

had no quarrel with the Essex Centre team, but as they headed the list and were unknown as a shooting battalion, their case afforded a good illustration of the doubts that would naturally arise if the marking was not checked, as well as the scoring. My letter was unfortunately too long to be published in full, but you will I am sure, Mr. Editor, do me the justice to say that in the unpublished portion I expressly stated that I did not credit the members of that team with any dishonest intention. Having made this explanation, allow me to say that I still have grave doubts of the score as published. I don't believe they will ever again make 313 points at 200 yards kneeling, on a correct sized target, and with correct marking, on any rifle range where the marking as well as the scoring is properly checked. I regret that Capt. Jones should attribute vindictiveness or jealousy. Does he see anything in my letter in the nature of a claim that the 13th Battalion ought to be ahead? Did I not mention on equal terms ten battalions who have a reputation as first-class marksmen? The list might have been much longer but for want of space. I am proud to say that the 13th Battalion has such a reputation, justly earned, and that it is not necessary to go to Essex Centre to prove it. If our friends of the 21st Battalion really desire to test their strength against ours, on equal terms, what better chance can they ask than to meet us on the Garrison Common, Toronto, the last week in August. We are always represented there and of course have, and expect to have, our ups and downs like the rest.

Would our success or defeat prove or disprove the desirability of providing some check on the marking in these League team matches?

I am sure that these matches will do, and are doing, a very great deal to increase the efficiency of the volunteers in the use of the rifle, but are not those who are willing to incur a good deal of unfriendly criticism, in order to point out weak spots, which if not remedied may prove seriously injurious, after all really the best friends of the League?

Hamilton, 14th July, '90.

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#### NOTES.

The Secretary of the Regina Association reports: "The League is doing a great amount of good. I think there will be more North-West associations in next year."

B Company, Infantry School Corps, St. John's, Q., still adheres to the excellent plan of having a non-commissioned officer in the butts to check the markers.

A rain squall struck the team of the 62nd Fusiliers, and wrecked the scores of two of the members.

Pte. C. T. Burns, Governor-General's prizeman of last year, has removed from Montreal to St. John, N.B., whence he came. The Vic's have lost and the 62nd Fusiliers gained a brilliant shot.

Pte. McMartin, the 5th Royal Scots' star shot of last season, has transferred his allegiance to the Vics.

A Winnipeg correspondent says some of the 90th team are short-sighted. Two of them made only 11 points between them at 600 yds.

The G. G. F. G. colts are showing well to the front. Pte. C. M. Wiggins, who this year for the first time took up shooting as a pastime, astonished himself and his team with a 90.

The 13th Battalion have a strong reserve, their scores increasing despite the absence of three marksmen with the Bisley team.

Pte. Simpson, last year of the Grenadiers, is now a Staff Sergeant of the Twelfth.

Pte. Morkill of the 53rd has a heavy mortgage on the field glass offered as a special prize for the best single match score of the season. His 98 should be safe. As he is a "Nursery" shot it will give him also the pair of League shooting boots to go for the best score by a Nursery man.

The Montreal teams who fired the cancelled match on the 28th June, have been notified that their scores will not be allowed. They will have to fire with the rest on the 2nd August.

The 54th made the exceptionally low score of 252 at 200 yards. They report that "there was such a mirage at 200 yards that it was impossible to put on a score."

Of the ten members on the Montreal Garrison Artillery team last match, nine were "Nursery" men. Their total is very good under the circumstances.

Pte. Montgomery, of the 96th Battalion, Port Arthur, in the last match accomplished the very unusual feat of making the "possible" at 200 yards (firing kneeling, with the Snider). Who else in Canada has such a performance to his credit? At 500 yards Pte. Montgomery led off with four bulls, thus making eleven in succession.

Capt. Geo. A. McMicking, of the 44th team, reports: "Impossible to make a good score. A fish tail wind, with very decided changes from right to left, and *vice versa*."

The noteworthy achievement of the 96th team, in scoring 829 points out of the 1,050 possible, was to their great satisfaction witnessed by a couple of visitors. One of these, Mr. Thos. Black, of Winnipeg, formerly an officer of the Victoria Rifles, Montreal, kindly kept the register;

and the other, Mr. E. Hector Clemens, of the Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, was also present during the entire match. There were two markers in the butts.

C Company, Infantry School Corps, has developed a sharpshooter—witness Pte. Tingman's 89. When Capt. Evans gets back from Hythe the whole company will no doubt be trained up to that pitch of perfection.

At Kingston A Battery, R.C.A. have quite distanced the city corps. The Fourteenth should organize for practice.

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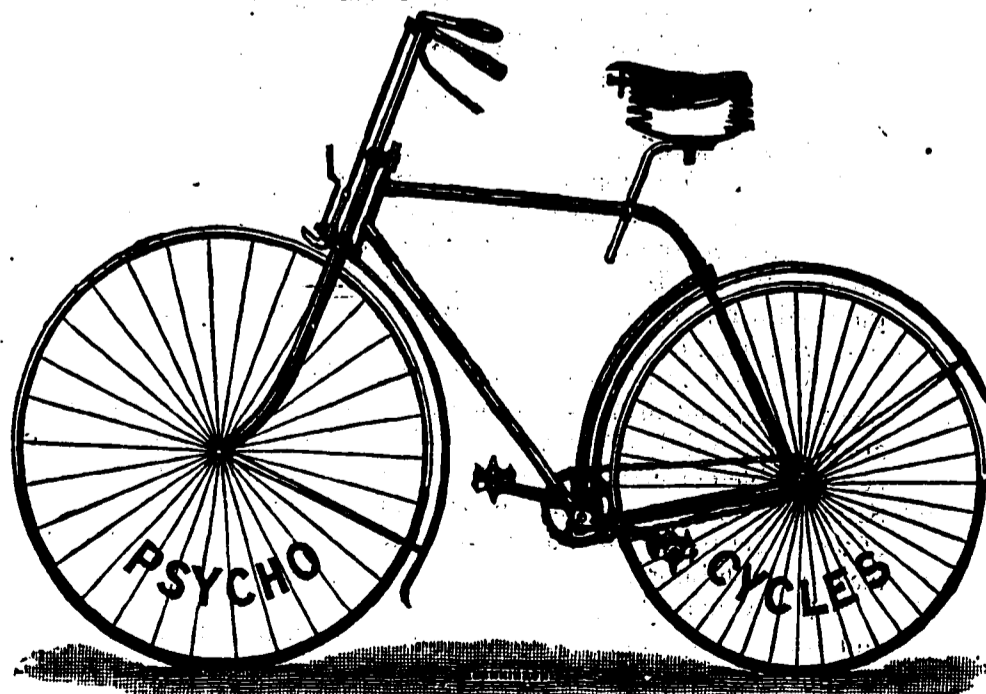
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