

work. On the way down from the range some of the more ardent spirits purchased a broom and binding a piece of cloth around it inscribed thereon the words "63rd, No. 4." This was carried in triumph to the train, and after reaching the city through Lockman street.

FIFTY-FOURTH BATTALION AND RICHMOND COUNTY.

The Richmond County and 54th Battalion Rifle Association held their 20th annual meeting at the Richmond ranges on Thursday, September 18th. The weather was fine and bright with a strong nine o'clock wind.

1st Match.—Nursery stakes; 200 yards, standing or kneeling; 7 shots; open to members having never won a prize of \$2 or upwards:—

\$ 6.00	Bdsm. B. Whalen.....	26	\$ 1.50	Capt. C. H. Stevens.....	16
5.00	Corp. E. Swallow.....	24	1.00	Lieut. F. Goddard.....	13
4.00	Pte. L. Swallow.....	21	1.00	Sergt. John Walker.....	12
3.00	Pte. W. Andrews.....	20	1.00	Pte. C. Bernard.....	10
2.50	Pte. John S. Lyster.....	17			

2nd Match.—500 and 600 yards, 7 shots:—

\$10	Major L. Thomas.....	28	26	54	\$ 1.50	Pte. J. McKeage.....	24	14	38
8	Sergt. W. Wentworth..	23	27	50	1.50	Pte. C. Bernard.....	20	16	36
6	Bdsm. A. Witty.....	28	18	46	1.00	Pte. J. M. Lyster...	22	14	36
5	Mr. J. T. Thomas.....	28	16	44	1.00	StfSgt. E. A. Cleveland	26	9	35
4	Pte. M. A. Harvey....	20	23	43	1.00	Major E. S. Bernard	14	19	33
3	Mr. H. N. Vicat.....	26	17	43	1.00	Pte. Jno. S. Lyster..	24	8	32
2	Serg. T. Jackson.....	21	19	40	1.00	Stf-Sergt. E. A. Shaw	15	15	30

3rd Match.—200 and 500 yards, 7 shots:—

\$10	Mr. J. T. Thomas.....	28	30	58	\$ 1.50	Maj. E. S. Bernard..	26	22	48
8	Bdsm. B. Whalen.....	28	27	55	1.50	Bdsm. A. Witty.....	25	21	47
6	Lieut. M. H. Healy....	29	25	54	1.00	Pte. M. A. Harvey...	25	22	47
5	Stf-Sgt. E. A. Cleveland	24	29	53	1.00	Sgt. W. Wentworth..	23	22	45
4	Capt. T. L. Brown....	22	29	51	1.00	Lt. J. A. Bothwell..	19	25	44
3	Major L. Thomas.....	30	21	51	1.00	Pte. W. Andrews...	21	23	44
2	Pte. E. M. Leet.....	24	26	50	1.00	Pte. R. F. Woodburn	25	19	44

Aggregate in Matches 2 and 3.—D. C. R. A. Medal and \$5, Major L. Thomas, 105; P. Q. R. A. badge and \$5, Sergt. W. Wentworth, 95; \$3, Bandsman A. Witty, 93; \$2, Pte. M. A. Harvey, 90.

Nursery aggregate, for the highest scores in matches 1, 2 and 3.—\$3, Bandsman B. Whalen, 102; \$2, Pte. L. Swallow, 91; \$1, Pte. W. Andrews, 82.

Team Match.—Open to teams of five non-commissioned officers or men of any company in 54th Battalion or Richmond Field Battery, Staff-Sergeants debarred. Scores in 3rd match to count. No. 4 Company, 54th Batt., won the cup this year, taking it from No. 1 Company, the winners last year, who took it from No. 3 Company, the winners the first year, 1888. Only two teams entered this year:—

NO. 4 COMPANY TEAM.				NO. 1 COMPANY TEAM.			
	200	500	Ttl.		200	500	Ttl.
Bdsm. B. Whalen.....	28	27	55	Pte. E. M. Leet.....	24	26	50
Bdsm. A. Witty.....	25	22	47	Pte. M. A. Harvey....	25	22	47
Pte. W. Andrews.....	21	23	44	Sergt. W. Wentworth..	23	22	45
Pte. L. Swallow....	24	16	40	Pte. Jas. McKeage.....	19	21	40
Corp. E. Swallow.....	18	16	34	Pte. C. Bernard.....	13	16	29
Totals.....	116	104	220	Totals.....	104	107	211

THE TWENTY-FIRST ESSEX FUSILIERS.

The 21st annual rifle matches of No. 2 Company, 21st Essex Fusiliers, took place on Friday 12th inst., and passed off with the marked success characteristic of Capt. Ley's skilful management. The day was not good, it being cloudy and dark with a drizzling rain some of the time, making it very difficult for good shooting at the long ranges, although some very good scores were made. The matches were fired at 200, 400 and 500 yards, five shots at each range. For the aggregate at the three ranges there were twenty-five prizes offered, the chief of which were thus taken:—Capt. Ley, 56; Pte. J. Henry (O.R.A. Medal), 52; Pte. J. Bradford, 52; Pte. J. Hope, 47; Pte. T. Dresser, 47; Lieut. Alderton, 46. Seven prizes were offered for the highest scores at each of three ranges, and they were thus taken: 200 yards—Capt. Ley, 20; Pte. Nesbitt, 18; Pte. Hope, 17; Lieut. Alderton, 16; Pte. Cascadden, 15; Pte. Dresser, 15; Corp. Howey, 15. 400 yards—Pte. Bradford, 24; Lieut. Alderton, 24; Capt. Ley, 23; Pte. J. Henry, 21; Pte. Hope, 19; Sergt. Hutchinson, 18; Pte. Cascadden, 17. 500 yards—Pte. J. Henry, 18; Pte. Bradford, 16; Pte. C. Noble, 15; Pte. Skerritt, 13; Capt. Ley, 13; Sergt. Hutchinson, 12; Pte. B. West, 12.

The company held their annual banquet in the Luck House. The attendance of citizens was not so large as on some former occasions, but the old-time interest and enthusiasm was as lively as ever. After everyone present had fared sumptuously, it was moved by Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, seconded by Capt. Ley and carried, that Mr. G. F. Cronk occupy the chair during the evening. On taking the chair Mr. Cronk thanked the company for the honour conferred on him in selecting him to preside over this, their 27th annual banquet. He had always made it a point to be present on these occasions and had always enjoyed them. After an

eloquent and entertaining address on the boundless resources of our country, the chairman proposed the toast of the "Governor General and the Dominion of Canada," which was responded to by Mr. J. E. Johnson. Mr. J. McR. Selkirk did full justice to "The Ladies" and "Mine Host and Hostess," and J. F. McKay replied to "The Press"; "but the speech of the evening," says the local paper, "was that delivered by our eloquent and popular Colonel in reply to the toast of the 'Army and Navy.' Colonel Wilkinson fairly surpassed himself on this occasion, delivering one of the most loyal and stirring addresses we have ever had the pleasure of listening to. Short addresses were also made by Aldermen Foster and McDonald. At the conclusion of this part of the programme Mr. J. E. Johnson was called upon to present the prizes to the successful shooters, after which the assembly sang God Save the Queen and dispersed.

The Creedmoor Meeting.

The eighteenth annual fall meeting of the U. S. National Rifle Association at Creedmoor Range, September 9 to 13, inclusive, while a very successful meeting, did not attract a large number of riflemen for a national gathering. The weather, although not as bad as last year, was quite stormy on several days, and a number of the more important matches were shot in a heavy rainstorm. Capt. J. S. Shepherd, 23rd Regiment, and secretary of the N. R. A., was executive officer, and Gen. C. F. Robbins, Genl. I. R. P., was statistical officer. It was a most harmonious meeting, and there was not a single protest throughout, and the extra accommodations provided for some of the shooters and the arrangements generally were greatly appreciated. On the first day the conditions of wind and light were perfect, and many big scores were run up by the 150 competitors present.

Directors' Match. 5 shots, 200 yards, standing: won by Major George Shorkley, U. S. A.; 23 points out of a possible 25.

Judd Match.—200 yards, standing, 7 rounds; 26 prizes. The aggregate of two scores to count for the first five prizes. The winners of the first five prizes, with aggregate scores in order of merit, were A. Dietrich, 67; C. B. Pratt, 66; J. F. Klem, 65; T. J. Dolan, 65; H. Holges, 64. The 26th prize (for one score) was taken with 30 points.

Wimbledon Cup Match.—Distance, 1,000 yards; 30 shots; any rifle within the rules; position, any without artificial rest. Won by Major C. H. Gaus, I. R. P., 3rd Brigade, N.Y.; score 141 out of a possible 150 points, using Remington-Hepburn sporting rifle. He had 19 consecutive bulls eyes, from the 6th to 24th shot. Major Gaus was the winner of the cup in 1889 also.

Wednesday, 10th September.—A cloudy sky and heavy wind were the atmospherical conditions of this day. The light was excellent; better than if the sun had been shining, but the wind blew across the range from right to left in fitful gusts, so that good marksmanship was out of the question. The principal event was the long-range military match, 15 shots at 800 and 900 yards respectively. Sergt. Frank Stuart, of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, one of the best all-round marksmen in the national guard of the State, and who shot in the 1883 American team at Wimbledon, took first with 61 at 800 and 62 at 900 yards. Among the six prize winners was the Pennsylvania crack, J. J. Mountjoy, the only man who used a Springfield instead of the usual military special rifle.

Thursday, 11th September.—This was another wet and miserable day. In the President's match, Major C. H. Gaus won the mid-range championship of America, scoring 65 in the first stage—200 and 500 yards, 7 shots; and 41 in the second stage—600 yards, 10 shots. The championship is awarded for the aggregate of the two stages. Major Gaus used the Remington .50 calibre, and received two points allowance in his score of 106. J. M. Stewart, of Washington, made 105 with the Springfield.

The inter-State long range match, which the Association has been trying to resurrect, did not take place, no entries having been received. It used to be one of the most interesting features of the annual meeting.

Friday, 12th September, was National Guard day. Wind and light were again of the worst description. The first completed was the New York State National Guard Match: Teams of 12 men; 200 and 500 yards; standing at 200; prone at 500 yards; 5 shots at each distance; Remington, .50 cal. This match was won by the team of the 23rd Regiment on an aggregate of 487 points out of a possible 600, beating the team of the 7th by 6 points.

First Brigade N. Y. National Guard Match.—Teams of 12 men each; Remington rifle, .50 calibre; distances, 200 and 500 yards; 5 shots at each; standing at 200 yards, at 500 prone; won by the 7th Regiment team with 507 points out of a possible 600, being 58 points ahead of their nearest competitor.

Second Brigade N. Y. National Guard Match.—Same conditions as that of the 1st Brigade; won by the 23rd Regiment on 486 points out of a possible 600.