

marriage to the daughter of Sir Charles Tupper, now High Commissioner for Canada in England, General Cameron must largely owe his present appointment, the duties of which he will enter upon in September. Having joined the Royal Artillery in 1856, General Cameron has had 31 years of service, in which he may be supposed to have acquired an education which will put to confusion the predictions of those who see nothing but disaster in store for the Royal Military College, because Major-General Oliver's successor has served in the Artillery rather than the Engineers, and because he has retired from the Imperial service at the commencement rather than at the expiration of his engagement in Canada.

The Militia Pastime.

At the last meeting of the council of the Manitoba Rifle Association it was decided that the annual matches should be held at the Stony Mountain ranges in August, the exact date not yet being fixed. Capt. Swinford, 90th Rifles, who has so ably filled the office of secretary to the association, asked to be relieved, as he expected to be absent from town all summer. His resignation was accepted, and Major Buchan, Mounted Infantry Corps, was appointed to the position.

The Toronto Rifle Association is ready and anxious to shoot telegraphic matches with other organization. Conditions preferred: Martini rifles, Queen's ranges, seven shots; no sighters; but any association desiring to compete on other reasonable conditions is not likely to have its challenge refused. Communications addressed to the secretary, Mr. G. M. Donnelly, 77 Colborne street, Toronto, will receive prompt attention. The association has a match with Bowmanville on for Saturday of this week, and from the number of keen shots in each body high scores may be expected.

The range at last being re-opened, the Toronto Rifle Association had a practice shoot on Saturday afternoon last. The weather proved very trying, the light being changeable and the wind gusty. The ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each, and the scores of 60 and over are given below. It may be of interest to note that the Toronto Rifle Association does not give newspaper notoriety to any score less than 60 out of the 105 possible, and the three score figure has therefore become the first goal of the young shots' ambition:

A. D. Crooks, Martini... 25 31 27 83	Jno. Knifton, Martini... 26 23 18 67
Wm. Harp, " 28 27 23 78	A. G. Ronan, Snider.... 28 26 11 65
Tom Mitchell, Snider... 28 30 20 78	R. Rennie, " 22 24 18 64
R. McVittie, " 30 22 19 71	W. G. Fowler, " 21 20 19 60
Geo. Thompson, " 29 20 21 70	Wm. Jack, sr., " 24 26 10 60
A. D. Cartwright, Snider 24 19 24 67	

The tenth spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club, being their first at long range for this season, was held last Saturday afternoon. It consisted of seven shots each at 800 and 900 yards with Martinis. An unsteady rear wind such as experienced the preceding week, again prevailed, and added to the natural difficulties. The leading scores were:

Dr. Geo. Hutchison (dessert spoon)..... 24 24 48	J. D. Taylor..... 12 23 35
T. McJanet (tea spoon).... 26 16 42	F. C. Lightfoot..... 22 13 35
T. Carroll..... 19 22 41	H. McKay..... 28 7 35
W. E. Cooke..... 19 20 39	R. H. Brown..... 12 21 33
W. A. Jamieson..... 22 17 39	Lt.-Col. J. P. Macpherson.. 23 10 33
A. Pink..... 24 14 38	Major W. P. Anderson.... 22 10 32
J. P. Nutting..... 20 17 37	M. Rolfe..... 24 8 32
	E. D. Sutherland..... 5 25 30

On the 14th inst. the club will shoot over Queen's ranges with Snider rifles and Quebec ammunition of 1888, now on sale.

A very interesting rifle match, with Martinis, was shot at Bedford on the 4th inst., between teams from H.M.S. *Bellerophon*, the York and Lancaster regiment, and the Halifax Garrison Artillery. As will be seen from the following scores, the H. G. A. team was again victorious, their average score on this occasion being 86.75.

Halifax Garrison Artillery—

	200	500	600	Total.
Capt. Harris.....	30	31	29	90
Staff Sergt. Harris.....	30	31	29	90
Lieut. Dimock.....	28	29	31	88
Bomb. Fader.....	31	29	27	87
Sergt.-Major Spencer.....	32	30	25	87
Capt. Maxwell.....	31	29	26	86
Capt. Adams.....	31	26	26	83
Major Garrison.....	27	31	25	83
Total.....	240	236	218	694
York and Lancaster.....	228	211	193	632
H. M. S. <i>Bellerophon</i>	220	206	183	609

The Toronto Rifle Range.

At a meeting of the Council of the Ontario Rifle Association held recently, the trouble about the Garrison Common ranges was discussed.

Amongst those present were Wm. Mulock, M.P., president, in the chair, Lieut.-Col. Otter, Lieut.-Col. Allan, Major Delamere, Captain Bruce, Capt. Cooper, Captain Adam, Lieut. Lanskill, Lieut. W. S. Russell, Mr. Mowat and Capt. Mutton, secretary of the association. The following resolutions were adopted:

That the actual use of the ranges by this association is confined to three, or, at most, four days, each year, and the responsibility of this association should be limited to that period. But, inasmuch as the local corps have always practised on these ranges, and no other ranges or facilities for rifle practice have been provided, this council is of opinion that the Government should bear the cost of placing out in the lake the line of spar buoys that has been suggested and taking any further precautions that may be considered necessary for absolute safety. This council believes that the Government will not hesitate to incur this outlay, in view of the fact that the Government has never been at any expense whatever in furnishing rifle ranges and facilities for rifle practice for the local corps.

That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forthwith forwarded to the Minister of Militia, and that the Government be respectfully requested to give effect thereto at the earliest possible moment.

That the association leaves to the local corps and the militia authorities the regulation of practice of the local corps, and all responsibility in connection therewith, subject, however, to the right of this association, as lessees of the ranges, to lay down any terms or conditions which may at any time be thought necessary or proper.

The Metropolitan Rifle Association.

The annual business meeting of the Metropolitan Rifle Association—an organization whose prize competitions are open to civilians and militiamen alike, resident in the Fourth Military District—was held on Tuesday evening in the office of Capt. E. Waldo, Wellington street, Ottawa. The president, Mr. G. B. Pattee, occupied the chair. The annual reports and financial statement, both of a highly satisfactory nature, were read by Mr. E. D. Sutherland, assistant secretary-treasurer, who officiated by reason of the absence of the secretary-treasurer, Lieut. H. H. Gray, now with the Canadian team at Wimbledon. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, the list now standing as follows: Patron, Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia; vice-patron, McLeod Stewart, Major of Ottawa; president, G. B. Pattee; vice-presidents, Lieut.-Col. Bacon and Allan Gilmour, jr. (all re-elected); secretary-treasurer, J. D. Taylor; assistant secretary-treasurer, R. E. Watts; auditor, T. McJanet; managing committee, Major Todd, Capt. Sherwood, Lieut. Winter, Jas. Grant, J. A. D. Holbrook. It was decided to hold the annual prize meeting on Friday and Saturday the 24th and 25th August, unless the Quebec provincial matches are held in that week, in which case the Metropolitan will likely be on the 17th and 18th August. The meeting passed votes of thanks to the president, Mr. Pattee, and the other gentlemen who last year contributed to the prize list. Mr. Pattee has ever since its establishment been a generous contributor to the funds of the club, and though a very busy man, being a member of the extensive lumber firm of Perley & Pattee, has always found time to take an active personal interest in its business affairs, and up to within a few years has also participated in the shooting, his name figuring on the old lists amongst the top scorers.

The Hythe Question.

MR. EDITOR,—I have observed with some amusement the controversy *re* this important subject. For my part I agree with Major Peters, for I consider that he simply maintains that Canadians are possessed of brains and education enough to grasp the few rules regulating the flight of a bullet without going across the Atlantic for it. Moreover, as a rifle shot I know quite well that all the theory in the world won't make one without "practice." I am also aware that the "theory" necessary to strike an object can be obtained far more cheaply than by going to England's "Hythe." For my part I cannot see what there is to learn outside of the proper manipulating of the sights and gauging the wind.

If we consider that our schools of artillery are capable of imparting the mysteries of gunnery, I cannot see the force of surmising that our schools of infantry are incapable of imparting lessons in rifle shooting. If they are not capable of doing so they certainly ought to be, for I cannot see the object of keeping up such a force merely for the purpose of