

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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THE BISLEY TEAM.

Editor Militia Gazette:

I notice in your issue of 15th October that the command of the Bisley team is likely to be given to a Member of Parliament, and that his only qualification is that he is an M.P. Now if they wish to give the command to some M.P., what's the matter with Lt.-Col. O'Brien? To him belongs the credit of getting up the deputation of M.P.'s to wait on the Minister of Militia, to urge that "free ammunition" be granted to the League, and I think he would have the endorsement of the 1040 members of the League who benefited by his "practical" interest in rifle shooting.

"TORONTO."

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR.—I noted with much satisfaction your protest in last issue against any merely political appointment to the command of the Bisley team. I have not heard the name of the Member of Parliament to whom you refer, but I do not think he should make his plans too early, or take too much for granted. The Montreal brigade contributes a membership, active and affiliated, I believe second to only one district in the Dominion, and from our active, enterprising members we can furnish an officer well worthy of the command. We are content that he should take his chances amongst officers similarly qualified, but not that he shall stand aside to gratify the vanity of a uniformed politician such as suggested by your article. Yours,

POLITICS LAST.

Montreal, 23rd October, 1891.

THE RIFLE.

THE QUEEN'S OWN MATCHES.

A programme of much more than usual interest is that issued by the committee of the Queen's Own Rifles for their annual matches, which take place on Saturday of this week. The particulars of the matches we will not give now, as they will appear in connection with the list of prize winners next week, but in the meantime the main features should be noted. The end in view seems to have been to secure the largest possible attendance of all ranks, and the conditions have been simplified and expenses reduced to as fine a point as possible. Plain clothes take the place of uniform, so that a busy man may visit the city between matches; the short Snider, being the regimental arm, is prescribed for most of the matches, and there will thus be no private weapons to make things easier for their owners; and the entry fees are merely nominal, several events being free. The prize list, of very handsome value, is remarkable for the absence of money prizes, an excellent feature, made advisable by the fact that the competitors are to be put to so little expense. In the chief match the immense number of seventy prizes are offered, ranging in value from \$50 (a cup) down to \$2 or \$3 for ornaments in bronze, etc., and making a total value of \$546 for the one match. The prizes have all been donated by friends of the regiment, and in acknowledgment the list of donors has been printed on the cover of the programme. In this there are upwards of 160 names, including those of the best firms and citizens of Toronto.

YORK COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual matches of the York County (New Brunswick) Rifle Association took place on Tuesday, 13th inst. The attendance was good and the day was fine, and as a result some good shooting was done. Following are the scores:

First Match—Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards—7 shots each Range:

Medal & \$6, Lt. Perkins, 71st. 83	\$2 Corp. Shaw, I.S.C. 66
\$5 Major Loggie, 71st. 78	2 Sergt. Fowle, I.S.C. 64
4 Pte. Burns, I.S.C. 77	2 Pte. Worth, I.S.C. 63
4 Sergt. Long, I.S.C. 77	2 F. H. Risteen 60
4 Lt. Winter 75	2 Sergt. Offen, I.S.C. 59
3 Capt. Pinder, 71st. 74	1 Pte. Young, I.S.C. 57
3 Sergt. Duncan, I.S.C. 72	1 Lt. Richards 54
3 Pte. Cameron, I.S.C. 69	1 Corp. Risteen, 71st. 53
3 Sergt. Wilson, 71st. 68	1 Sergt. Winter, 71st. 52
3 Q. M. Sgt. Walker, I.S.C. 67	1 Pte. Nason, 71st. 50
2 Capt. Boone, 71st. 66	

Second Match—Ranges 400 and 500 yards—5 shots at each range—Prizes in kind and cash:

Cup, Lt. Perkins, 71st. 46	Sergt. Winter, 71st. 35
Major Loggie, 71st. 45	Corp. Shaw, I.S.C. 35
Pte. Burns, I.S.C. 44	F. H. Risteen 34
Q. M. Sgt. Walker, I.S.C. 41	Pte. Cameron, I.S.C. 33
Capt. Pinder, 71st. 41	Corp. Risteen, 71st. 31
Sergt. Long, I.S.C. 40	Pte. Young, I.S.C. 29
Sergt. Duncan, I.S.C. 39	Col.-Sergt. Daniel, I.S.C. 28
Lt. Winter 38	J. F. McManus 25
Pte. Worth, I.S.C. 38	Sergt. Offen, I.S.C. 25
H. Dougherty 36	Sergt. Wilson, 71st. 24
Capt. Boone, 71st. 35	

Team match.—Teams of five men from I.S.C., 71st and Reserve, 400 and 500 yards, 5 shots: I.S.C. team, \$5.20, 197; 71st Batt. team, \$1.25, 191.

Grand aggregate.—Lieut. Perkins, 71st, \$2, 129; Major Loggie, 71st, \$1, 123.

After the regular matches had been fired, one was arranged between teams composed of five men from the I. S. C. and 71st, which resulted in another victory for the former. Following is the score, 500 yards:

I. S. C. TEAM—Q. M. Sergt. Walker, 18; Pte. Burns, 22; Corp. Shaw, 16; Sergt. Long, 18; Sergt. Duncan, 29—team total, 94.
71ST BATTALION—Major Loggie, 20; Lieut. Perkins, 20; Capt. Boone, 12; Capt. Pinder, 12; Sergt. Winter, 14—team total, 78.

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The 22nd spoon competition was held on the 17th inst., with Martinis, at 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, and resulted as follows:—

Capt. O'Grady. 29 32 34—95	Capt. Rogers 29 31 25—85
J. E. Hutcheson 32 30 31—93	R. Moodie 31 29 24—84
J. H. Ellis 30 29 31—90	F. W. Smith 32 26 25—83
H. McKay 33 28 29—90	Dr. G. Hutchison 32 26 24—82
G. A. Mailleu 33 31 26—90	T. McJanet 29 31 22—82
C. S. Scott 28 30 31—89	J. G. Lyon 25 29 27—81
L. G. Perkins 31 30 27—88	Lt. Sutherland 26 26 28—80
J. A. Armstrong 33 28 26—87	Lt.-Col. Anderson 27 29 24—80
T. P. Carroll 26 31 29—86	

THE NORTH-WEST RIFLE LEAGUE.

Editor MILITIA GAZETTE:

DEAR SIR,—I send you herewith, for publication in your valuable journal, the final result of the first season's shooting of "The North-West Rifle League." The totals represent the aggregates of the five best scores out of the nine competitions held, and although two of the teams have, unfortunately, been unable to complete more than two of such competitions, yet the result of the season's work, as a whole, is quite satisfactory, and must be productive of much good in the future, and, no doubt, will encourage and give an impetus to rifle shooting in all parts of Manitoba and the Territories.

It is hoped that next season a larger number of teams will take part in these friendly contests, and thus materially help to establish the League on a firm and well-supported basis. The promoters of the League feel satisfied with the success which has attended their efforts for the first season, but hope for much greater success next year. Some changes will necessarily require to be made before the shooting commences in 1892: these, no doubt, will be fully considered by the Executive during the coming winter months, the most important of which will be as to the