

nion Rifle Association, to which he was chosen in 1893, and which he still retains, and President of the Canadian Military Institute, which position he held for two years. Soon after the arrival in Canada of Lord Aberdeen as Governor-General, Col. Gibson was made an honorary A. D. C. of his Excellency.

It may safely be said that the proficiency displayed by the Thirteenth Battalion in the matter of rifle-shooting is largely due to Col. Gibson's own skill and interest in marksmanship, which have stirred up a worthy spirit of emulation among the corps, and done a good deal towards turning out crack shots like Private Hayhurst and Sergeant Skedden. But the Colonel was always alive as well to the importance of developing efficiency in other portions of military drill and his interest in shooting did not head him to sacrifice any other department of work in the command of his battalion. It will be seen, therefore, that the attention necessarily devoted to the command of the Thirteenth and to a proper discharge of the multifarious duties connected with the various other important positions he has filled made no small encroachments upon his time. In view of his long and faithful service, now that public responsibilities crowd upon him as a member of the Provincial Government, he has well earned the honorable retirement, with the full rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, from military life which has been granted.—*Globe Toronto*.

The British Soldier's Marching.

The *Herald* recently contained a cable from Harold Frederic regarding British army reform, stating that the soldiers had been incapacitated from marching at the late autumn manoeuvres owing to bad boots. From late English papers it is learned that the occurrence referred to was not caused so much by the boots as it was by the new accoutrements. The boots are the same the English soldier has always worn, but the Slade Wallace accoutrements lately taken into use in the army proved most defective at the manoeuvres referred to, the cross straps over the chest, and the tight waist-belt impeding the men's breathing so that they could not march, and obliging them to fall out in scores along the different routes taken by the troops.

A Field Officer writing on this subject in the *Army and Navy Gazette* of the 24th August states that "the equipment is faulty in every particular," and "how such a form of accoutrements could ever have been introduced into the service passes human comprehension." The manoeuvres have brought the defects in these accoutrements so prominently before the authorities, that there is every likelihood of them being superseded by the Oliver equipment.—*Halifax Herald*.

The British fleet in the Mediterranean is to be augmented.

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Lindsay.

Victoria County Rifle Association Rifle Matches.

The annual fall matches of Victoria County Rifle Association were held over the county ranges, Lindsay on Tuesday 1st October. The attendance was the argest in the history and as the names indicate, included riflemen of world wide reputation. The day was not favorable for good shooting, the wind being at times a gale then sinking to a gentle breeze, while clear sky and heavy clouds alternated.

The following are the scores:—

MATCH NO. 1.

Seven shots 200 and 500 yards, possible 70.

1	Lt J A Williamson, Lindsay.....	66
2	T Ritchie, Peterboro.....	65
3	Col J Hughes, Clarke.....	65
4	C Curtis, Peterboro.....	64
5	M D Campbell, Bowmanville.....	64
6	Lt W C King, Bowmanville.....	63
7	Maj S Hughes, Lindsay.....	62
8	Surg McLaughlin, Bowmanville..	61
9	I H Oliver, Lindsay.....	61
10	Capt R H Sylvester, Lindsay.....	60
11	Dr Kenny, Lindsay.....	58
12	F Morris, Bowmanville.....	58
13	P G Pilkie, Lindsay.....	58
14	N Woodlee, Darlington.....	58
15	R Wellington, Lindsay.....	57
16	F Bartlett, Peterboro.....	57
17	Capt W P Milligan, Toronto.....	57
18	J Curtis, Bowmanville.....	56
19	D Sinclair, Lindsay.....	56
20	Capt Brown, Leskard.....	56

MATCH NO. 2.

400 and 600 yards 5 shots at each range.
Possible 50.

1	T Ritchie.....	45
2	J Curtis.....	45
3	G Fitzgerald, Peterboro.....	45
4	I H Oliver.....	44
5	W Passmore.....	43
6	W P Milligan.....	42
7	M D Campbell.....	42
8	J H Morris.....	42
9	F P Hinds, Lindsay.....	41
10	Col J Hughes.....	41
11	Geo Rice, Oshawa.....	41
12	D Sinclair.....	41
13	Maj S Hughes.....	41
14	A Blade, Peterboro.....	40
15	John Blackwell.....	40
16	Lt W C King.....	40
17	W Curtis, Lindsay.....	40
18	Dr J P Lemon.....	39
19	Dr McLaughlin.....	38
20	P G Pilkie.....	38

AGGREGATE MATCH.

1	T Ritchie.
2	M D Campbell.
3	Col John Hughes.
4	I H Oliver.

NURSERY AGGREGATE.

For those who never won prizes before.
1 Wm. Curtis, Lindsay.

2 J P Lemon, "
3 R Wellington, "

EXTRA SERIES.

200 yards, 10 shots, possible 50.
Optional to fire in this match.

1	Capt Sylvester.....	50
2	J Curtis.....	49
3	J H Morris.....	48
4	M D Campbell.....	48
5	P G Pilkie.....	47
6	Lt W C King.....	47
7	Lt J A Williamson.....	46

I. H. Oliver won the splendid silver cup open to Victoria county.

Major Sam. Hughes won the Dominion of Canada rifle association medal.

Lieut. J. A. Williamson won the Province of Ontario rifle associations medal.

TEAM MATCH

For final ownership of the splendid silver cup, won jointly in the summer of 1895 by a combined team from Bowmanville and Lindsay.

A team from Lindsay visited Bowmanville ranges last week and competed, while this week a team from Bowmanville visited Lindsay. There were nine men a side total scores in Bowmanville and Lindsay both to count. In Bowmanville that team won over Lindsay by 30 points and in Lindsay by 2, a total of 33 points for Bowmanville.

The Lindsay riflemen cheerfully gave them the trophy which they won so manfully.

Cornwall.

Cornwall Rifle Association.

There were 22 competitors at the annual matches of the Cornwall Rifle Association on Tuesday and Wednesday, Four men came from Ottawa, one from Montreal and two from Prescott, with 15 from the home association. The weather was unpleasant on both days, but in spite of unfavorable conditions the scores were a high average, the new men who are shooting for the first time this season showing up exceedingly well. Tuesday was stormy and cold with a heavy wind, and on Wednesday, although the temperature was milder, the wind continued very heavy. A large marquee was erected on the grounds in which an excellent lunch was served on both days. The new targets which have been in use on the ranges the present summer have proved a great convenience and have enabled the shooting to go on much more rapidly than formerly. A telephone service was provided between the firing stage and the butts, giving easy and quick communication with the markers. A good many spectators were on the ground, watching the shooting with considerable interest. Sergt. Corrigan acted as range officer; M. J. Hitchcock and Geo. Smith as scorers.

NURSERY MATCH.—400 yards,

1	4—E A Runnlons.....	24
2	3—E R McDonald.....	23
3	2—J H Fyckes.....	22
4	2—H McDonald.....	22
5	2—N Deruchie.....	21
6	1—W H Armstrong.....	21
7	1—A McDonald.....	18
8	1—G T Copeland.....	11

FIRST MATCH.—200, 300, 600 yards.

1	League Cup of 1895 and 88 R Corrigan.....	93
2	87—J L Weller.....	90
3	6—E A Runnlons.....	88
4	5—R A Helmer, Ottawa.....	86
5	4—J Currie, Montreal.....	84
6	3—J H Fyckes.....	84
7	3—E H Brown.....	82
8	3—J F Abbott.....	82
9	2—G W Runnlons.....	82