

THE SNIDER AMMUNITION.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Perhaps you may have noticed the number of “drop-shots” we have had on the range this season with the “91” ammunition. Have you had any complaints on this point from other parts of the Dominion? The “88” ammunition appears to be far superior.

Yours,  
“RIFLE SHOT.”

Ottawa, 30th July, 1891.

THE DRILL AND DRIVING COMPETITION.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—In reading this year’s circular for “Drill and Driving Competition,” Gzowski Cup, I notice that the words of command laid down, vary considerably from the ones given in the Field Artillery Manual. At first I thought that these alterations had been made purposely for the sake of clearness, or to assist those who are not familiar with drill, but on further examination I fail to see that any advantage is gained by the substitution. Moreover, these commands are wrong, not being in accordance with the Red Book, and I must say that it jars one terribly to hear a No. 1 say, “Trot march,” or “Halt,” after “Form the order of march,” etc, etc. These errors occurred in last year’s conditions, and I thought they would have been rectified before this. When once accustomed to using these commands it may be difficult to get rid of them. I might also point out that the position of the two side “gates” could be more accurately defined.

Yours, &c.,  
“X.”

Kingston, July 15th, 1891.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SCORE.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—In the telegraphic report of the last League match a team of the 20th Battalion, Georgetown, is credited with making 881 points at 200, 500 and 600 yards, with the Snider Rifle, or an average of

81 1-10 point per man. While acknowledging the possibility of such a score I declare it very improbable that a team from a company at Georgetown should, with the Snider Rifle, beat the records of the Bisley Team by three (3) points per man, the competitors in the Kolapore using the Martini and only averaging 84½ points per man.

I, therefore, demand that inquiry be made at once by the Executive of the League as to whether the conditions of the matches have been complied with as regards range, size of bulls-eye, marking, register keeping, range officers’ vouchers, etc.

It was generally understood last season that there were more scores made on paper than at the range, and many battalions only entered this year on the assurance that the checking of scores would be so complete that no fraud would be allowed. But the above average will show any marksman that there must be some mistake in the marking or registering of the scores (if not the Georgetown men are remarkable shots), to bring their team forward where their merit would not place them. There are some other scores reported which, in my opinion as a practical marksman, are just as improbable as the above mentioned scores. Thanking you for your valuable space.

W. BISHOP, MAJ.,  
Capt. 63rd Halifax Rifles Team.  
Halifax, N.S., July 27, 1891.

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