

THE CANADIAN TEAM.

SHOOTING AT ALTOAR—THE TEAM AT WIMBLEDON.

ALTOAR RANGES, HIGHTOWN, July 3.

The match between the Liverpool Rifle Brigade, the First administrative Brigade of Cheshire Volunteers, and the Team came off this afternoon. Before commencing it was left to the Canadians to decide what position should be taken at 200 yards, and as it was blowing a gale they selected "any position." Some of the men were of opinion that as in Canada all the shooting at 200 yards was from the shoulder the chances of success would be better if that position were adhered to. Whether the result would have been different it is now impossible to say, but, as far as the Rifle Brigade were concerned, the battle was virtually won and lost there. The result was looked forward to with great interest, as, a few days previously the Brigade had been beaten by the Cheshire. Both sides, but more particularly the Rifles were in splendid form. They have never had so fine a team since the regiment was raised, and they have been practising persistently for months past, in anticipation of this match. Some idea may be formed of the amount of the shooting done, from the fact that 450,000 rounds have been used since the season opened, and although there are fifty five targets at the Range it is a difficult matter to find one disengaged, and more are to be added.

The Canadians were not at their best by any means, only about forty eight hours having elapsed since their arrival, and many of the men who had been well during the journey, felt the effects of the passage after landing. Mason and Hickey had both gone home sick from the range the day previous, and the former had not recovered himself when the match came on. In fact, all were more or less soedy. The result was therefore gratifying, as the Cheshire men were beaten by 49 points, and the Rifles, who obtained their lead at 200, were obliged to fight hard to keep it at 500, and were beaten at 600.

The markers are in mantelets, and when a competitor is so unfortunate as to have to hold on one of these in a wind, his score must necessarily be a fluke. It is impossible to hold a black sight against a black object and aim correctly. In this match there was twelve feet of wind from the right at 600 yards, and those who were on the left targets had to aim at the middle of the mantelet, and trust to the chapter of accidents for the rest. This will in some measure account for the great discrepancies in the scores.

Another match has been arranged to come off at Wimbledon, in which the Canadians are to fire against twenty men picked from all the Liverpool battalions.

The following are the scores of each team in the order of merit:—

LIVERPOOL RIFLE BRIGADE.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	T'l.
Pte Thos Holt.....	31	20	28	79
Colour-Sergt Spown....	22	28	25	75
Pte McCann.....	27	30	13	70
Pte Keogh.....	29	28	13	70
Pte R Wright.....	28	29	11	68
Lt Davison.....	28	23	15	66
Capt Cooper.....	31	23	12	66
Pte Sullivan.....	24	22	19	65
Pte Richardson.....	24	26	15	65
Pte Hooton.....	29	18	14	61
Sergt-Major Moynagh..	28	13	18	59
Sergt Alexander.....	27	17	14	58
Sergt Tarleton.....	24	19	13	56
Pte Cox.....	30	19	7	56
Lt Birch.....	21	18	12	51
Corp'l Crossan.....	29	17	5	51
Pte Ledley.....	26	6	19	51
Colour-Sergt Pattison.	25	13	11	49
Sergt Loyd.....	23	16	10	49
Capt Phillips.....	24	14	6	44

Total 1,209

CANADIANS.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	T'l.
Corp'l Hickie....	29	27	18	74
Pte Mitchell.....	23	22	21	71
Lt Whitman.....	28	20	19	67
Maj'or Gibson.....	23	29	14	66
Capt Yorgan.....	22	29	14	65
Colour-Sergt Baillie..	25	22	16	63
Corp'l Pallen.....	29	22	12	63
Lt McNachton.....	21	21	19	61
Sergt Major Wynne..	26	21	13	60
Corp'l Layton.....	22	27	11	60
Capt Arnold.....	23	18	13	59
Colour-Sergt Omand..	24	22	11	57
Sergt Sutherland.....	22	18	13	53
Sergt Brazeau.....	23	26	4	53
Corp'l Pain.....	24	12	15	51
Capt Church.....	23	11	16	50
Lt Wolfenden.....	28	13	8	49
Capt Macpherson.....	20	14	14	48
Capt Mason.....	23	6	19	48
Pte Disher.....	20	12	11	43

Total 1,161

FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE BRIGADE CHESHIRE

VOLUNTEERS.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	T'l.
Sergt Beazley.....	27	22	19	68
Lieut Hornblower....	30	23	14	67
Corp'l Fergusson....	25	29	11	65
Lt Anderson.....	25	18	20	63
Pte Benn.....	29	23	11	63
Pte G Williamson....	29	19	15	63
Sergt Ellidge.....	26	22	11	61
Pte McGivering.....	28	16	16	60
Capt Wright.....	23	23	12	58
Lt Glen.....	25	25	7	57
Pte Thompson.....	25	21	11	57
Capt Cunningham....	26	19	11	56
Pte Preston.....	28	11	13	52
Pte Hasswell.....	27	14	11	52
Pte Davidson.....	29	15	7	51
Pte Duncalf.....	23	10	16	49
Pte Getley.....	25	13	10	48
Sergt Williams.....	20	19	6	45
Pte Wattleworth....	25	9	7	41
Corp'l Pink.....	22	12	5	39

Total 1,115

In the evening Mr. Thomas invited the Canadians into the parlour to have a "bit of harmony." His daughter sang some English songs in a very sweet voice, and a few

neighbours asked in for the occasion, assisted by some of the team, sang song after song until midnight.

SATURDAY, July 4th.

This morning at 8.35, a start was made for Wimbledon. At Liverpool, they were met by Mr. Haigh, Dominion Emigration Agent, who has been most kind since their arrival in England. On landing he met them at the pier, accompanied them to Altoar, visited them daily, supplied newspapers, and in every way exerted himself to make their stay as pleasant as possible. All feel deeply indebted to him for his kindness.

At Putney, Col. Gilmor met the men and all drove up in a large van to the Camping Ground. It is situated very near, but not quite on the same ground as last year. The tents occupy three sides of a square. On the right and left of the entrance are the marquees of the Colonel and Major, then come on either side the tents of the men, Commissionnaires, Orderly, &c. The grand marquee faces the entrance. It is 50 x 25, and is beautifully fitted up as a drawing-room and reception room for Col. Gzowski. In rear is his bedroom, and in rear again, and facing towards the other entrance is the reception-room of the team. The Dominion flag floats over the camp on its tall staff, and each marquee and tent is surmounted by a small flag. Beds of rare and beautiful flowers are planted in every direction, and thanks to the taste and generous expenditure of Col. Gzowski, the Canadian camp stands unrivalled.

Col. Gilmor having preceded the team to the camp, every arrangement was made for the comfort of the men. Each tent holds two and is furnished with an iron bedstead, straw mattress and pillow, two blankets, waterproof sheet for each man, with washstand, bath, looking glass, &c., in common. Two Commissionnaires are provided to look after the tents, bring water, blacken boots, sweep the camp, &c. The men have nothing to do but attend to their shooting, and if their record for this year is not a high one, it will not be for want of careful looking after on the part of their officers. All are in good spirits and good health and anxiously look forward for the commencement of the matches.

THE CAMP, WIMBLEDON, S. W., }
Monday, July 6. }

At 10 15 this morning the "Alfred" prize was shot for. One hundred and forty three prizes were given, of an aggregate value of £450. The terms of the competition were: "Seven rounds at 200 yards, with the three groove long Snider, bona fide Government pattern, and bearing the Government viewer's mark, and no ammunition allowed except that issued at the firing point. Position, standing." None of the team were fortunate enough to get in; 27 was the lowest score that took a prize. Gibson and O'rouh got 26 each, and Disher, Baillie, Pallen, and Layton 25 each.

The new targets worked very slowly and there was some grumbling among those who favoured the old system of iron targets. For my part, I highly approve of the change. It is very simple and easy, and almost impossible for mistakes to occur. The targets are arranged in sections of ten. Underneath and in front are open sunken butts, with a wooden box to the rear for the marker. The real and the dummy targets are arranged on a frame in such a manner that as one comes up the other goes down. Immediately after a shot is fired the marker hangs a large disc on the network with