Before coming to Canada he represented Scotland at Wimbledon, and in 1878 was sixth in the Queen's, and in 1881 won the Alexandra. Some idea can be had of the increased excellence of the scores this year by noticing that in 1892, in the Macdougall 44 was the highest score, while 36 won a prize. This year, 48 won, while one 43 was counted out. In the Minister of Militia, in 1892, 60 was the top score and the lowest 48. This year, 67, within three of a possible, heads the list and 25 fifty-sevens are counted out. No comparison can be made with the Kirkpatrick as it is a new match taking the place of the standing match of 1892. The team prize in the Minister of Militia match was won by the Victoria Rifles with the handsome score of 295 points, 45 points over the highest team in 1892.

On account of the differences in the number of rounds fired and the use of the Snider rifle in part of the matches fired last year, no fair comparison can be made between the aggregate scoring of '92 and '93. Last year the possible was 425 points and the winner of the grand aggregate Staff Sgt. Green, 21st Batt., had 335 points, and the last man in the 100, 295 or 40 points less. This year the possible was 445 points and Staff Sgt. Simpson caught it with 384, while the last man in had 346 a drop of 38 points from top man within two points of the same comparative figures last year.

In the Kirkpatrick match Staff Sgt. Ogg made 16 bull's eyes, one inner and three magpies, 93 out of a possible 100 points.

Great pleasure was expressed at the fine showing made by P. O. Sullivan of H. M. S. Blake who shot well up. He has won his spurs at home as he holds the cup emblematic of the championship of the Royal Navy.

Shooting for the "plum" of the meeting, the Governor General's prize of \$250, began at 11.45 Friday. A strong right front wind was blowing, and the bright light was occasionally darkened by clouds passing over the sun. Lt. C. N. Mitchell led with 34 out of possible 35, at the 200 yards range, kneeling position, his inner, the second shot, being a wart on the bull's eye at 12 o'clock. Sgt. T. Mitchell started with a magpie and then put on six bull's eyes; Sgt. Simpson, 12th Batt., had 33; Lt. Williamson, 45th, 33; Staff Sgt. King, 45th, had one inner and five bull's eyes, but finished with a magpie, 32; Gunner Turnbull, B.C.G.A., made 32; Capt. B. Bell, 43rd, 31; Lt. T. C. Boville, 31, and Staff Sgt. Armstrong, 8th G.G. F.G., 30.

At 500 yards the condition improved very materially, the targets standing out very prominently in the beautiful grey light and good scores were made. Sgt. Anthony Bell of the 12th, added another 33 to his chance and with 66 led the field just one point. Staff Sgt. Simpson rolled on 31, which with his 33 made him 64. Capt. Gray of the Guards put on a possible.

Lt. C. N. Mitchell had 65, Lt. T. Mitchell 64 and several others stood well in with 63 and 62. At 600 yards the interest in the leading men increased as each fired in turn and as Simpson finished with 96 a ringing cheer from the spectators announced that he was at least a tie with Bell who as he fired a few minutes later only caught the edge of the target which made him 93, thus dropping him below Lt. T. Mitchell, who put on 30, and finished with 94.

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The D. R. A. never had such pleasant social features as this year and this augurs well for the continued popularity of the meeting which is really an important point of great practical value. The ball given by Lt. Col. Burland and officers of the Sixth Fusiliers of Montreal at the Russell House was a brilliant success; that is the only way to describe it. Every little detail of arrangement had been most carefully attended to, and the very best people in Ottawa showed their appreciation of the Montreal red coats' hospitality, and turned out en masse. The Fusiliers' ball will be spoken of by the Ottawa people for many a day. The whole of the rooms along the main corridor of the big hotel was reserved as dressing and retiring rooms, providing, it is needless to say, ample accommodation. Sergeants of the Sixth in full dress uniform, bearskins, busbies and all, and looking all that smart soldiers should be, were stationed along the corridor, directing the guests to the parlors, where the presentations took place. The guests were received by Lt. Col. Jeffery H. Burland and Hon. Mrs. Herbert, wife of the Major General; Mrs. Powell, wife of the Adjutant General, and Mrs. Patterson, wife of the Hon. the Minister of Militia. Col. Sgt. E. Pratt and Sgt. J. Armstrong, both of F Company, acted as orderly sergeants. As soon as these had been made Lt. Col. Burland and Mrs. Herbert led the way to the ball room, the large dining room of the hotel, which had been transformed into a perfect marvel of beauty by decorations of flowers, flags, military trophies and bunting. At the north end of the room the beautiful new set of colors presented to the Sixth a couple of years ago by the ladies of Montreal, were stationed between two stacks of rifles. Col. Sgt. Howard, of B Company, and Col. Sgt. Riddle, of A Company, in full dress uniform, stood one on each side of the colors as a guard. Between the flags were placed the Sir Donald Smith challenge trophy for the most efficient regiment in the Montreal Brigade, won last year by the Sixth, and the Carslake shooting trophy, won by the regimental rifle team at this year's meeting of the P.Q. R.A. They are two of the most valuable and most imposing pieces of silver in