

has been shooting with military rifles since 1882, when he joined the St. John Rifle Company, but previous to that time had achieved a great local reputation as a gallery shot, his feats of skill being still remembered by the habitués of Hunter's gallery in St. John. In his first year on the range, Pte. Burns won the gold championship badge of the St. John Rifles; and won several prizes at the provincial meeting. In 1883 he was again to the fore, and won the second aggregate in the provincial association series for those having never won a first prize. For upwards of twenty practices over Queen's ranges he averaged 86 points. Attending at the Dominion meeting, he just missed a place in the list of those entitled to shoot for Wimbledon. All the shooting noted above was with the Snider. In succeeding years Pte. Burns kept up his record, and in 1885, and every subsequent year, he won a place on the team of ten the New Brunswick Association annually sends to represent the province at Ottawa. In 1887 he won twenty-second place in the Grand Aggregate at the Dominion meeting, but did badly in the Governor-General's match, making only 21 points at the 200 yards range in consequence of a mishap to his rifle. In 1888 he had better fortune, for being twenty-third in the aggregate he raised himself in the Governor-General's match to the seventeenth place on the team.

In January 1889 Mr. Burns removed from St. John to Montreal, the grate and mantel business with which he was connected being transferred thither. He joined the Victoria Rifles, and this year has been one of their foremost shots, amongst other achievements winning the grand aggregate at their matches and the gold medal offered for the highest score in the Vics' competition with the 43rd Battalion. At the Dominion meeting he was very successful all through. In the Snider aggregate he took 28th place; the two Martini matches following raised him to 10th in the grand aggregate, and the splendid score of 95 which placed him first in the Governor-General's match, raised him to fourth place on the Wimbledon list, he being one point only behind the first. It is interesting to note that this fine Martini scoring with which Pte. Burns wound up the week's shooting was made with a Field rifle purchased from the agent, Mr. R. McVittie, on the range the second day of the meeting. It is a matter for regret that a shot so steady and brilliant as Pte. Burns has shown himself to be was compelled from business reasons to decline his place on the Wimbledon team of 1889; and equally regrettable that there is small probability of his accepting for 1890; for if a Canadian is ever to have the honour of carrying off the Queen's prize, we must send to compete for it, as often as possible, marksmen possessing, as he does, the combined qualities of good judgment, skill and confidence.

A Wimbledon Inspiration.

Hurrah for our riflemen—men of the land!
 Who have sprung with a brave-hearted yearning;
 Not willing or eager to kindle war's brand,
 But to guard what that brand might set burning.
 They have limbs for a march; they have fronts for a blow;
 Show them laurels and see how they'll win them;
 They have hands for a trigger and eyes for a foe,
 That will prove that the true Briton's in them.

Then here's to the Grey, and the Green and the Blue!
 Never heed in what colour you find them,
 But be sure they'll be dyed a blood-red, through and through,
 Ere the chain of a despot shall bind them.

Let them come from the plough and the loom and the forge,
 Let their bugles ring louder and louder,
 Let the dark city street and the deep forest gorge
 Prove that labour makes valour the prouder.
 Let them dwell in sweet peace, till a moment may come
 When the shots of an enemy rattle,
 And the spirits that cling the most fondly to home
 Will be first to rush forth in the battle.

Then here's to the Grey, and the Green and the Blue,
 Never heed in what colour you find them,
 But be sure they'll be dyed a blood-red through and through
 Ere the chain of a despot shall bind them.

—Eliza Cook.

Regimental and Other News.

There has been quite a flutter of excitement in society circles for some time past concerning the nuptials of a popular young couple belonging to the city, although their wedding, which occurred this afternoon at All Saints' Church, was of a semi-private character. The happy man is Lieut. Wm. O. Tidswell, (of the 13th Battalion), son of Mr. Wm. Tidswell of Tynemouth, Northumberland, England, and the popular young bride Miss Kate Ethel Young, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John B. Young. The wedding party reached the church shortly after 3 o'clock, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large assemblage of guests. Rev. Rural Dean Forneret officiated. The bride was attended by her sister Miss Mabel Young, and Miss Katie Kennedy. Lieut. Tidswell was supported by Dr. Osborne.—*Hamilton Times*, 19th ult.

ANNUAL SPORTS B BATTERY, R.C.A.

These took place at the R. E. Park, Levis, on the 30th September last, and proved thoroughly enjoyable. The day was all that could be desired, and under the able superintendence of Major J. F. Wilson, assisted by the Adjutant, Capt. Rutherford, everything went off successfully. The band of the Battery was present, and as usual rendered some good and choice music. A sumptuous feast was provided for the occasion, to which about noon all adjourned. Refreshments of all kinds were to be had *ad libitum* throughout the day. All returned to the old fortress shortly after 6 p.m., without a mishap having occurred to mar the pleasure of the day. These were the events and the prize winners:

100 yards dash, 6 entries—Gr. McCarthy, 1st; Gr. T. Pugh, 2nd; Gr. W. Pugh, 3rd.
 100 yards trumpeters race, 5 entries—Tr. Lyndon, 1st; Tr. Jordan, 2nd; Tr. Adair, 3rd.
 Quarter-mile race, 10 entries—Gr. McCarthy, 1st; Gr. W. Pugh, 2nd; Gr. Cleveland, 3rd.
 100 yards boys' race—Robert, 1st; Jordan, 2nd; Lyndon, 3rd.
 Girls' race—L. Vezina, 1st; A. Vezina, 2nd; B. Pugh, 3rd.
 100 yards 3 legged race—T. Pugh and W. Pugh, 1st; McCarthy and Clements, 2nd; Lake and Tearney, 3rd.
 Throwing hammer, 13 entries—Br. D'Amour, 1st, 78 feet 6 inches; Tr. Aitken, R.S.C., 2nd, 64 feet.
 Putting shot, 24 pr., 6 entries—Br. Belcher, 1st, 36 feet 8 inches; Gr. Conway, 2nd.
 Hop step and jump, 4 entries—Gr. Buteau, 1st, 37 feet; Gr. McCarthy, 2nd; Br. Clements, 3rd.
 Long jump, 4 entries—Gr. McCarthy, 1st, 17 feet 10 inches; Gr. Bateau, 2nd; Gr. W. Pugh, 3rd.
 Obstacle race, ¼ mile, 16 entries—Gr. W. Pugh, 1st; Gr. Cleveland, 2nd; Gr. T. Pugh, 3rd.

A CO. INFANTRY SCHOOL CORPS.

Lieut. General Sir Fred Middleton, commanding the Canadian Militia, arrived at Fredericton, N. B. on Thursday afternoon, 3rd inst., to inspect the Infantry School Corps. The General was accompanied by his A.D.C., Capt. Wise, of the "Cameronians," and was the guest of Col. and Mrs. Maunsell during his stay at Fredericton.

At 10 o'clock Friday forenoon, Sir Frederick, accompanied by his A.D.C., proceeded to the Stone Barracks, on the parade ground of which the School Corps was paraded in line at open order. The General was received with a "General Salute," after which he inspected the corps. The ranks were then closed, and Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., gave the command "Quarter Column by the right on No. 1." After column had been formed, the corps was marched past in column, then in quarter column, and finally at the double. "Line to the left on the rear company" was then formed, and Major Gordon, by command, put the corps through the manual and firing exercises. Capt. and Adjutant Hemming was then called to the front by the General, and put the corps through the bayonet exercise, first by word of command, then "judging the time." In other words, the men went through this exercise without any commands, working simultaneously, as in the first instance, but silently. Major Gordon was then ordered to put the corps through some battalion movements; after which Capt. Drolet was called out, and several sections of battalion drill were selected by the General for him to manœuvre the corps in, all of which, as was also the case with the Major were executed with faultless precision. After this, line was formed, bayonets were fixed, and the line advanced in "review order." The men were then dismissed to their barracks to take off packs and accoutrements, and fell in again in a few minutes afterwards, and were put through the new physical exercises by Capt. Hemming. The precision with which the corps performed these beautiful movements, to the accompaniment of the band, must have won the admiration of the General, as it most certainly did of the large crowd of spectators.

The corps was then formed into three sides of a square, and General Middleton presented the prizes for target practice and judging distance, and concluded by addressing the corps in one of his customary practical, common-sense, soldierly talks. He encouraged the men by