

hold its own against any foe, without the assistance of Her Majesty's Regular Forces. As far as the Province of Ontario was concerned he would do his best to promote its prosperity in every respect. His Excellency having resumed his seat, Chief Justice Draper, C. B., was called upon to present the series of prizes, of which His Excellency stood first on the list, which he proceeded to do with that good grace and address which characterizes all his actions. He referred to the spirit which animated the people of Canada in 1812 and on several occasions since; making special reference to the unanimous rush to arms at the time of the "Trent" difficulty, and the more recent display of patriotism in June 1866. It would be encroaching too much on your valuable space to give anything like a full report of his speech; I may only add that having extolled the liberality of His Excellency for offering such a handsome prize and the personal favor he now conferred by being present, it afforded him much pleasure to be the party chosen to present it. The Hon. Chief Justice was long and loudly applauded on resuming his seat. The next prize on the list was the one of the evening, viz: the "Russell" watch and a chain subscribed for by the admirers of the excellent score made, when handing this prize the General referred to Clarke as the most successful shot in Canada, and that too with the "Snider" rifle, which was the finest breechloader in the world and had already proved itself a formidable opponent to the best of small bores handled by marksmen of no mean repute. The winner was received with a storm of applause. I believe I informed you that his 10 shots at 500 and 700 yards in a gale of wind he made 8 bull's eyes. The next address was delivered by Professor Wilson who spiritedly referred to the loyalty of Canadians, their continued prosperity and the glorious era into which we had just entered. The Dominion he said had the best material in the world for a warlike nation and he was glad to see they were acting up to the old adage that "to preserve peace we must be prepared for war." By acting thus we would let our neighbours know that it was not entirely due to their forbearance that we were permitted to occupy a portion of the North American Continent. He had but to refer to history to see what had been accomplished by little Greece, a little Italy and last but not least little ENGLAND when assailed by Napoleon with the powers of Europe to back him. British we were and British we should ever continue to be. Dr. Wilson's remarks were frequently interrupted by applause. After distributing the prizes in the 6th match the professor gave way to His Excellency, who, on presenting the "Grainger" rifle (in which he appeared to take great interest) remarked that he was pleased to see Canadian made rifles come off successful in competition with the Whitworth, Henry and other justly celebrated makers. It must

moreover have been peculiarly gratifying to Mr. Grainger to have one of his rifles win his own prize. He had no doubt the winner highly appreciated it and expressed the wish that he might live long to enjoy it.

Col. Denison, Commandant, presented the prizes for the highest averages which he considered the most honorable of all for the best average shot he maintained would certainly do the most execution in the field.

Professor Croft, Major of the "Queen's Own," being called upon by the Chairman to present the prizes in the Consolation Match, in a few happy and humorous remarks referred to his own experience in rifle matches, which he was sorry to say always resulted his usually coming out at the small end of the horn. Loud and frequent calls were made upon Captain Thos. McLean to come up and receive the "2 sets of hoop skirts." The President apologised for him, stating that no doubt the Captain's natural modesty prevented him from appearing. Col. Anderson, C. B., R. A., chief representative of the Garrison Artillery, present, volunteered to receive them for him, which the gallant Colonel did amidst roars of laughter, and was only glad to dispose of them speedily in his *sabretache*. His Excellency showed his appreciation of this act by clapping him on the shoulder. It was with great difficulty that Major Croft could sober down to call upon the winners of the "Lightning Pills and Green Spectacles." These distinguished gentlemen were indisposed? undoubtedly, so it only remained to forward them to the parties to make their choice. The pills, which were of 3 varieties, were accompanied by full printed directions.

The presentation being over the President thanked the donors,—those who presented the prizes and delivered the address—lastly, and the audience for their attendance remarking that judging from the favorable reception the Club had met with on this their first attempt, they might expect a magnificent Tournament next year. The band continued for about half an hour longer, while the audience ascended the platform to admire the prizes, when the proceedings were brought to a close by "God save the Queen."

FROM CORNWALL.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

VOLUNTEER INSPECTIONS.—Last Friday evening being the time appointed by Lieut. Col. Jackson for the inspection of the Volunteers of this Town, the weather could not be more unfavorable for the attendance of the men, particularly those who had to come from a distance, as the rain fell in torrents; still the parade was one of the largest ever seen in this place, each company mustering over forty men. When we take into consideration the inclemency of the weather, we should wonder at the perseverance and endurance of the men who would face the warring elements for such an occasion, but on the other

hand when we bring to mind the fact that he who wears the uniform of the British Service never stops to consider the chances of hardship and danger until they are past, we cease to wonder at any act of gallantry he performs at the call of duty. The Colonel, having been received with the customary salute, proceeded to make a minute inspection of the arms, clothing and accoutrements of each company. No 1 company was then put through a portion of squad drill and the manual and platoon exercise, after which Capt. Bergin, wishing to dismiss his men, requested the Colonel to make any remarks he had to offer. The latter expressed himself much pleased with the large muster made by the company, and had no doubt that after they had received their uniforms they would take a greater interest in attending and becoming more efficient in their drill; still, he regretted very much to see the ranks interlarded with so many boys. This last remark was elicited by the presence in the ranks of nine or ten warriors of very tender age. Captains Macdonald's and McIntyre's Companies were then put through the manual and platoon and a variety of company movements. The Colonel complimented both companies on the expert and correct manner in which they performed the difficult and intricate manœuvres and evolutions, particularly remarking the soldierly appearance of Capt. Macdonald's Company (No 2) their clothing looking quite as well as when they first received it, and could not fail to notice that that company was full as perfect and efficient in drill as when inspected at the last annual inspection by Col. Atcherly and himself. He regretted that No 3 Company (Capt McIntyre's) was deficient in clothing and trusted that their wants in that way would soon be supplied. On the whole the inspection did ample credit to the town and I have no hesitation in saying that Canada cannot produce a more efficient body of volunteers than Cornwall.

A VOLUNTEER.

RIFLE MATCHES.

13th BATTALION RIFLE MATCHES.

The first annual rifle matches of the 13th Battalion commenced on Wednesday the 27th and were concluded on Saturday evening, the 30th ult. Considering the lateness in the season, the weather was more favorable than could be expected, and for the small amount of practice with the Sniders that the men have had, the shooting, on the whole, has been remarkably good.

FIRST MATCH OFFICERS' CUP VALUE \$40.

To be competed for by twelve members from each company in the Battalion. Ranges 300, 400 and 500 yards; five rounds at each. Any company winning this cup for three years consecutively will be entitled to hold it in permanent possession.

The cup was won by No. 1 Company by 34 points, as the scores show: