

CAPTAINS.

1. What are the different kinds of projectiles used by Field Artillery?

At what ranges, and how, can each description be employed most effectively?

2. A force encamped at two villages (A and B), is ordered to move so as to arrive at a village C (seven miles from A, and five from B), by noon.

At A are one regiment of Cavalry (480 strong, in four squadrons), one battery of Field Artillery, and two battalions of Infantry (each 1,000 strong, in eight companies). This detachment is to be formed in column of route, just beyond C, in the above order.

At B are one battery of Field Artillery, and one brigade of Infantry (each battalion 1,000 strong, in eight companies), which are to be formed at C in column of route, immediately in rear of the force from A.

The whole are to march at the rate of three miles an hour. At what hours should the two fractions of the force start respectively from A and B?

3. State (a) generally the principles of Infantry attacks in modern warfare, and (b) the principal points of importance to be observed in attacking a position with a force of the three arms.

4. When a force is standing on the defensive, would you consider it advantageous or not to have villages or woods on any parts of the position occupied? Give your reasons fully.

5. In the event of the attack on a part of the front of an enemy's position being successful or unsuccessful, what, in either case, would be the probable course of action on both sides?

6. An army is ordered to march into a country occupied by an enemy. What considerations would determine—

- (1) the number of columns,
- (2) the composition of each column, and
- (3) the order of march?

N.B.—The following six questions are alternative, of which only one half (3) are to be answered:—

7. (a.) When an advanced guard approaches and passes through a town, village, wood, or defile, how should its commander act?

(b.) In what manner are the flanks of an advanced guard protected.

8. How does a rear guard effect its retreat from a position which has become untenable?

9. What action should be taken by the several fractions of an outpost line when attacked by day or night?

10. A small reconnoitring party is detached to examine and report on a country. What are the chief features (*in detail*) that should be included in the report?

11. (a.) In the disposition of Infantry in battle, either on the offensive or defensive, with what objects is the *second line* formed?

(b.) When there is no reserve what additional duties devolve upon the *second line*?

12. In what positions would Cavalry be required to act dismounted, and what general rules should be followed in carrying out this service?

THE D. R. A. MATCHES.

In our report of the proceedings at the business meeting of the competitors held on the 1st inst., the end of the discussion was inadvertently omitted, and we now publish it as matters of some importance were included. In continuing the debate on the conditions of the military matches,

Major Blaiklock asked how the volley firing in the Middleton match was to be conducted, which was explained satisfactorily by Major Macpherson.

Capt. Macdonald, Q. O. R., seconded by Capt. Ibbotson, 5th R. S., then formulated his views on the military matches as a motion, to the effect that in the opinion of the meeting the military matches should be fired in drill order dress, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Sims, Vics, wished to know whether in the military matches the competitors would be allowed to adjust their sights while moving.

Capt. Adams, 13th, suggested that it would be impossible to know the distances until the competitors were halted. After a desultory discussion the President announced, with the authority of the Range Committee, that adjustment of sights would be allowed, but that moving with loaded rifles or loading on the march would be strictly prohibited. Also that the appearance of the targets would be the signal for halting and firing without further word of command.

Capt. Hood drew attention to the fact that there was no rule for deciding ties in the skirmishing, and advocated giving the preference to the greatest number of hits. Major Blaiklock agreed with Capt. Hood, stating that the point had arisen at the P. Q. R. A. meeting, when the ties were decided as in ordinary team matches, a method that was manifestly inapplicable and unfair.

Mr. Gray, G. G. F. G., stated that his motion, passed last year, was to include the standing match in the aggregate, which had not been done.

Lieut.-Col. O'Malley said 12,000 Martinis were in the country, and thought they might be distributed to rural corps and associations. Lieut.-Col. White suggested that the council might act in the matter, as their application would carry more weight than those of individual commanding officers. Lieut.-Col. Gibson thought Martini shooting should be brought into the grand aggregate.

Major Anderson, 43rd, moved, seconded by Lieut.-Col. White, that the rule preventing men from going to Wimbledon more than twice in five years should be abolished. The mover stated that the rule had never worked well, and had been condemned by one team commander after another; that the Dominion could not afford to be represented by inferior shots, while there would always be sufficient new men on the team to offer encouragement to the young shots.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Sims, Vics, seconded by Pte. Rose, on the suggestion of General Laurie, that the first ten men in the aggregate should be taken unconditionally, and that the present rule should apply to the next ten.

Capt. Hartt, St. John Rifles, contended that no compromise should be conceded; that either those shooting best should represent the Dominion abroad, or else that the team should be recognized as a nursery for shots who could not win in an even competition.

The amendment was then put and lost, and the main motion carried on a division of 31 to 8.

Capt. J. T. Hartt wished the council to take some action to secure uniformity in the Kolapore badges, as he noticed that last year's team had inaugurated a brand-new device. Col. White said he was quite innocent in the matter, he had ordered them in England, and had got those complained of. Col. Gibson said the badge was the same as that received by him as captain of the winning team. It was decided to replace the badges by the ordinary ones.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p. m.

A special meeting of the competitors was held on Wednesday evening. Lieut.-Col. Gibson, 13th, on being called to the chair, explained that the object of the meeting was to consider the advisability of congratulating the Minister of Militia on the honour recently conferred upon him. "Sir Adolphe Caron," said the speaker, "has always had the interests of the association at heart, and has never allowed its efficiency to be interfered with, and as militiamen we cannot but feel that we share to some extent in the honour conferred upon him." (Applause.)

On motion of Col. Wyndham, seconded by Col. Gardner, a committee consisting of General Laurie, Colonels Gibson, Kirkpatrick, Scott, Wyndham, Macdonald and Gardner, and Captains J. T. Hartt and MacDougall, P.E.I., was appointed to draft a suitable address and to arrange for its presentation.

The address prepared in accordance with the foregoing was presented to Sir Adolphe on Friday, at the distribution of prizes, by Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, and was as follows:—

The members of the Dominion Rifle Association have learned with much gratification that Her Majesty has conferred upon you the dignity of a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, and avail themselves of the opportunity of this meeting, at which competitors are gathered from all parts of the Dominion, to address you.

The constant interest you have manifested in our Association—an interest which we fully recognize and appreciate—renders it peculiarly fitting that its members should be amongst the first to offer you their congratulations. It has been a matter of pride to us that when the troops turned out so promptly to quell the insurrection and restore law and order in the North-west, there was to be found in the ranks so large a representation of our principal prize-winners, whose experience and skill in the use of the rifle must have enabled them to render valuable service in the field. We fully believe that this association is doing a great and useful work, and that the exertions of its promoters have already been rewarded in the increased efficiency of our volunteers and the stimulating influence constantly imparted to them to acquire greater skill in the use of their arms.

We know that as a Minister of the Crown you have practically acknowledged this to be our object, and in consequence have accorded to us a hearty support; and while expressing our satisfaction that your confidence has been justified by results, we desire to testify to you our pleasure that the good service of the Militia and the activity displayed by your Department should have been recognized by the important mark of distinction you have received as the official and responsible head.