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## THE VICS' ANNUAL COMPETITION.

**M**ONTREAL, July 16.—During the past week the port of Montreal was visited by two of Her Majesty's ships, namely, the Intrepid and Tartar. Admiral Erskine flew his flag from the Intrepid. He and his officers were welcomed by the Mayor at the City Hall, on which occasion the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister, spoke. The ships have been crowded with visitors every day, and not a few of them are from Uncle Sam's domains. The officers were entertained by the Council and given a drive around the city to see the lions. The men were also well looked after.

The officers and men of Her Majesty's ships Intrepid and Tartar attended divine service in Holy Trinity church. The men mustered on the Victoria pier at 10 o'clock and marched off to the strains of the 6th Fusiliers band. Their appearance and gait evoked hearty comment.

The Victoria Rifle Association held their twenty-sixth annual meeting at the Cote St. Luc ranges on Saturday. The sun was scorching, but otherwise the circumstances were favorable. The attendance of the members of the regiment was good, as was also that of the men from the other regiments in the open matches. The meeting was a success in every way. The shooting was very good, indeed, and the Vics can lay claim to the fact that their twenty-sixth meeting was one of the very best ever held under their auspices. A good deal of interest was taken in the shooting of the afternoon owing to the fact that a match was to

take place between a team drawn from the Intrepid and Tartar. The sailors showed themselves to be very good marksmen. The officers of the Vics. succeeded in making things comfortable for the sailors. In addition to the team match they also entered in the open matches. The marksmen on the ranges on Saturday had a good opportunity of seeing the future rifle of the Canadian militia at work, for the men from the ships were shooting with the Lee-Enfield. The wind at times was tricky, and the almost unbearable heat made it rather uncomfortable for marksmen. Some very good scores were piled on, notwithstanding the at times untoward circumstance. In the Maiden Stakes competition, Sergt. Bayley, No. 5 Company, was first with 28 points. The first prize, presented by Lieut-Col. Starke, in the Association match, was won by Lieut. McAdam, No. 6 Company, with the splendid score of 99, the next highest being Pte. K. Mathews and Pte. Matheson, of No. 3 and 4 Companies, with 93. The team prize, Queen's Own Challenge Cup, shot in conjunction with the Association match, was won by No. 3 Company with 426 points. The first prize in the Challenge match, 10 shots at 600 yards, presented by Major Sims, was won by Capt. Pope, No. 1 Company, with 48 points. The competition for the Sims Challenge Shield, in conjunction with the above match, was won by No. 2 Company with a score of 173 points. No. 2 Company also won first place in the volley firing competition with 75 points. Col.-Sergt. McClatchie, No. 4 Company, had first place in the Consolation match—five shots at 400, with 21. In the afternoon, after the arrival of the train, the open matches were begun. In the open match—two, five and six hundred yards—the shooting was remarkably good. There was only a difference of 11 points between the first and last prize winners, Staff-Sergt. Marks, 6th Fusiliers, being first with 96. The team prize was won by the Vics' first team with a score of 438, followed by P. W. R., 6th

Fusiliers and Royal Scots. In the extra open series, Col.-Sergt. Pratt, 6th, and Sergt. J. T. Wilson, 2nd Regiment C.A., both had the possible. The arrangements were most satisfactory, and much of this is due to the efficient way in which the duties of executive officer by Major Busted were performed, and to the committee who had charge. The sec.-treas., Pte. W. Mills, and his assistant, Sergt. McLennan, are to be congratulated on the most excellent results of their labors.

A detachment of 2nd R.C.A., under Capt. Collins, fired a salute of 21 guns in honor of Dominion Day, at St. Helen's Island.

For several weeks past the bands of the city regiments have been discoursing music at the several parks and squares in the city. This is much appreciated on the part of the citizens, and the bands are to be thanked for turning out so well when it is remembered that the City of Montreal gives no grants to the bands to assist them in this direction.

The camp at St. Helen's of the Montreal Field Battery was brought to a close on the 30th of June with the inspection of the corps by Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, inspector of artillery, Quebec. The inspection started at 9 o'clock in the morning and continued all day. The men paraded in marching order, and the inspecting officer was accompanied by Capt. Ogilvie, Victoria Rifles. The guns and equipments on Island Park were first inspected, and the colonel was highly satisfied with their appearance. The prize for this division was won by No. 3 Section, under Sergt. Ferguson. The competition for this prize was very close and exciting. While engaged in the march past and field manoeuvres the men presented a very fine sight indeed. The horses were extremely well handled and the harness and guns were neat and clean. In the afternoon, gun laying and fuse boring was taken up. This also was very creditably done. At the conclusion of the inspection the inspecting officer expressed himself as being very much pleased with the way in which the work had been