

of showing that the appropriation of rebel property was not regarded at the time as an improper act, has been seized upon by the press hostile to the Government and interpreted as a charge that the Ministers desired to share in his spoil; his recommendations for honours and rewards to a number of militia officers have been dissected, and all sorts of sinister reasons brought forward to account for the non-appearance of certain names on his honour list, and the refusal of the Government to make any invidious distinction between the officers by accepting the General's advice in this connection. How worldly wise the Government were has been demonstrated by the appearance of an "open letter" from no less a person than a Deputy-Adjutant General, who scorns the reward solicited for him as altogether incommensurate with the value of his services—declares it, indeed, "a gross insult" which would have been resented in some manner not now feasible if General Middleton had not escaped before the report was made public. In fact, the farewell letter has created quite a ferment; the Opposition press giving ample indication of their party's intention to "make the fur fly" at next session of Parliament and the Government organs dividing their attention between strengthening the administration's defence and abusing General Middleton for being even the innocent cause of making any defence necessary. The people are being rapidly divided into two hostile camps with the interpretations put upon his letter as an issue, and from the first feeling of sympathy with him the contending parties will no doubt eventually turn to join in an attack upon the author.

### The Rifle.

The Toronto Rifle Association, whose matches took place the day after the Ontario Provincial matches finished, had this year a programme of more than usual interest, and as they extended a cordial invitation to all riflemen quite a number of the visitors to the Provincial gathering took part in the Toronto Association's open matches. In the first match, at 200 (standing), 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, with the Snider, the chief of the twenty-five prizes offered were thus taken:—\$20, T. Mitchell, 82; \$15, R. M. Dennistoun, 80; \$12, W. G. Fowler, 80. In the next match, 7 shots at 200 yards standing, and 7 at 400, W. S. Duncan headed the list with 62 points, and T. Mitchell, A. Bell, W. G. Fowler, F. Kennedy and G. Thompson had 60 each. The medals were given for the aggregate scores in the above two matches: T. Mitchell won the Orchard gold medal with 142 points; W. G. Fowler the D. R. A. silver medal, 142, and R. McVittie the O. R. A. silver medal, 135. A novel feature of the programme was the "Jennings time match," fired at 200 yards, and one minute being allowed each competitor, to fire as many shots as he could. J. Wapyer won the first prize, making eleven hits, value 42 points, a remarkable performance for the antiquated and too-much despised Snider.

The Harston Rifle Association, in connection with E Company of the Grenadiers, held their annual prize meeting on the Toronto range on the 30th ult., in a gale of wind which prevented high scoring. The prize lists forwarded contain no particulars as to the conditions of shooting, distances, etc., and therefore cannot be published. The affiliation medals were offered as prizes in the aggregate, and were thus won: D.R.A. silver, Sergt. Brooks; O.R.A. silver, Pte. Irving; D.R.A. bronze, Pte. Sutherland.

At the annual meeting of F Company, 90th Battalion, on the 21st ult., the Watson trophy, fired for annually by teams of eight representing those who served with the company in 1885 and those who joined since that date, was won by the new-comers' team, captained by Lieut. F. H. Allardyce. Each member of the winning team receives a medal. The ranges were 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots, and the team scores were 577 and 525.

On Saturday last the Ottawa Rifle Club resumed their weekly spoon competitions after a long vacation. The shoot was with Martinis, at Queen's ranges, and there was a gale of right wind. The winners were: 1st class, Lt.-Col. Anderson, 88, dessert spoon; J. A. Armstrong, 86, tea spoon; 2nd class, R. Moodie, 86; 3rd class, H. Platt, 77.

#### PRINCE OF WALES RIFLES.

The annual prize meeting of the Prince of Wales regimental rifle association was held on the 6th inst. on the Cote St. Luc ranges. There was a good attendance, including these officers of the Association:—Lieut.-Col. Bond, Lieut.-Col. Butler, Captains Bradshaw, Bartlett, Howell and Lefebvre. The chief scores were:—

Maiden match, 300 yards, 7 shots, standing or kneeling—Pte. Donaldson 28, Pte. Paquette, Pte. Milloy, Sgt. Ward and Pte. Humphrey 18 each.

Battalion match, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots—Pte. Madden, with 79 points, won the Colonel's cup and \$10, Staff-Sergt. Ross, 75, \$8, and Sergt. Bangs, 67, \$5.

Citizens' match, 200 and 400 yards, 5 shots—Sergt.-Major Ferguson won the Chaplain's gold medal and \$5 with 42 points. Staff-Sergt. Ross, with 41, was second. A match for company teams of five was shot concurrently with this, and resulted in a victory for E Company, who scored 147 points and won the W. S. Walker challenge cup.

An attack drill match was next on the programme, with these conditions "Open to all N.C.O. and men of the regiment. To be competed for by sections of four, men of any section to belong to the same company. Any position. Sections will, at each of the 500, 400 and 200 yard ranges, fire five volleys by word of command while the flags are down, and on the raising of the flags the sections will advance to the next range. From the 200 yards range they will advance 50 yds. and halting, fire five rounds independently. Targets will be examined and score taken at each range. Points will be allowed for correctness of volley firing, as well as score of hits." Four sections competed, and that from E company, with 256 points, won the prize of \$10.

In the open match, the first team prize, \$15, was taken by the 6th Fusiliers, with 261 points; 2nd \$10, Montreal Garrison Artillery, 257; 3rd, \$5, Montreal Rifle Association, 242. Seven teams competed. The individual prizes were thus taken:—

\$10 Sergt. J. Riddle, 6th Fusiliers... 60	\$2 Stf.-Sgt. Wilson, Vict. Rifles.... 5 <sup>2</sup>
8 Sergt. J. Waters, 6th Fusiliers... 59	2 Bomb. Cooke, M.G.A. .... 5 <sup>2</sup>
6 Capt. Patterson, 85th Batt.... 57	1 Corp. Armstrong, 6th Fusiliers.... 5 <sup>1</sup>
5 Pte. McCowan, 5th Royal Scots. 56	1 Sgt. Drysdale, M.G.A. .... 51
4 Major Thomas, 54th Batt.... 56	1 Stf.-Sgt. Wynne, 5th Royal Scots. 51
2 Gr. Sharpe, M.G.A. .... 54	1 Pte. Miller, Vic. Rifles..... 50
2 Bomb. C. Gardiner, M.G.A. .... 53	1 Brig.-Sgt.-Major Dowker, M.G.A. 50
2 Stf.-Sgt. Cooper, M.G.A. .... 53	

#### THE GRAND TRUNK RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The open match of this association, postponed from the 23rd August on account of rain, was fired on Saturday last, in changeable wind and light which resulted in low scoring. The firing was at 500 and 600 yards, seven shots, with Snider. The four prizes for association teams of five members each were thus taken: Grand Trunk Association, 241, \$15; Montreal Garrison Artillery, 228, \$10; 5th Royal Scots, 225, \$5; Victoria Rifles, 224, \$2.50. The individual prize list was as follows:—

\$10 Col.-Sgt. Marks, 6th..... 56	\$3 Col.-Sgt. R. Allan, 5th ..... 45
8 Sgt. Lavers, 6th..... 53	3 Pte. McMartin, 3rd Vics..... 45
6 Bmbr. Gardiner, M.G.A. .... 53	2 Sgt. Ward, 6th ..... 45
6 Sgt. Waters, 6th ..... 53	2 Corp. Binnmore, 3rd Vics..... 45
5 Stf.-Sgt. Wynne, 5th ..... 52	2 Sgt. Riddle, 6th..... 45
5 Pte. Kough, Vics..... 52	2 Sgt. E. Pratt, 6th ..... 44
5 Pte. J. Scott, 6th..... 52	2 Pipe-Sgt. Clarke, 5th..... 44
5 Stf.-Sgt. McAdam, Vics..... 52	2 Corp. McCrae, 3rd Vics..... 44
4 Pte. D. Smith, 5th ..... 52	2 Sgt. J. Currie, 5th..... 44
4 Sgt. Bell, M.G.A. .... 51	1 T. Dalrymple, G.T.R. .... 43
4 Capt. Busted, 3rd Vics..... 49	1 Sgt. Dowker, M.G.A. .... 43
4 Pte. T. Gardner, 5th ..... 48	1 Pte. Miller, 3rd Vics..... 43
4 Pte. F. Green, 6th ..... 48	1 Capt. Chambers, 6th..... 42
3 Pte. T. Scott, 6th ..... 47	1 Sgt. Drysdale, M.G.A. .... 42
3 Gr. Geo. Cooke, M.G.A. .... 47	1 J. Pitt, G.T.R. .... 39
3 Capt. Ibbotson, 6th..... 46	1 Lieut. Pope, 3rd Vics..... 39
3 J. Walton, G.T.R. .... 46	1 Pnr. Pratt, 6th..... 38

### Regimental and Other News.

Prince George of Wales has been right royally received at Montreal and Quebec, brilliant entertainments being organized at both places in his honour.

Lieut. McMahon, A.D.C. to the Governor-General, having resigned on account of his father's illness, will be succeeded by Hon. W. Walsh, Grenadier Guards, second son of Lord Ormswithe.

The band of the Governor-General's Foot Guards on Monday evening presented to Bandmaster Carter a handsome gold Albert chain and locket, suitably inscribed. The band has made great progress since Mr Carter took the leadership last year.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* has the following: "Major F. Waldron, R.A., succeeds Lieut. Col. E. Gunter as Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General at Halifax, N.S. Major Waldron joined the army April 29, 1873, and became Captain October 1, 1882. He passed from the Staff College in December, 1887."

The venerable Grand Master of the Knights Templar, Colonel William James Bury McLeod Moore, of Prescott, passed away suddenly on Monday, 1st September, in his 82nd year, paralysis of the heart being ascribed as the cause. The deceased came to Canada in 1852, and was subsequently appointed by Lord Elgin, then Governor-General, to the command of the active militia at Ottawa. He was a graduate of Sandhurst Military College, and for 20 years served as an officer in the 69th regiment and saw service in many lands. He became connected