

to support any part of his "fighting line" which might be hard pressed. The defense had not long to wait, when the attacking party were discovered advancing by five of the six roadways. At one point a very determined effort was made by superior numbers to overpower the artillery, but at the critical moment Major Hesslein sent forward two-thirds of his reserve and kept at bay the attacking force, no part of which were allowed to emerge from the woods. At 10 p.m. the attacking party sounded the "cease firing" which was accepted by the artillery as a "cessation of hostilities." The artillery proved themselves to be troops of resource, and seemed as much at home skirmishing as they are around a big gun. The local papers said of Major Hesslein: "His tactics were not those of a major, but of a major-general." The infantry showed remarkable skill in their plan of attack, and the officers handled their men in a manner which reflects great credit on themselves and on the discipline of the companies. Caution was the watchword on both sides, and there was neither a hitch nor a blunder in the whole affair. The men were supplied with twenty rounds of blank ammunition each, which they husbanded for critical moments. Both parties then formed up and marched back to our "apology for a drill shed." Everything went off with a "swing," particularly the sandwiches, biscuits, cheese, beer, and soft stuff which the officers supplied their men with on return. This, the first bout between the Flatfoots and Plungers is, we hope, the precursor of many similar events.

On the principle that "half a loaf is better than no bread" we are glad to see you state that we are to drill for eight days this year, but as you say, some of us have put in twenty-four whole drills already, for I am inclined to think that later on, when inspecting officers are going their rounds, they will not be satisfied with two-thirds of the efficiency which we attained last year, whilst we must be satisfied with two-thirds of the pay. I am glad to see you condemn the practice of corps losing so much time practicing physical drill. Just imagine a man 60 or 65 years old stevedoring all day, and in the evening being "brow-beaten" into the clock-work precision of physical (torture) drill. I say, devote all the time (and there's none too much of it) to teach the men how to march, skirmish, perform a few necessary evolutions, and in using their rifles as a means of defense, not in trying to remove humps, which are as permanent as the "Hill of Howth" or the banks of some of our "good old timers." I belong to us "well set up corps" as there are in the dominion, although we have never been through a course of physical training. That's right, keep pegging at them. In the long run they must come to your way of thinking, and your way of thinking I am sure is endorsed by the active militia to a man.

Yours very truly,

CRABE CRUSHER.

Colonel Egan's Cups.

At the parade of the 63rd, Wednesday, Lieutenant-Colonel Egan announced that he would present two cups, one for company efficiency and the other for shooting.

The cups are now on exhibition in the window of M. S. Brown & Co., by whom the cups were specially designed and supplied. The supports of the larger cup rest on a stand which is on a base of silver with gold band. Above the band is the regimental badge in raised gold. The stand is of polished silver and the supports of the cup are three flags. The regimental ornament is raised on the face of the cup, and on the cover surmounting the whole is a silver figure of a Canadian soldier standing at ease. On the cover is the inscription: "Presented by Lieut.-Colonel Egan for company efficiency, 1895."

The other cup does not stand quite so high. It is on a gold and silver base and the cup proper is supported by a stand of rifles, resting on which are a laurel wreath and a miniature target. The regimental badge appears on the cup and the inscription, "Presented by Lieut.-Col. Egan, for shooting competition. Company teams of 10. 1895."

The cups are of a splendid design, reflection great credit on Messrs. Brown & Co. The donating of these cups illustrates the pride of the colonel for the regiment and his interest in its efficiency in all branches.—*Halifax Herald*.

Truro, N. S.

Although the weather was very threatening the members of the two teams of the Truro Rifle Club met on the Salmon River Range, Saturday, June 15th, to shoot the second match in the Canadian Rifle League competition. Rain did fall shortly after shooting began, yet the first team made very good scores. The following are the scores:

FIRST TEAM.				
	200	300	600	T1
Capt. T. A. Blackburn, 78th	32	32	33	97
Capt. John Suckling, 78th	27	32	31	90
Lieut. E. C. Cribb, 78th	32	27	31	90
Pte. W. Richardson, 78th	32	30	27	89
Sergt. H. C. Blair, 78th	30	30	28	88
Pte. E. E. McNutt, 78th	28	32	26	86
Pte. Herbert Cook, 78th	28	30	27	85
Lieut. J. Dover, 78th	28	27	28	83
Pte. A. S. Black, 78th	26	28	28	82
Sergt. D. C. Blair, 78th	28	20	18	66
SECOND TEAM.				
	200	300	600	T1
Capt. G. A. Layton, 78th	20	26	21	76
H. V. Kent, M.D.	23	30	22	75
Pte. G. A. Christie, 78th	20	26	19	74
B. F. Porter	20	28	17	71
Major H. T. Lawrence, 78th	27	26	20	73
M. K. Langille, D.D.S.	27	24	21	72
Pte. A. McNutt, 78th	20	21	22	63
G. T. Hamilton	25	18	19	62
W. R. Campbell, M.A.	26	13	19	58
Pte. Charles Ross, 78th	23	15	17	55

Burlington, Ont.

Following is the score made by No. 2 team, 20th Battalion, Lorne Rifles, C. M. R. League:

	200	300	500	T1
S. C. Stewart, Lieut.	19	18	11	51
H. Kurtz, Sergt.	27	20	12	59
L. Hemings, Sergt.	21	32	17	73
G. Evans, S. M.	23	19	13	55
J. Reach, Sergt.	17	23	11	51
E. Clark, Sergt.	13	27	8	48
S. Thomas, Pte.	21	32	19	75
J. Campbell, Pte.	16	13	21	50
G. Madget, Pte.	21	24	9	57
G. Burns, Pte.	17	21	23	61
Grand total	200	200	200	580

Toronto.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the three city regiments are taking a well-earned rest after the spring season's drill, and as a consequence little or nothing of interest is to be reported.

The spring drill just completed has been very successful, all three regiments turning out strong, and in the 48th Highlanders the record was made so far as attendance at any one parade since the regiment was formed.

No doubt the new Drill Hall and the 24th of May outings were in a large measure responsible for the parades of the past season, and it remains to be seen whether the delightful preparations for the Gzowski efficiency farce will be the means of maintaining the strength and efficiency shown in the season just closed. Judging by the success which attended one company in putting in their target practice for the competition a few Saturdays ago, prospects do not seem to be very bright.

The opening of the 200-yard butt has made the Saturday afternoon practices much more enjoyable, but a great deal remains to be done by all three regiments in interesting the novices than has yet been shown.

The competition among the first class shots now-a-days seems to require that all their time must be devoted to their own practice, and although all the regiments have officer instructors and sergeant instructors, the novices are to a great extent left to their own devices to fathom the mysteries of changing lights, fish-tail winds, etc.

In fact an incident occurred where a novice, who had been left to score at one of the targets, was giving bulls eyes for outers until an older shot came along and pointed out his error, but not until some tickets had passed through his hands.

It is an old saying that rifle shooting causes a great many men to be selfish and jealous of giving a colt the benefit of advice lest it should help him to become a dangerous competitor, but I think that if a little more of the spices which prompted and yet prompts quite a few of our best shooting men could be distributed a little more the results would be encouraging, not only to the regiments but to those who go up honestly trying to do their best, yet discouraged by the bigness of the task which appears before them.

Surely the experience of the 13th Battalion in the last competition, and even the record that they are making this year, would prove to those in authority here that the same results would follow the same amount of application and instruction.

Complaint appears in the columns of an evening paper of the woeful lack of attention on the part of the officers as regards attendance at the ranges, not only absence when detailed for duty but absence and lack of interest in the shooting itself.

The officers of the Q.O.R. are fairly well represented, but very few of the officers of the Grenadiers or Highlanders are known as rifle shots to the frequenters of