

RIFLE MATCHES.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of this association commenced at Waterloo, on Tuesday, the 1st October. By 10 o'clock, a.m., the ground presented quite a lively appearance, from the presence of a large number of lookers-on, and the fine display of flags, &c., showing that the residents of Waterloo, and the Townships in general, are ever willing to forward any rational amusement and manly exercise.

The Townships throughout had sent their representatives, and as one looked around he could see the face of many a one who had already become celebrated as a "shot."

The old familiar names of the much dreaded men from Danville will be recognized in the lists, as also some representatives from Montreal, including the names of Color Sergeant Wynne, of the Royals, who, by-the-by, up to the present time has not had his usual good luck, but intends to stick to it like a "brick." The shooting throughout has not, to our knowledge, in a public match, ever been equalled in the Dominion. The scores, from which we give selections, will speak for themselves. The weather throughout has been cold and wintry, but with some fine hours of a warm sunshine.

The following, in Class No. 7, has not been surpassed this season in any rifle match of which we have heard.

All comers and rifles—Range 200 and 400 yards—5 shots at each range—65 entries.

1st prize \$25, gift of Hon. A. B. Foster, won by Corp. Fosburg, Lacolle, 39 points.

2nd prize \$15, gift of Hon. A. B. Foster, won by H. L. Jaquays, Frelighsburg, 36 points.

3rd prize \$5, by the Association, won by Sergt. G. Bell, Waterloo, 35 points.

4th prize \$5, by the Association, won by Corp. Duncan, Danville, 33 points.

Corp. Fosburg, Lacolle,	4444	3444	79
H. L. Jaquays, Frelighsburg	3443	4432	75
Sergt. G. Bell, Waterloo,	3443	4424	35
Corp. Duncan, Danville,	3433	4433	33
S. S. Martin, Waterloo,	3444	3324	33
J. G. Pell, Dunham,	2234	3443	34
T. Slack, Waterloo,	3334	3433	32
Jno. Best, Danville,	2443	3432	32
W. Raith, Melbourne,	3434	0443	32
Capt. McKenzie, Danville,	2334	4332	31

The following is also a capital score.

CLASS 13.

Members of E. T. Rifle Association; range 400 yards, 5 rounds, 33 entries.

1st prize \$20, by the Association; won by H. L. Jaquays, Frelighsburg, 19 points.

2d prize \$15, by the Association; won by G. A. Shaw, Danville, 18 points.

3d prize \$10, by the Association; won by Sergt. Lattimer, Waterloo, 18 points.

4th prize \$7, by the Association; won by J. Leet, Danville, 17 points.

5th prize \$5, by the Association; won by L. B. Hodge, Waterloo, 17 points.

H. L. Jaquays, Frelighsburg,	4443	19
G. A. Shaw, Danville	4244	18
Sergt. Lattimer, Waterloo,	3443	18
J. Leet, Danville,	3434	17
E. B. Hodge, Waterloo,	3442	17
T. Stark, Waterloo,	4333	16
Capt. McKenzie, Danville,	3334	16
Sergt. Bush, Clarenceville,	3343	16
S. S. Martin, Waterloo,	4323	16
A. Straker, Boxham,	3343	16

In class 15 prizes were offered for a style of shooting, of which we would like to see more in other matches. It was for all single breech loaders for the largest number of points made in one minute from each range. Range 200 and 400 yards; 18 entries.

1st prize \$20, by the Association; won by Wm. Andrews, Montreal, 10 shots 200, 26 points, 10 shots 400, 23 points—total 49 points.

2d prize \$10, by the Association; won by S. S. Martin, Waterloo, Snider, 7 shots 200, 24 points; 9 shots 400, 25 points—total 49 points.

3d prize \$7, by the Association; won by Sergt. Lattimer, Waterloo, Snider, 8 shots 200, 21 points; 7 shots 400, 22 points—total 44 points.

4th prize \$5, by the Association; won by T. Slack, Waterloo, Ball Rifle, 11 shots 200, 19 points; 12 shots 400, 25 points—total 44 points.

5th prize \$3, by the Association; won by W. G. Parmelee, Waterloo, Allen & Wheeler Rifle, 8 shots 200, 19 points; 10 shots 400, 24 points—total 43 points.

A silver cup presented by Lieut. Colonel Fletcher for the Volunteer making the highest aggregate scores in the three first matches, was awarded to Private John Nicholl, No. 2 Co., Sheffield, who scored 63 points in 20 shots.

We regret that want of space prevents us from giving the report of these matches in full, but we congratulate E. T. R. Club on making the best scoring of the season, and hope that each succeeding annual tournament may show them still improving.

PRESENTATION.

The beautiful Gold Medal of the Charitable Irish Society was presented to the Halifax Rifles in the Drill Room last evening. There was a full dress parade of the Corps, which had turned out in full strength for the occasion. The band of the Battalion was present, and enlivened the proceedings with some choice music—Irish national airs pre-lominating. About half-past eight o'clock, the Officer-Bearers of the Charitable Irish Society, headed by their President, James Cochran, Esq., M. P. P., came into the Drill Room, and were received with open ranks and "present arms" by the "Rifles." The company was then formed into three sides of a square, and Mr. Cochran stepped forward, and presented the Gold Medal of the Society, and a handsome Gold Watch from himself, as a second prize. In presenting the prize he read the following

ADDRESS.

Captain Barron and Cummins, the Officers. Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Halifax Rifles:

GENTLEMEN—

During the seven years which have passed since your Company was first organized, you have by your exemplary conduct, your proficiency in drill, and your exact performance of all the duties of citizen soldiers, gained the respect and esteem of your fellow-citizens.

It affords me sincere pleasure indeed, to find that the Charitable Irish society, over which I have the honor to preside for the present year, has determined to mark their appreciation of your character and services in a substantial manner, and for this purpose have caused to be designed and executed this beautiful Gold Medal, which in their name, and on their behalf, I now present to you to be competed for.

Allow me, gentlemen, to express a hope that this splendid gift, worthy alike of donors and recipients, may serve as an additional tie to bind you more closely together, to encourage you to preserve in your known loyalty to our beloved Queen, in devotion to our country, and in your exertions to maintain the high position you have attained.

Gentlemen, while in the performance of this, to me pleasing duty, I desire to express my personal approval of your efficiency as a Volunteer Company, by presenting to you a Gold Watch, to be competed for you, on such terms as I shall hereafter suggest to your Captains.

With best wishes for your future welfare,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES COCHRAN.

Presdt. Charitable Irish Society.

Capt. Cummins read the following

REPLY;

James Cochran, Esq., M. P. P., President of the Charitable Irish Society.

On behalf of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the "Halifax Rifles," we beg leave to tender our sincere thanks to the "Charitable Irish Society," for the very handsome Gold Medal with which you have presented us this evening. Such a munificent gift, coming as it does, from a Society proverbial for its liberality and benevolence, make the gift doubly valuable.

We thank you for the high and complimentary opinion expressed of our conduct since our organization, both as citizens and volunteers: our particular desire has always been to merit the esteem of our fellow townsmen, and your presentation of to-night proves that desire to have been fulfilled.

The wish expressed by you that this very handsome gift may bind us more closely together, we have every reason to believe will hereafter be fully gratified, and the presentation of to night will long be remembered with pleasure by the members of the "Halifax Rifles," and the gifts be viewed by the happy recipients years to come as souvenirs of the kind feeling evinced towards the company by the Charitable Irish Society.

In conclusion, dear sir, please again accept the thanks of this company for the many and uniform acts of kindness received from you since our formation, and particularly for the costly patent Lever Gold Watch, with which you have just presented us; it adds one more to the already numerous presents received from your hands. To be the possessor of a prize such as this, must create a spirit of emulation in a much larger body than this company numbers at present.

That you may long live to witness the beneficial results of your liberality to-night, is the earnest wish to every member of the "Halifax Rifles," again thanking you for your kindness and liberality.

We remain, dear Sir,

Your obedient servants,

WILLIAM BARRON,

JOHN D. CUMMINS,

Captains Commanding,

"Halifax Rifles."

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James Butler, Esq., then stepped forward, and presented \$20, as a third prize, to be competed for by the company. In the course of a few appropriate remarks, he paid a well-merited compliment to the efficiency of the company as citizen soldiers. Capt. Barron acknowledged the prize briefly, making Mr. Butler for the interest manifested in the welfare of the "Halifax Rifles." The ceremony concluded, three cheers were given for the Charitable Irish Society and the Donors, the band playing "St. Patrick's Day." Three hearty cheers were then given for Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, Band playing the National Anthem. The company reformed and marched out of the Drill Room, through some of the principal streets to the Grand Parade, where they were dismissed.—Halifax Reporter.