

Metropolitan Rifle Association.

At the twenty-second annual matches of the Metropolitan Rifle Association, held at Ottawa on Friday and Saturday, the 23rd and 24th inst., the tempting prize list offered drew a very large attendance, the meeting opening with upwards of eighty competitors entered. Ten targets had been provided and they were kept fully occupied. The firing commenced at the four hundred yards range, and the performance was opened by the president, Mr. G. B. Pattee, firing the first shot. He set an excellent example, for when the target he had chosen—the centre one of the seven in the main butt—was lowered, up came the little white marking disc it is the ambition of every rifleman to behold. This signified that the President's shot had hit the bull's eye, and when the target came up with the shot spotted, the white disc was found to hang close to the left edge of the bull. The elevation was perfect, but the famous Rideau wind had a little deceived the President and had almost carried his shot out of the bull. A knot of competitors had gathered round the firing point and these joined in three cheers for him and his bull's-eye, the possession of which each doubtless coveted as an introduction to his own score.

The nursery match, seven shots at four hundred yards, then commenced, there being between thirty and forty competitors, all tyros, for the conditions debarred from entry anyone having won a prize of \$4 or upwards in other than a company competition. There were fifteen prizes offered, and these were taken in the following order:

\$ 8 C. C. Chipman	31	\$ 2 Pte. John Moodie, 43rd	27
6 W. H. Middleton	30	2 Lieut. C. Wood, 43rd	27
5 Pte. L. Perkins, 43rd	30	2 Pte. T. J. Jones, 43rd	26
4 R. G. Chamberlin, Dom. Police ..	30	2 Sergt. Myers, 56th	26
4 H. McKay	29	2 W. H. Timbers, Dom. Police ..	26
3 Sergt. R. J. Taylor, 43rd	28	2 R. Stewart	26
3 Tr. F. B. Butler, P.L.D.G.	28	2 R. N. Slater	25
3 Corp. N. Hull, 43rd	28		

The first range of the Alonzo Wright match—named after the King of the Gatineau, an old friend of the Association—followed, this match consisting of five shots at 400 and five at 600 yards. The twenty most successful in the struggle were:

\$ 10 Pte. R. Moodie, 43rd	46	\$ 3 Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 43rd ..	41
8 H. LeB. Ross	44	3 Pte. T. McJanet, 43rd	41
7 Major J. Wright, 43rd	44	3 Sergt. Slade, Dom. Police	40
6 Dr. Geo. Hutchison	42	2 Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd	40
6 Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd	42	2 Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson, 43rd ..	40
5 Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd	42	2 Pte. J. H. Ellis, 43rd	40
5 Staff-Sgt. G. H. Rogers, P.L.D.G. ..	42	2 Lieut. J. H. Bedford, 56th	40
4 Lieut. H. H. Cole, 42nd	41	2 W. H. Timbers, Dom. Police ..	39
4 Major A. H. Todd, Guards	41	2 H. McKay	39
4 Staff-Sergt. H. Cawdron, Guards ..	41	2 Major H. F. Perley, H.Q.S.	39

This match concluded the morning's work, and soon after twelve firing ceased for lunch. At one o'clock all the targets were thrown open for extra series firing at 500 yards, and at 1.30 the Allan Gilmour match, seven shots at 500 yards, was commenced. The wind was a bit trying, and the scores were not high:

\$ 10 Pte. J. H. Ellis, 43rd	32	3 Sergt. Myers, 56th	28
7 Lieut. J. W. de C. O'Grady, 43rd ..	32	3 Sergt-Major Huton, Prescott Cav ..	28
6 Staff-Sergt. A. Pink, 43rd	31	2 Capt. S. M. Rogers, 43rd	28
5 Major Perley, H.Q.S.	29	2 Lieut. W. A. Jamieson, 43rd ..	27
5 R. N. Slater	29	2 Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson, 43rd ..	27
4 Pte. N. Morrison, Guards	29	2 Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd	27
4 Col.-Sergt. G. Maillieu, Guards ..	29	2 Staff-Sergt. H. Cawdron, Guards ..	27
4 Staff-Sergt. J. Huntingdon, 56th ..	29	2 Major J. Wright, 43rd	27
3 Col.-Sergt. T. C. Boville, 43rd ..	28	2 Col.-Sergt. Jas. Fairbairn, 43rd ..	27
3 Pte. Holtby, 43rd	28	2 Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd	27

The next match was the great one of the day. This was the Pattee, named after the President. The scores—of seven shots at 200 yards standing, 400 and 500 yards—counted for both individual and team competitions, and very keen interest was taken in the result of the team match especially. The new trophy—the Pattee Challenge Cup—was offered in addition to a round sum in cash, as the first team prize, and there was not a little friendly rivalry as to who should have the honour of first having their names engraved upon it as winners. This falls to the lot of No. 2 Co. of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, whose team of five men led the field by 23 points. There were five teams entered, these consisting of one from No. 2 Company of the Guards, three from No. 1 Company of the 43rd, and one from the 56th Battalion, whose headquarters are at Prescott. It is something unusual to see a team from any other than a city organization at the Metropolitan matches, and the Prescott men were cordially welcomed. The team scores were:

1st—No. 2 Co. G.G.F.G.—Cup and \$20.	2nd—No. 1 Co. 43rd, first team—\$15.
Sergt. W. Short	25 35 30—90
Capt. H. Gray	29 29 28—86
Pte. J. A. Armstrong ..	24 31 29—84
Pte. N. Morrison	22 29 26—77
Col.-Sgt. G. A. Maillieu ..	26 26 19—71
Capt. S. M. Rogers	30 25 27—82
Lieut. E. D. Sutherland ..	28 31 23—82
Pte. J. E. Hutcheson ..	28 28 24—80
Pte. J. D. Taylor	22 31 19—72
Lieut. J. W. de C. O'Grady ..	24 25 20—69

Totals.....126 150 132 408

Totals.....132 140 113 38

3rd—65th Battalion—\$10.

Lieut. J. Carmichael	22 25 30—77
Lieut. J. Bedford	19 29 28—76
Staff-Sergt. B. E. Hanna ..	24 20 29—73
Sergt. J. Myers	20 24 28—72
Staff-Sgt. J. Huntingdon ..	23 26 22—71

Totals.....108 124 137 369

4th—No. 1 Co. 43rd, second team, \$5.

Col.-Sergt. T. C. Boville ..	27 22 27—76
Pte. C. S. Scott	22 25 26—73
Pte. R. Moodie	20 27 24—71
Pte. M. Rolfe	25 23 16—64
Pte. J. H. Ellis	23 24 13—61

Totals.....117 121 107 345

5th—No. 1 Co. 43rd, 3rd team—\$5.

Corp. H. A. Quinney	19 28 23—70
Sergt. P. J. Clarke	23 22 15—60
Pte. L. Perkins	18 16 22—56
Pte. J. Lamb	17 29 10—56
Sergt. R. J. Taylor	8 19 20—47

Totals.....85 114 90 289

The individual prizes in the match were taken as follows:—

\$12 Sergt. W. Short, Guards	90	\$4 Lieut. W. A. Jamieson, 43rd	79
10 Capt. H. H. Gray, Guards	86	3 Trooper F. B. Butler, P.L.D.G. ..	79
8 Pte. J. A. Armstrong, Guards ..	84	3 Lieut. J. Carmichael, 56th	77
7 Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson, 43rd ..	82	3 Pte. N. Morrison, Guards	77
6 Capt. S. M. Rogers, 43rd	82	3 C. McDiarmid	77
6 Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 43rd ..	82	3 Lieut. J. Bedford, 56th	76
5 Sergt.-Major Huton, Prescott Cav ..	82	2 Col.-Sergt. T. C. Boville, 43rd ..	76
5 Pte. Holtby, 43rd	81	2 Staff-Sergt. Hanna, 56th	76
4 R. H. Brown, Dom. Police	80	2 R. N. Slater	75
4 Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd	80	2 Sergt. W. G. Dial, 43rd	73
4 Major A. P. Sherwood, 43rd	79	2 Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd	73

The 400 and 500 yards range of this match was fired in a down-pour of rain, which thoroughly drenched the competitors, and washed away many a promising score. Thus somewhat unhappily ended the first day's experience. Firing was resumed on Saturday afternoon, when at 1.30 the McLeod Stewart match was commenced. The weather was beautifully fine, if the wind was tricky. There were sixty-three competitors, or seven more than last year. The match consisted of seven shots at 200 yards kneeling, at 500 and at 600 yards, with the Snider rifle, and besides the twenty-five liberal cash prizes there was offered, for the highest scorer, the McLeod Stewart cup, a handsome piece of silver presented by McLeod Stewart last year, as Mayor of Ottawa and vice-patron of the Metropolitan Association. To add to the interest attaching to competition for the cup, it is prescribed that it will become a competitor's property only when he has won it on two occasions, not necessarily in consecutive years. Last year, the first time it was offered, the winner was Pte. J. A. Armstrong, of the G. G. F. G., and though he was on Saturday a formidable competitor he lacked eight points of the number requisite to be first, and the possessor of the cup for the current year will be Capt. C. F. Cox, R.L., who led the field with the splendid score of 91. The complete list is as follows:

McLeod Stewart cup and \$15, Capt. C. F. Cox, R.L.	91	\$ 4 Dr. Geo. Hutchison	82
\$12 Corp. D. R. Browne, Guards	88	3 Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 43rd ..	81
10 Major J. Wright, 43rd	88	3 Capt. S. M. Rogers, 43rd	81
8 Col.-Sergt. Jas. Fairbairn, 43rd ..	87	3 Staff-Sergt. A. Pink, 43rd	81
7 Sergt. W. Short, Guards	85	3 Major H. F. Perley, H.Q.S.	80
6 Major A. P. Sherwood, 43rd	84	3 Pte. W. Holtby, 43rd	80
6 Major A. H. Todd, Guards	84	2 S.-Sergt. J. Huntingdon, 56th ..	79
5 Pte. J. H. Ellis, 43rd	84	2 F. W. Smith	79
5 Pte. J. A. Armstrong, Guards ..	83	2 Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd	79
5 Pte. T. McJanet, 43rd	83	2 Col.-Sergt. T. C. Boville, 43rd ..	79
4 Lieut. W. A. Jamieson, 43rd	83	2 Capt. H. H. Gray, Guards	78
4 Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd	83	2 R. H. Brown, Dom. Police	77
		2 Pte. N. Morrison, Guards	76

This match was the last included in the grand aggregate competition, the prizes in which were the "Jubilee cup," a series of handsome medals and badges, and ten cash prizes. The cup was presented by Mayor Stewart in 1887, and like the other presented by him, becomes a competitor's permanent property only when won for the second time. The winner in 1887 was Capt. H. H. Gray, G.G.F.G., and in 1888 Col.-Sergt. James Fairbairn, 43rd Battalion. Capt. Gray was on this occasion not far from repeating his victory, being but seven points under the highest aggregate of the two days' shooting. The possessor of the cup for the current year will be Major Joshua Wright, 43rd Battalion, whose total, 232, is tied by that of Sergt. Wm. Short, G.G.F.G., but in counting off the tie Major Wright wins. The grand aggregate prize list stands thus:

Stewart cup, Governor General's medal and \$3—Major J. Wright, 43rd ..	232	P. Q. R. A. badge and \$3—Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd	228
D. R. A. silver medal and \$3—Sergt. Wm. Short, Guards	232	\$2 Capt. H. H. Gray, Guards	225
D. R. A. bronze medal and \$3—Pte. J. A. Armstrong, Guards	229	2 Major A. P. Sherwood, 43rd	223
O. R. A. silver medal and \$3—Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 43rd	229	2 Pte. W. Holtby, 43rd	222
		2 Lieut. W. A. Jamieson, 43rd	221
		2 Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd	221

Another series of prizes was offered for the highest aggregate of scores in the Nursery, Pattee, and Stewart matches, it being surmised—correctly as the result proved—that the company in the Grand Aggregate