

## DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETING, 1892.

The programme for the D. R. A. matches commencing 29th inst. is out, and will be read with keen interest by all riflemen. It is to be regretted that it is marred by so many typographical errors. A summary of the events and prizes has already appeared in this journal (page 211), so it is unnecessary to go again into the details; it will suffice to say that there are 26 competitions, with cash prizes aggregating \$7351, as well as many cups, trophies, and badges. No such prize-list and inducements to rifle shooting have ever yet been put before the Canadian Militia. The event cannot fail to materially aid that branch of military work which is without doubt the most important one for our troops to become proficient in.

We understand that the following officers will be on duty:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, Major Hodgins, G. G. F. G.;

RANGE OFFICER, Lieut.-Col. Jones, 38th Batt.; Major Heron, G. G. F. G.; Capt. Aumond, R. L.; Capt. Hopkins, 45th Batt.; Capt. Mutton, Q. O. R.; Capt. Taylor, G. G. F. G.; Capt. Edwards, R. L.; Lieut. Taylor, G. G. F. G.; Lieut. Brown, P. L. D. G.

A feature of the meeting will be the following two competitions in connection with the Military Rifle League:—

**BOWELL SHARPSHOOTERS TROPHY**—Presented by Lt.-Col. the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Militia and Defence.—This trophy is open to those belonging to a Battalion or Association who have had a team or teams entered in the League of 1892 and is to be won by the highest individual score in the Snider Aggregate (exclusive of the Standing Match). Entrance fee, 50 cents, to go towards making a series of prizes for this match, the first of which will be the trophy. Entries to be made to the secretary of the league on the ground, not to the Secy. D. R. A.

**THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE**—Presented by Lt.-Col. The Hon. J. M. Gibson, President of League. Open to teams of ten men, from any Battalion having teams entered in the League, 1892. To be won by the aggregate scores of the highest ten men from any Battalion or Association in the Snider aggregate (exclusive of the Standing Match). It will be necessary to name seven of the men previously. Entrance free. Entries to be made with Secretary of League, Toronto, on or before August 27th inst.

The Annual Meeting of the League will be held at Ottawa on Monday evening, 29th inst., not 30th as stated in D. R. A. programme. For the matches, Major Delamere, the Secretary, will take entries at his hotel from Saturday until Monday, or on the ranges on Monday.

### PERSONAL.

Capt. Pollock, of No. 2 Company, 27th Batt., has been presented with a fine solid gold Masonic ring by the members of his company.

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There was a quiet little wedding in St. John's Church, Toronto, on 11th inst., the principals being Sergt. Hollinger, instructor of the 48th Highlanders, and Miss Marie Louise Love. Sergt. Hollinger's many friends wish him much joy and happiness.

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Mr. J. W. Trendell, formerly bandmaster of "A" Battery Kingston, was married in Christ Church, Vancouver, B.C., the other day. The bride was Miss Sophie Frances Rogers, of Killaloe, Tipperary, Ireland, granddaughter of the late Col. Rogers.

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Colonel John Cole, who resided in St. Thomas for many years until about thirteen years ago, died in New York recently, aged 60. He commanded the St. Thomas Troop of Cavalry on the frontier during the Fenian raid of 1866, and took a leading part in organizing the First Regiment of Cavalry, whose colonelcy he held until about a year ago, when he removed to New York from London, Ont. He was enthusiastic and successful as a military man.

At a recent meeting of the Calgary Council, Corp. Williams, of the North-West Mounted Police, was appointed town constable. Mr. Williams has had a large experience both in military and police work, having been some time in the Royal Irish Rifles and eight years in the Secret Service at Halifax. In addition to this he has been for some three years in the North West Mounted Police, and has won the commendation of his officers by diligent and faithful discharge of his duties.

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The funeral of the late Paymaster Alfred Labbé, of the Temiscouata Battalion, who died suddenly a few days ago, took place on 12th inst., to St. Roch's Church, Quebec, and was largely attended. The coffin was laid on one of the "B" Battery nine pounder gun carriages, drawn by six horses and preceded by the "B" Battery Band, which during the march to the church and cemetery, played funeral marches. The pall-bearers were Captains Talbot, De Guise and Evan-turel, of the Ninth Battalion, Charles Dunn, of the Eighth, Delane Roy, of the Eighty-Seventh, and Captain Morgan, of the Quebec Garrison Artillery. The Ninth Battalion and Captain Boulanger's Battery were represented by squads of their respective corps.

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Major-General Sir G. B. Wolseley, K.C.B., just promoted, is a younger brother of Viscount Wolseley, Commander of the Forces in Ireland. He has a long record of active service, from the days of the Indian mutiny, when he was engaged in the suppression of the rebellion in the Shahabad district, and more recently in the Afghan war of 1879-80, and in the Egyptian, Soudan, and Burmese expeditions. As Brigadier-General in Upper Burmah he has been one of the chief instruments in the pacification of the recently acquired province.

## BALACLAVA, 1854.

The charge of the Light Brigade has seldom been related from the Russian point of view, but here are the recollections of a Russian major of Hussars, as published recently in a Russian paper:—We were so sorry for them, they were such fine fellows, and had such splendid horses. It was the maddest thing that ever was done. I can't understand it. They broke through our lines, took our artillery, and then, instead of capturing our guns and making off with them, they went for us. I had been in charge of the heavy brigade in the morning and was slightly wounded. We had all unsaddled and were very tired. Suddenly we were told 'The English are coming.' 'Confound them,' we said. My colonel was very angry, and ordered his men to give no quarter. I was lying at some distance with my wound bandaged when I saw them coming. They came on magnificently. We thought they were drunk from the way they held their lances. Instead of holding them under their arms they waved them in the air, and of course they were easier to guard against like that. The men were mad. They never seemed to think of the tremendous odds against them, or of the frightful carnage that had taken place in their ranks in the course of that long desperate ride. They dashed in among us, shouting, cheering, and cursing. I never saw anything like it. They seemed perfectly irresistible, and our fellows were quite demoralised. The fatal mistake we made in the morning was to receive the charge of the English Heavy Brigade standing, instead of meeting it with a countershock. We had so many men that had we continued our charge downhill instead of calling a halt at the critical moment, we should have carried everything before us. 'The charge of the Heavy Brigade was magnificent, but they had to thank our bad management for the victory. We liked the English. When our men took prisoners they used to give them our Vodka, and they used to offer us their rum in exchange, but we did not care for it, it was too soft and mild. The Russian soldier must have his Vodka.' *Army and Navy Gazette.*