

till now laid it down that artillery fire is not practically effective at ranges beyond 2,500 yards, that limit should in future be extended to from 3,000 to 4,000 yards. A great aid to accuracy is the Scott telescope sight, which is mechanical in its action, and renders a man who understands how to work it the equal of a good marksman, and is unaffected by the nerves of the man laying the gun.

As to the power of artillery generally, I frankly confess that my estimation of it has increased enormously during the two days that I have been here. Sir Evelyn Wood, who paid a visit here a short time ago, has also formed an increased opinion of its value and efficiency. He was especially struck, I am told, by the results of the firing of case.

The final experiment with the 20-pounders was of a highly interesting and practical nature, viz., one on the effect of the fire of the guns in question on the troops behind earthworks. The target consisted of a "hastily-constructed" field work, such as can be thrown up in about eighteen hours. It has a face directly perpendicular to the line of fire. The crest of the parapet was six feet above the level of the ground. On the banquette of the face were standing 37 dummies, representing infantry soldiers, of a height of six feet. In rear of the left flank were eight similar dummies. Each dummy occupied about one yard of front. The lessons taught as regards field engineering seems to me to be the following:—A parapet of from six feet to nine feet thick at the level of the exterior crest could in a few minutes be cut through by common shell, fired by 20-pounders, at a range of 1,800 yards, that in hasty field fortification command is of little value, and that a sunken terreplan is indispensable.

### Regimental News.

Major M. D. Strachan, of the 16th Battalion, died in Kingston last week, of the rare ailment known as Addison's disease, a disorder ultimately impeding the working of the heart and causing death. The deceased was 34 years of age.

#### Toronto.

The Queen's Own paraded 465 strong on Wednesday evening (17th inst.), Major Delamere in command, and marched through a sea of mud to Moss Park Rink. Deployments, wheeling in quarter column, and marching past with manual exercise under Capt. Sankey composed the evening's drill.

F. Company's prizes were distributed by Major Delamere, after which the company adjourned to the Hub, where the successful competitors wet their prizes.

The following having qualified as first class marksmen, are granted badges. Best shot, (silk crossed guns and crown) Pte. T. Westman, A. Co.; (silk crossed guns) Col. Sergeants Donnelly and Kennedy, Sergt. McNeil, Corp. Duncan, Bugle Corp. Emery, Privates E. Westman, Meadows and McNeil, A. Co.; Staff-Sergeants Lewis and Ashall, C. Co.; Sergt. Harp, Privates Turner and Blaney, D. Co.; Corporals Agnew and Bryant, F. Co.; Sergt. Crooks, K. Co.; (worsted crossed guns) Privates Gadsby, A. Co.; Dewdney and Davis, D. Co.; A. D. McLean and A. A. McLean, F. Co.; Bromley and Argles, H. Co.

The prizes won in the battalion matches were distributed in the Mutual Street Rink by His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, on Friday evening (19th inst.) Great disappointment was expressed at the absence of Miss Marjorie Campbell. Col. Allan was also unable to be present through illness. His Honor had something pleasant to say to each prize winner, and especially to those wearing N. W. medals. The band rendered some choice selections in its best style, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

It was pleasant to see so many of the Grenadiers present in uniform at the presentation of prizes to the Q.O.R. If there were more of this intermingling between the two regiments it would be advantageous to both.

It is expected that the inspection will take place early next month, either on Saturday 3rd, or on Thanksgiving Day.

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#### Ottawa.

Lieut. T. A. Bliss has resigned his commission in the Field Battery. He was a good officer and will be missed.

Nos. 1 and 6 companies of the Guards did their season's class firing at the Rideau range on Saturday.

On Saturday evening there was a very pleasant gathering in the rooms of the officers of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial to Lieut. Col. Thomas Ross, the late commanding officer, as a mark of appreciation of his efforts during the fourteen years that he was at the head of the regiment. Col. Ross has always been very popular, not only in the Guards, but also in private life, and it was felt that this feeling should find expression in a tangible manner. Meetings of the officers were held shortly after his return from England last year, and it was resolved that it should take

the form of a silver tea service. It was intended that the presentation should take place on the 24th May last, but the service did not arrive in time. The testimonial was in the form of a solid silver tea service, of Queen Anne pattern, and has, in addition to the usual pieces, a salver and pair of candlesticks. On all the pieces except the salver, Col. Ross' crest is engraved. On the salver there is the regimental coat of arms and the following inscription: "Presented, together with a silver service, to Lieut.-Col. Thomas Ross, by the officers of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, on his retirement from the regiment which he raised in June, 1872, and commanded for 14 years. Ottawa, 24th May, 1888."

After the presentation a pleasant half hour was spent in social conversation, during which many instances of by-gone days were recalled. Col. Ross has a record of fifty years service in every rank, from private to commanding officer, and in the various branches of rifles, artillery and infantry.

### The Rifle.

#### County of Russell Rifle Association.

The third annual rifle meeting of the County of Russell Rifle Association was held at the Billing's Bridge range on Thursday the 18th inst. The day was fine but a choppy wind blowing spoiled to some extent the chances of making good scores at the long ranges. There was quite a good attendance of competitors. We give the scores below:

**NURSERY MATCH**—Open to the members of the Association who have never won a money prize of \$2.00 or over.

Range 400 yards; 5 rounds.

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| T. Elmitt.....        | 22 | Sergt. C. Hurdman.....  | 11 |
| Pte. N. Hull.....     | 17 | Pte. A. Phillips.....   | 10 |
| Lt. Chas. O. Wood.... | 14 | Col.-Sergt. Pooler..... | 9  |
| M. Gillispie.....     | 13 |                         |    |

**MILITIA MATCH**—Open to members of the Association who are efficient Militiamen. Range 400 and 500 yards; 5 rounds at each.

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| Corp. C. Ecelke.....   | 19 | 21 | 40 | Corp. J. Dowler.....      | 18 | 14 | 32 |
| Sergt. M. Heron.....   | 17 | 22 | 39 | Sergt. C. Hurdman.....    | 20 | 11 | 31 |
| Capt. B. Billings..... | 21 | 14 | 35 | Col.-Sergt. J. Pooler.... | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| Lieut. C. O. Wood..... | 21 | 12 | 33 |                           |    |    |    |

**ALLCOMER'S MATCH**—Range 200, 400 and 500 yards; 5 rounds at each.

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| T. Elmitt.....         | 19 | 18 | 23 | 60 | Sergt. M. Heron.....   | 19 | 19 | 15 | 53 |
| M. Heron.....          | 19 | 22 | 14 | 55 | Corp. J. Dowler.....   | 21 | 18 | 12 | 51 |
| L.-Corp. E. Pooler.... | 21 | 20 | 14 | 55 | Corp. C. Ecelke.....   | 20 | 14 | 16 | 50 |
| Capt. Billings.....    | 17 | 23 | 14 | 54 | Sergt. C. Hurdman..... | 15 | 18 | 15 | 48 |

**EXTRA SERIES**—Range 200 yards; 5 rounds.

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| M. Stumbles.....       | 22 | Capt. Billings..... | 19 |
| Sergt. M. Heron.....   | 21 | Pte. N. Hull.....   | 18 |
| Lieut. C. O. Wood..... | 21 | T. Elmitt.....      | 18 |
| Corp. C. Ecelke.....   | 19 | W. Heron.....       | 17 |
| Corp. J. Dowler.....   | 19 |                     |    |

#### County of Simcoe Annual Rifle Matches.

The 35th Battalion, Simcoe Foresters, and County of Simcoe annual rifle matches took place on Monday, 15th Oct. The weather was all that could be desired but the competitors were not as numerous as usual. The contests resulted as follows:

**BATTALION MATCH**—Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 5 shots:—Pte. Payne 46, Sergt. Campbell 44, Corpl. Sproule 41, Corpl. Strathern 39, Sergt. Payne 39, Corp. Crockford 37, Sergt. Heating 37, Sergt. Kelly 32, Sergt. Kiel 32, Corpl. Price 32, Corpl. McQuay, 31, Sergt. Major Stewart 31, Sergt. Toogood 30, Pte. Jacobs 27, Pte. Thurlow 25, Pte. Hart 25, Corp. White 24, Pte. Teskey 24, Corpl. Cross 21, Pte. Tiffin 21, Corpl. Robinson 19, Pte. Hebner 18, Pte. Lewis 11, Corp. Christie 7, Pte. Priest 2. There were more prizes than competitors, thereby accounting for the poor scores getting prizes.

**COMPANY MATCH**—Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 5 shots: No. 7 Co. 185 points, \$15; No. 5 Co. 124 points, \$10.

**COUNTY COUNCIL MATCH**—Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards, 5 shots:

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| \$18 Corp. Crockford....  | 35th.... | 49 | \$7 Pte. Sproule.....  | 35th.... | 40 |
| 16 Corp. Strathern....    | 35th.... | 49 | 6 Pte. Neilly.....     | 36th.... | 39 |
| 14 Pte. Ballamy.....      | 36th.... | 46 | 5 Sergt. Campbell....  | 35th.... | 38 |
| 12 Staff-Sergt. Keating.. | 35th.... | 44 | 4 Sergt. Major Stewart | 35th.... | 37 |
| 10 Pte. Payne.....        | 35th.... | 42 | Sergt. Payne.....      | 35th.... | 37 |
| 8 Sergt. Kiel.....        | 35th.... | 41 | Sergt. Toogood.....    | 35th.... | 37 |

**SKIRMISHING MATCH**—No. 7 Co., Orillia, 1st, 95 points, \$10. In this skirmishing prize the successful team deserve great credit, because out of twenty-five shots fired advancing and retiring, 24 shots were found to have struck the target.

The special prize of \$2.00 by the commanding officer for the best dressed and equipped non-commissioned officer or man on parade in review order, was won by Sergt. Kiel, of No. 1 Co., 35th Batt.

The special prize by Capt. O'Brien for the three best scores in No. 1 Co., were won by: 1st, Sergt. Kiel, \$3; 2nd, Pte. Hebner, \$2; 3rd, Corpl. Christie, \$1.