

RIFLE MATCHES.

18TH BATTALION, COUNTY OF PRES-
COTT.

RIFLE MATCH AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

At the Rifle Match of the 18th Batt. Rifle Association of the County of Prescott, held at Hawkesbury, the following are the scores of the successful competitors in the various matches:—

MATCH No. 1.—1st Prize, Silver Cup presented by Lieutenant Colonel Higginson. 2nd Prize, \$8, 3rd \$5, 4th \$4, 5th \$3, 6th \$2, 7th \$1.

Ranges, 5 shots at each—

	400yds.	500yds.	T'l.
1. Capt. C T Higginson.	34443	34443	36
2. Lt. J W Higginson.	43442	30444	32
3. Lt. J Vankleek.	24343	22434	31
4. Pvt. C White.	23344	32333	30
5. Pvt. Wm. Byers.	23234	23434	30
6. Corp. S McMahon.	33334	22243	29
7. Sergt. A P Campbell.	34334	33024	29

MATCH No. 2.—Open to members of the Association only. 1st Prize, \$10 from N. D. McLeod, Esq., Reeve of West Hawkesbury. 2nd. Prize and subsequent one, \$2 each.

Ranges, 5 shots at each—

	200yds.	400yds.	T'l.
1. Sergt. P T Saucier.	34433	34334	34
2. P D Leroy.	33332	44433	32
3. Capt. McIntosh.	24333	44342	32
4. Pvt. W Ellis.	24342	43433	32
5. Surg. Harkin.	22323	44344	31
6. Capt. C T Higginson.	42222	44443	31
7. Pvt. A Leroy.	33342	33243	30
8. Lt. J. Venkleek.	23233	33343	29
9. Lt. P. McIntosh.	33223	33433	29
10. Sergt. Fitzgerald.	22333	33244	29
11. Lt. J W Higginson.	32234	34323	29
12. Sergt. J Clarke.	24222	44342	29
13. J G Higginson, Esq.	23323	33324	28
14. Pvt. C Whyte.	33233	43322	28
15. Ensign Pallac.	33233	33233	28

MATCH No. 3.—Company Match. 1st prize a Rifle presented by the Hon. Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton; 2nd Prize, \$9, 3rd \$6, 4th \$3.

Ranges, 4 shots at each, 300, 500, and 600 yards.

NO. 2 COMPANY, A RIFLE.

Capt. G W Johnson.	26
Lieut. J Vankleek.	17
Ensign D McPhee.	12
Pvt. J Mode.	22
Pvt. J Gibson.	13
Sergt. A P Campbell.	24—114

NO. 6 COMPANY, \$9.

Lt. G W Higginson.	26
Sergt. J Clarke.	19
Sergt. Fitzgerald.	14
Corp. Ellis.	22
Pvt. W Caskill.	17
Pvt. R. McDonald.	15—113

NO. 1 COMPANY, \$6.

Capt. C T Higginson.	26
Sergt. J Dundy.	23
Sergt. F Leroy.	9
Corp. S McMahon.	27
Pvt. C. White.	19
Pvt. T. White.	9—113

NO. 5 COMPANY, \$3.

Capt. McIntosh.	17
Sergt. D Lothean.	10
Sergt. T. Stirling.	18
Pvt. R W Leudrum.	18
Lt. P. McIntosh.	22
Sergt. P T Saucier.	23—108

MATCH No. 4.—1st Prize, Revolver presented by T M Hersee, Esq.; 2nd Prize, \$8, 3rd \$5, 4th \$3, 5th \$2, 6th \$1.

Ranges, 5 shots at each—

	400yds.	600yds.	T'l.
1. Surg. Harkin.	33343	32432	30
2. Pvt. W H Byers.	43443	03333	30
3. Capt. G W Johnson.	34332	42332	29
4. Capt. D McIntosh.	44223	30242	26
5. R. Pattee, Esq.	43432	04033	26
6. Sergt. S Higginson.	44343	22040	26

MATCH No. 6.—1st prize, Hotel Keeper's purse, \$15; 2nd \$8, 3rd \$5, 4th \$4, 5th \$3, 6th \$2, 7th \$1. Open to non-commissioned officers and men.

Ranges, 3 shots at each—

	300yds.	400yds.	500yds.	T'l.
1. Sergt. P T Saucier.	222	432	434	26
2. Pvt. W Beyers.	222	234	333	24
3. " T, White.	222	344	330	23
4. " C. White.	203	423	233	22
5. " J. White.	222	343	204	22
6. Sergt. P Sterling.	200	343	334	22
7. " A P Campbell.	322	032	233	20

MATCH No. 7.—Company Match. A Silver Bugle presented by the Ladies of the County.

Ranges, 3 shots at each, 400, 500, and 600 yards.

For this match five companies competed. The day was exceeding stormy, blowing right down the range with heavy snow showers, the target at 600 yards being at times invisible. Companies 4, 5 and 6 dropped out after coming to the 600 yards range, and the contest remained between companies 1 and 2—being won by No. 1 company by a score of 108 to 85. The following is the score of No. 1 Company:

	Total.
Capt. C T Higginson.	21
Pvt. J White.	16
Corp. S McMahon.	14
Pvt. W Byers.	16
" C. White.	19
" T White.	22—108

MATCH No. 8.—1st Prize, a Silver Watch, presented by Mr. Vincent Lortie; 2nd Prize \$8, from N Burwash, Esquire; 3rd Prize, a Horse Hay Fork, from Mr. George Smith.

Range, 5 shots at 500 yards.

	Total.
1. Sergt. P T Saucier.	17
2. " R Leroy.	17
3. Capt G W Johnson.	16

MATCH No. 9. Open to members of No. 1 and 6, companies only. Mechanics' Match. 1st Prize a Set of Harness; 2nd, a Pair of saws; 3rd, a Pair of Plaines; 4th, a Square and Scratchawl; 5th and 6th, \$1.

Range 400 yards, 5 shots.

	Total.
1. Pvt J White.	16
2. W H Byers.	16
3. W McCaskill.	15
4. S McMahon.	14
5. F Leroy.	13
6. C White.	12

For the first two days the weather was mild with a light breeze from the left front. The third day was soft and snow falling in the early part, but the afternoon was fine and calm. But the fourth day was exceedingly stormy and cold rendering the shooting extremely difficult.

The following reports of the speeches delivered at the presentation of prizes, have been sent to us for insertion:

Lieut. Colonel W. Higginson, 18th Battalion, said that it gave him much pleasure

to meet the Battalion on the present occasion for the purpose of presenting the prizes to the several successful competitors at the Rifle Match lately held by them. He felt proud of their progress. In the month of April last, the Dominion Rifle Association was formed, and after a while the Rifle Association of this Battalion was organized and affiliated with it. The members had soon after an opportunity of testing their skill in other places, and at the late Dominion Rifle Match at Laprairie, at which about forty Battalions of Volunteers were represented, this Battalion took the fifth place in the Battalion Match. He was equally proud of this Battalion for the good conduct which characterized them on all occasions, more particularly when called to the frontier to repel the threatened invasion of the Province. He had no doubt they would maintain this good character, and be at all times ready and willing to defend their Queen and Country. As they had a good deal to do before the dancing commenced, for which no doubt the ladies were impatient, he would not any longer detain them but would call on Mr. Sheriff Treadwell who briefly addressed them as follows:—

The rifle movement in Britain, and the improvement that has been made in that arm for the riflemen and infantry of the army, as well as for cavalry and artillery, have rendered Britain invulnerable. These improvements, added to the loyalty and bravery of our volunteers, have set before the world an example that can scarcely be equalled in any new country, and which cannot be excelled. When the Duke of York was made Commander in Chief of the British army, he proved himself the soldier's friend, by ameliorating the soldier's position and improving his condition by every means in his power. The late Prince Consort devoted much attention to improve the condition of the British soldier. The volunteer movement in Canada has surprised and astonished old veterans in Her Majesty's service, as the volunteers have been allowed to take the lead in attacking the enemies of their country, and have corrected the erroneous opinions of officers of experience under the old regime, that the Western peninsula of Upper Canada was indefensible. The loyalty, bravery, and promptness of the volunteers, when called upon in 1866, fully corrected the wrong impression formed by different officers of the line, and none were more pleased to correct the wrong impression, as some had even reported to the Imperial Government that Canada was not defensible. At that time an order was sent over the wires for ten thousand Militia Volunteers to assemble at their different headquarters, and in twenty four hours fourteen thousand were assembled, fully armed and equipped, ready to march to the frontier in defence of their country; among those that marched to the frontier at that moment was the late Lieutenant and Adjutant George N. Robertson, of the 18th Battalion of Volunteers. Six companies of this Battalion was raised in the eastern half of the County of Prescott—Hawkesbury, L'Orignal, and Caledonia. Other companies were afterwards raised in the Western part of the County; but it is believed that the same number of volunteers have never been raised in so sparsely a settled country in the Province. The conduct of the officers and men while on the frontier was such as to entitle them to the highest praise, but no one stood so high with his superior or inferior officers as the late