

THE RIFLE.

The annual matches of the Stadacona Rifle Association will be held at Levis, Q., on the 6th and 7th August. The attractive programme prepared offers \$575 in cash prizes. It is hoped that a number of riflemen outside of those of Quebec City will attend, and all who do so may be sure of a hospitable welcome from the members of the Stadacona

THE 86TH BATTALION'S ANNUAL MATCHES.

The annual rifle matches of the 86th Battalion of Infantry of Yamachiche took place at Maskinongé on the 15th and 16th July. There were six regular matches. Heavy wind lowered the scores, which were as follows for the prize winners :

1st match (open to all members who had not taken a prize at any former meeting), 200 and 400 yards, 5 shots at each distance— Pte. Eug. Poitvin, 41; Capt. Eug. Godin, 36 ; Lieut. Daveluy, 31; Pte. J. A. Heroux, 30.

2nd match, open to all members, 200, 400 and 600 yards. 5 shots at each distance— Pte. E. Poitvin, 73; Lt.-Col. Dufresne, 73; Pte. E. Villemere, 71; Capt. E. Godin, 60 ; Maj. M. P. Sylvestre, 60 ; Maj. H. Dixon, 59.

Ladies' match, 400 and 600 yards, 5 shots— Pte. Ed. Villemere, 46 ; Lt.-Col. Dufresne, 44.

4th match, 200, 400 and 600 yards, 5 shots, Lt.-Col. Comte D'Orsonnens' cup— Won by Lt.-Col. Dufresne.

5th match, 200 and 400 yards, 5 shots, Ant. Paré's cup— Won by Lt.-Col. Dufresne.

6th match, 200 and 400 yards, 5 shots, open to members who had not taken a prize in the present meeting— Pte. A. Paré, 36 ; Jos. Marchand, 31.

In the Grand Aggregate Major Dixon's cup was won by Lt.-Col. Dufresne.

NORTH-WEST RIFLE LEAGUE.

The fifth competition of the League matches took place on the 11th inst., when some very good shooting was done. The Mounted Police at Prince Albert put on a total of 417, the team at Portage La Prairie 416 and the Battleford contingent 410, the rest of the teams figuring very well. The totals to the 11th inst., as furnished by Mr. K. Graburn, Secretary, are as follows :

1. Portage La Prairie.....	1,766
2. Edmonton Association.....	1,751
3. Saskatchewan Association, Prince Albert.....	1,715
4. Mounted Police, Prince Albert.....	1,705
5. Regina Association.....	1,634
6. Winnipeg R.R. Co.....	1,632
7. Brandon Association.....	1,552
8. Moosomin ".....	1,482
9. Battleford " (4).....	1,403
10. Manitoba R. " (4).....	1,390
11. Calgary " (2).....	648
12. "F" Co. 90th Batt. (2).....	624

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

THE CARSLAKE TROPHY.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—I notice in your last issue a letter signed "Toronto" commenting on the action of the P.Q.R.A. for having raised the number of the team from "ten" men to "fifteen" in the shooting for the above prize.

I may state that this change was made without consulting the donor, who, when he heard of it, expressed his disapproval of such a change, saying that he thought it injudicious to increase the number so soon. Mr. Carslake's stipulation when he presented the trophy to the P.Q.R.A. was, that teams should not consist of less than ten men, and that it should be open to all. Increasing the team to fifteen men means that it will not only prevent many out-

side regiments from participating in the contest, but will also prevent some of the Montreal corps from competing ; and will otherwise lessen the number of individual entries to the meeting.

Hoping others will take up this matter and protest against the change, I am,
Yours, &c.,
MONTREAL.

P.S.—I quite concur with your correspondent about widening the sights of the Snider rifle. The regulation width between the uprights I believe is 26-100, and I see no reason why it could not be increased to 30-100. It is bad enough that we are compelled to shoot with such an out-of-date rifle as the Snider, but it is like adding insult to injury to restrict men to a narrow gauge sight.

[Since the above was received, the P.Q.R.A. executive have made the change desired by our correspondent with respect to the Carslake trophy.—EDITOR.]

QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Prize Meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association will be held at the Cote St. Luc Ranges, near Montreal, on

TUESDAY, 11th AUGUST,

and three following days. Entries close on 6th August, and any received after that date will be subject to an extra charge of twenty per cent.

An attractive prize list has been prepared, including the Corporation Cup, the Martin Challenge Shield for Nursery Teams, the Carslake Trophy, and the Houghton Cup, besides medals, badges, prizes in kind and about

\$1,900 IN CASH.

The usual adequate provision of tents and blankets will be made for those desiring to camp on the grounds, and arrangements have been made for a first-class caterer.

For entry forms, programmes, etc., apply to T. C. ELLIOTT, Assistant Secretary, P.O. Box 1367, Montreal.

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25 " " " 50.....	1,250
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200 " " " 7.....	1,400
500 " " " 3.....	1,500

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