

match (the Merchant's) sides were chosen by Messrs. J. H. Dewar and R. Corrigan, the latter winning by a score of 312 to 295. There were 12 men on each side. The losers paid for an oyster supper in the evening at Crosbie & Hendry's oyster parlours. The following were the highest prize winners:—

First Match.—Open to members of the Association, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 59th Battalion; 200, 400 and 500 yards; five shots:—

\$10 Pte. Dewar..... 66	\$ 4 J. L. Weller, R.M.C..... 62
8 Sergt. Huntingdon..... 64	4 Stf-Sergt. Hutton..... 61
6 Sergt. Coates..... 63	4 Pte. E. H. Brown..... 56
5 Pte. Corrigan..... 62	4 Capt. Wood..... 56

Second Match.—500 and 600 yards; seven shots:—

\$10 Pte. Corrigan..... 60	\$ 3 A. A. Smith..... 45
6 Sergt. Coates..... 52	3 R. Brown..... 45
5 Pte. Dewar..... 51	2 A. McDonald..... 45
3 J. L. Weller, R.M.C..... 48	2 Pte. E. H. Brown..... 44
3 A. T. Porteous..... 48	2 Stf-Sergt. Huntingdon..... 44

Third Match.—200 and 500 yards; seven shots:—

\$10 Stf-Sergt. Huntingdon..... 59	\$ 4 Sergt. Runnions..... 52
8 G. H. Porteous..... 55	4 Sergt.-Major Hutton..... 51
6 J. L. Weller, R.M.C..... 53	4 Pte. Foster..... 51
5 Pte. Dewar..... 53	4 Sergt. Coates..... 50

Grand Aggregate—Open only to residents of the County of Stormont. This cup to be won twice before becoming the property of the winner:—

Pte. Corrigan, silver cup, by P. Purcell, M. P., value \$35 and \$5 cash. 170	A. T. Porteous..... 143
Pte. Dewar, silver medal, Dominion Rifle Association..... 165	A. A. Smith..... 142
J. L. Weller..... 163	G. H. Porteous..... 139
Pte. Brown..... 147	Sergt. Runnions..... 139
	Capt. Smart..... 138
	A. McDonald..... 137

At a meeting held on Wednesday evening the Purcell cup was awarded to Pte. Corrigan, and the second prize, the silver medal, to Pte. Dewar.

Merchants' Match—200 yards; standing or kneeling:—

A. T. Porteous..... 29	H. F. Gault..... 28
Capt. Smart..... 29	Sergt. Runnions..... 28
Pte. Abbott..... 29	Capt. Wood..... 28
J. L. Weller, R. M. C..... 28	

### Regimental and Other News.

It is expected that Capt. E. Streatfeild, of the Gordon Highlanders, will be appointed A.D.C. to Col. Herbert, the new commandant of the Canadian Militia. Capt. Streatfeild came to Canada last winter as the successor to Capt. Wise as A.D.C. to General Middleton.

Capt. Huskisson, R.E., whose appointment on the staff of the Royal Military College was noted last week, and who is now on his way out to Canada, was married on the 20th ult., at Brighton, England, to Caroline Louise Mary, second daughter of the late Col. David Ward, Royal (late Bengal) Engineers.

At a meeting of the Short-Wallick Monument Committee at Quebec recently letters favouring the project were read from the Governor-General, Lords Dufferin and Lorne, and others; and offers to design and execute the monument were submitted from Messrs. Percy Woods Hebert, Genest and Dunbar, sculptors. It was decided to erect the monument on the vacant ground forming the approach to Dufferin Terrace, between Laval Normal School and the Post office.

Brigadier-General Robinson, commanding 1st Brigade Michigan State troops, has give a very courteous and kind invitation to Col. Wilkinson and the 21st Essex Fusiliers to attend a military parade in the city of Detroit on the 15th October. A large number of the State troops will be present, and the 19th U. S. Infantry from Fort Wayne, under Col. Smith. Governor Luce, of Michigan, has forwarded unasked authority to Col. Wilkinson for the regiment to cross over on that occasion, and Col. Wilkinson has made application to Ottawa for authority to go. If authority is granted the regiment will muster strong.

Major-General Cameron, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, has written a very interesting article on carrier pigeons and their uses. It appears in *The University Quarterly Review* and gives a great deal of detailed information about these birds, and the feats which they have performed. General Cameron shows that the fields for their use are more numerous than is generally supposed, and that it is by no means difficult to establish pigeon posts for ordinary purposes. He suggests that Atlantic lines should carry pigeons, both American and Irish bred birds, so that over the intermediate distance, being at the shortest part only 1,800 miles, news of a vessel could be sent in either direction. In Europe the breeding and training of pigeons is a regular part of the army service, and General Cameron suggests that some attention should be given to the subject in Canada.

### Toronto.

The following promotions have been made in F Company, Queen's Own Rifles, and appear in regimental orders last issued:—To be Colour Sergeant, Sergt. H. M. George, vice Boulton, placed on the supernumerary list; to be Sergeant, Corp. A. A. Cockburn, vice George, promoted; to be Corporal, Pte. H. E. Crate, vice Cockburn, promoted.

The practice of the signal corps will take place every Wednesday evening. Members of the regiment wishing to join will report at the orderly room to Staff-Sergt. Strachan. Col.-Sergt. Cooper, B Company, returns to duty.

### Montreal.

The Victoria Rifles, Montreal, will parade on Saturday afternoon for the unveiling with military honours of the monument which has been erected in Mount Royal Cemetery to the memory of the late Private J. H. Samuel, a member of the regiment, who was accidentally shot whilst on duty at the Exhibition Grounds during the small-pox epidemic in October, 1885. The commanding officers of the other city battalions have been invited to attend. The monument, which is a broken pillar of Massachusetts grey granite, bears the following inscription:—

"In memory of John H. Samuel, a member of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, who was accidentally shot while on duty with his regiment at the Mount Royal Hospital grounds on the 3rd of October, 1885. Erected by the City of Montreal, the Victoria Rifles and the Dental Association of the Province of Quebec as a tribute of respect and regret for the loss of a young life of much promise. Born 31st October, 1859; died 3rd October, 1885."

Four or five tents pitched in the Victoria Skating Rink, representing the camp of Captain Lydon's Highland Cadet Corps, furnished a large audience with a very pleasant entertainment on the evening of the 3rd inst. The tents were pitched in the rear of the rink, and presented a very picturesque appearance with the cadets swarming about them like so many ants. The programme was a very interesting one, comprising an inspection by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., who was greatly pleased with the proficiency of the boys. Some good races and dancing, plenty of music by the Royal Scots' band, and lastly some exciting tugs of war. These were with the manœuvres of the boys the feature of the evening. The pulls were in cleats, four men a side. In the first pull between four men of No. 5 police station under the captaincy of Sgt. Loyal, and four of the officers of the Scots, the city guardians got the best of it. In their second with four privates of the Scots as their opponents the pull was declared a tie, but the policemen came out victorious in the third pull. Two teams of the Highland cadets pulled two of the High School cadets. The military manœuvres by the boys were exceedingly well performed, and their proficiency brought forth round after round of applause. A fancy march was exceedingly well performed, and Capt. Lydon is to be congratulated on this as well as every other portion of the entertainment.

### Modern Artillery Practice.

[Extracts from Army and Navy Gazette Editorial.]

It has not been possible to watch the conduct of different batteries at Okehampton this year without feeling that the utmost pains have been taken by their commanders to train their men in fire discipline before reaching the camp. It is now exceedingly rare to find officers interfering in details which ought not to concern them when all ranks have been instructed beforehand in their duties. The functions of commander, second in command, subaltern officers, sergeants, layers, and other working numbers, are now clearly defined beyond possibility of confusion. From the word "action" to the words "cease fire" each individual in the battery has a distinct duty, or rather succession of duties, to perform; and according to the degree of perfection which is reached by each during the preliminary instruction, so will the united results of the whole battery be correspondingly successful when tested by actual shooting. A battery of artillery now works like a machine—a self-acting, living machine, set in motion by its commander, and kept moving by the regularly directed action of each unit maintained in due gradation through all ranks. Drill, however, is only a means to an end. Has the shooting improved? We quote from the private letter of an artillery correspondent:—"The results this year are most encouraging. Firing at 3,150 yards at a small infantry target of fifteen dummies, in five minutes every man was hit more than once. This and similar shooting go to show that we can force infantry to deploy and hide their faces at least 1,000 yards before we come under their effective fire. With the 12-pr. gun, if the layers are quick and accurate in using Col. Scott's sight, there is no difficulty in finding the range in five or six, or even in fewer trial shots. We found shrapnel with percussion fuse most effective. When in action against some guns the Camp Commandant suddenly ordered us to fire at a cavalry target on our left flank, and gave us five minutes to do what we could. We picked up the range (2,700 yards,) and put fifteen shell into the target in the time allowed, disabling every man in the group. Probably half-a-dozen shell would have sufficed to beat off the attack." As regards the service of ammunition, the opinion seems to be gaining ground that, whenever