

RIFLE COMPETITION.

St. John County Rifle Association.

SPLENDID WEATHER—FORTY COMPETITORS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Yesterday this Association held its annual competition at the Drury range. The Council must be congratulated in the selection of its day. Everything appeared in perfect readiness at the appointed hour for the days contest, the targets looking very distinct. The secretary's office appeared more comfortable than on any previous occasion; his arrangements were perfect in every sense of the word. After the firing tickets were given out, the squad commanders took their positions, and at about 9 a. m., the first shot was fired. Some fine shooting was made in the first range of the first match, some of the marksmen making 23 pts. out of a possible 25; but on retiring to the 600 yards range, many good intended shots went to the bad. Lieut. Earle, 62nd Batt., shot well in this match, and was afterwards declared the winner, with a score of 40 points. The following are the winners and their scores in the

FIRST MATCH.

Corporation Silver Challenge Cup and \$50 added. Ranges 400 and 600 yards—5 shots at each range.

1st Prize.....	Ch. llenge Cup and \$8
2nd ".....	7
3rd ".....	6
4th ".....	5
2 Prizes of \$4 each.....	8
2 " 3 each.....	6
4 " 2 each.....	8
2 " 1 each.....	2

Lieut Earle, 62nd Batt.....	Pts. 40
Sapper Jones, NBE.....	39
Capt G F Ring, RM.....	35
Pte Dover, 62nd Batt.....	35
Pte K Shives, 62nd Batt.....	35
Sapper O'Shaughnessy, NBE.....	34
Corp G F Thompson, NBE.....	34
Sergt D Carmichael, NBE.....	34
Lieut W Drury, No. 1 Batt.....	33
Corp D Hanselpecker, NBE.....	33
J L Carmichael.....	33
Lieut J Hunter, NBE.....	32
Capt H H McLean, 62nd Batt.....	32
Bugler Hartt, NBE.....	32

THE SECOND MATCH.

was then proceeded with. At the 500 yards range some good scores were made, but at the 600 yards range the targets were almost invisible, in fact they looked like phantoms in the distance. It gave a good idea of what our marksmen can do if they are called out to fire at an enemy encircled with smoke. Even with the disadvantage named some good shooting was made. No doubt it would help this difficulty if the bushes were cut down at the back or sides of targets so that the wind could carry the smoke off the range. Yesterday it seemed to gather up in that corner of the range were the targets are placed. So as not to lose time in changing the targets the third match was proceeded with. After finishing the third match the 200 yards range of the second match was fired. At this range everything that was desirable for good shooting presented itself, and in a short space of time the bull's eyes had received a severe pelting. The terms of the second match were:

Monthly cup and \$10 added. Ranges 200 500 and 600 yards—7 shots. Entrance fee, 50 cents.

1st Prize.....	Cnp for the month and \$ 7
2nd ".....	6
3rd ".....	5
2 prizes of \$4 each.....	8
3 " 3 each.....	9
5 " 2 each.....	10
5 " 1 each.....	5

Scores are as below:—

Sapper W B Mills, NBE.....	Pts. 77
Gun Darrah, Artillery.....	77
Corp G F Thompson, NBE.....	76
Lieut J Hunter, NBE.....	75
Lieut Andrews.....	75
Pte K Shives, 62nd Batt.....	71
Lieut Earle, 62nd Batt.....	70
Lieut F Hartt, 62nd Batt.....	69
Capt H F Perley, NBE.....	63
Capt G F Ring, RM.....	63
Bugler T Hartt, NBE.....	62
Capt H McLean, 62nd Batt.....	60
Sapper J Black, NBE.....	59
Sapper J March, NBE.....	55
Pte Dover, 42nd Batt.....	55
Quarter Master Wallace, 62nd Batt.....	55
J L Carmichael.....	53
Sapper Jones, NBE.....	53

THIRD MATCH

Provincial Association silver medal and \$50 added. Ranges 400 and 500 yards, five shots at each range. Entrance fee, 25 cents.

1st prize.....	Silver medal and \$8
2nd ".....	6
3rd ".....	5
2 prizes of \$4 each.....	8
3 " 3 each.....	9
4 " 2 each.....	8
6 " 1 each.....	6

Prize winners are as follows:—

Corp G F Thompson, NBE.....	Pts. 42
Lieut J Hunter, NBE.....	41
Gun Darrah, Artillery.....	40
Lieut Andrews.....	39
Pte Dover, 62nd Batt.....	38
Sapper W B Mills, NBE.....	37
Capt H F Perley, NBE.....	35
Lieut Hartt, 62nd Batt.....	35
Pte K Shives, 62nd Batt.....	34
Sapper Black, NBE.....	32
Capt H McLean, 62nd Batt.....	31
Sapper Jones, N. E.....	30
Bugler T Hartt, NBE.....	29
Sapper H Cochran, NBE.....	29
Capt G F Ring, RM.....	28
Lieut Earle, 62nd Batt.....	28
Sapper Fiske, NBE.....	27
—McBrine.....	26

Altogether there are fifty money prizes, two cups, one medal and a badge given by the St. John *Globe*. The New Brunswick Engineers take twenty four cash prizes, one cup, one medal and the badge; the 62nd Battalion takes fifteen cash prizes and one cup; the artillery secures three cash prizes; private individuals five money prizes, and the Reserve Militia (represented by Capt. G. F. Ring only) takes three prizes, all cash. The squad commanders were Lieutenants Drury, Earle and Andrews and Sapper Nicoud. Assistant Surgeon Earle, of the 62nd Battalion, was at the range during the day, but happily there were no casualties.

The president, Captain J. Hull, deserves great credit for his untiring exertions in arranging the preparations on the ground, and what he did tended greatly to the comfort of competitors and was fully appreciated by all those who participated in the competition.

Below we give the official list of the ten highest aggregate scores:

Corp Thompson, NBE.....	Pts. 152
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Lieut Hunter, NBE.....	148
Gun Darrah, No 3 Batt.....	146
Pte Shives, 62nd Batt.....	140
Lieut Andrews.....	139
Lieut Earle, 62nd Batt.....	138
Lieut Hartt, 62nd Batt.....	134
Sapper W B Mills.....	132
Capt Perley, NBE.....	123
Pte Dover, 62nd Batt.....	128

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Lennox and Addington Rifle Association Matches.

The third annual meeting of the above association was held at the ranges on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of week before last, and although the weather was somewhat unfavorable during a part of the time, and the various contests passed off harmoniously and successfully under the efficient management of Lieut. Colonel Fairfield, Dr. Ross and the other officers. A great deal of interest was manifested in the result by townspeople who frequented the ranges in large numbers during the entire time. No accident occurred excepting one to Lieut. Col. Fairfield, whose face was somewhat bruised by the breech block of his rifle, which was blown out, and struck him on the cheek. R. McDonald, Esq., was so fortunate as to become possessor of the "DAILY Silver Water Set," having won it two years in succession. The multiplicity of duties devolving upon Dr. Ross had the effect of diminishing his usual precision and the "Smith Silver Cup" passed from his hands to the possession of Capt. Hooper, N.B.G.G. W. H. Hooper, Esq., won the "Cartwright medal," which was first offered this year. We are indebted to Dr. Ross for the following score which he kindly took the trouble to revise before transmitting it to us, but which was unavoidably held over last week owing to the late hour at which it came to hand.

NO. 1 MATCH—ALL COMERS.

Range, 200, 400 and 600 yards, 5 rounds each range, highest possible score—75 pts.

R McDonald.....	Pts. 58
Sergt Miller, 47th.....	53
Capt Hooper, NBGA.....	48
Master Gunner Craggan, A Battery.....	48
Lt R Cox, 48th.....	45
Capt Strachan, 47th.....	45
Sergt Major Strachan, 47th.....	44
Sergt F B Able, 47th.....	44
Sargeant Ross, 48th.....	42

NO. 2, ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Range, 300 and 500 yards, 5 rounds each range, highest possible score, 50 points.

Dr Rutt n.....	Pts. 39
R McDonald.....	39
Pte J Loyst, 48th.....	36
Capt Strachan, 47th.....	36
Sergt G Loyst, 48th.....	35
Lt Col Fairfield, 48th.....	34
Color Sergt Miller, 47th.....	33
Pte A Davison, 48th.....	32
Master Gun Craggan, A Battery.....	32
10th F Chinnick.....	31

NO 3, COUNTY MATCH.

Range, 200, 400 and 600 yards, 7 rounds each range, highest possible score 105 pts.

W H Hooper.....	Pts. 75
Capt Hooper, NBGA.....	70
Capt F Booth, 68th.....	70
Pte A Davison, 48th.....	65
R McDonald.....	65
Pte J Loyst, 48th.....	64
F Chinnick.....	63