

CORRESPONDENCE.

GALLUS TUUS EGO ET IGNIS VIA.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—The 15th Battalion A. L. I. Rifle Association at their matches, held September 25th, were, I think, the first to act on the suggestion to abolish sighting shots dropped by the Dominion Association. The results probably were more satisfactory to the successful than to the unsuccessful competitors; but all admit that much time was saved, less experimental and more careful shooting was done, and no appreciable revenue was lost. I would respectfully submit to the Department that the dispensing of the annual allowance of ammunition be delegated to the Rifle Associations of the different Battalions, and there would then be more systematic firing. The expense of ammunition militates against general or continuous practice; and as long as ball cartridge costs more than one cent per round, crack shots and practical shots will be limited in number to the favoured few who can afford to pay a high price for their pleasure.

W. N. PONTON.

RIFLE SIGHTS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—Perhaps your readers will be surprised to learn that the National Rifle Association of England permits the use on the back sight of the Martini-Henry of sliders in which the V is not cut in the centre, but to one side or the other; that under this permission it is possible for a competitor to have a number of sliders with the V cut to suit right or left winds of various strength. It appears from the *Volunteer Service Gazette* of the 3rd, page 827, that the N. R. A. granted this permission on an application made in July, 1883, by that well known shot, McVittie, in which he stated that he had reason to believe that some competitors were using a set of sights in which notches were cut to suit right and left winds.

The editor of the *Volunteer Service Gazette*, in commenting on this matter, expresses an opinion that the decision of the Wimbledon Committee of 1883 was wrong in itself, and that right or wrong it ought to have been publicly stated at the time, and incorporated in future regulations, which was not done. It appears from a letter by Mr. C. F. Lowe, in the issue of the *Volunteer Service Gazette* quoted, that the practice of having a set of sliding bars is not a novelty, that a competitor in pre-Martini days was so provided for his Snider, and he justifies their use by stating that the practice exists in Holland.

It is, in my opinion, to be regretted that any such permission has been granted, as the use of a set of sliders by a competitor has much the appearance of *pot hunting*, and an approach to sharp practice, if it be not sharp practice itself; and I trust that their use will not be sanctioned by any association or club in Canada; and further, that there will be in the future a much more rigid examination of the rifles used than has been in the past.

HENRY F. PERLEY.

17th Oct., 1885.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

TORONTO.—The Queen's Own paraded about 400 strong on Wednesday night (14th inst.), and, owing to the state of the weather, remained in the shed, where they were exercised in the manual and firing exercises. In dismissing the battalion, Major Allen referred to the return to the city of Col. Otter and the officers and men of "C" Company, Infantry School, who were expected to arrive in Toronto on Tuesday (20th inst.), and stated that the battalion would parade to welcome them. Major Allen hoped that employers throughout the city would be able to allow such men as were members of the Queen's Own to absent themselves from their various places of business for the afternoon, or for the few hours necessary to take part in the reception. He had no doubt that employers would let the men off, even though some inconvenience might be occasioned thereby, and therefore expected to see a full turn-out of the regiment. As Col. Otter and his officers and men were unfortunate in not sharing in the magnificent reception given the North-west contingent of the Toronto volunteers, it was the duty, as it would be the pleasure, of the Queen's Own to tender to their old commander and to the officers and men of the Infantry School as hearty a welcome as in their power.

After Wednesday next no more men will be taken into the recruit class of the Queen's Own for this year.

BEAUMARIS.—The Adjutant-General has granted the petition of Lieut.-Col. Prudhomme, of the 64th Battalion, for a court of inquiry concerning certain charges made by him against his two majors, and has appointed Lieut.-Cols. Hughes, Worsley and Brosseau to constitute the tribunal.

MONTREAL.—Louis Kribbs, of the *Toronto News*, against whom an action for criminal libel was taken by Capt. Robert, 65th Batt., failed to appear before the Police Magistrate on Saturday, and quite a complicated legal point arises out of this failure, which may end in a decision that the Montreal courts have no jurisdiction in the matter.

It has been settled that "A" and "B" Batteries will remain in the North-west until the spring, the first named at Battleford and the last named at Qu'Appelle. Col. Montizambert returns to Quebec. Major Short, Capt. Fages and 20 sub-officers and men of "B" Battery leave on the 19th inst. to relieve Col. Montizambert and an equal number of officers and men now in the North-west, whose term of service have expired. Major Wilson, Lieut. Benson and 23 sub-officers and men of "A" Battery have received orders to similarly relieve Capt. Drury, Lieut. Hudon and the men with them who have terminated their engagement.

THE TARGET.

COUNTY OF PETERBOROUGH RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S PRIZE MEETING.

The annual rifle competition of the association was held on the 6th and 7th instants. On Tuesday the Maiden and Volunteer matches were finished, and the association match was about half through when evening closed in. The weather seemed quite favorable on the first day, but owing to a peculiar waviness in the atmosphere it was very hard for the marksmen to make good scores. The second day the waviness had disappeared and higher scores were made all round.

An event in the first day's shooting was the winning of the New York gold medal by Quarter-Master Sergt. Hill, of the cavalry troop. Mr. Hill had held the medal for two years and needed only to top the score this year to become the owner. This he did with a score of 42. This medal was presented to the association in 1866 by Messrs. J. J. English, E. C. Lane, R. Niblock, Jas. Borrowman, W. D. C. Botham, J. H. Hughes, Wm. Donnelly, David English, and H. H. Hughes, Canadians then residing in New York, in consideration of the services rendered by the Canadian Militia during the Fenian raid. The medal was to be open to the town of Peterborough volunteers and to the companies commanded by Capt. Rogers (Ashburnham), and Leigh (Lakefield). For the first ten years the competitor for the medal was very keen. Lieut.-Col. J. Z. Rogers succeeded in holding it two terms of two years, but did not hold it for the winning third, Quarter-Master Sergt. Hill has won it this year, and is entitled to retain it in his possession. Compared with other years, the entries were numerous. There were 11 in the Maiden Match, 21 in the Volunteer Match, 31 in the Association Match, and 26 in the County Match:—

MAIDEN MATCH.

Open only to members of the association who have never won a prize at any rifle competition; five rounds, 400 yards.

Value.		Value.	
\$5 00	Wm. Reynolds..... 21	\$1 00	H. Evans..... 15
3 00	R. S. Henderson..... 17	50	W. A. Mason..... 14
2 00	N. Brown..... 16		

VOLUNTEER MATCH.

Open only to volunteers in uniform who are *bona fide* members of any corps of the County of Peterborough; five shots at 200, 400 and 500 yards.

Value.		Value.	
\$8 50	Sergt. J. Foley..... 43	\$1 00	Pte. Wedlock..... 27
\$5 00	Quarter-Master Sergt. Hill..... 42	1 00	Pte. Millar..... 26
4 00	Lieut.-Col. Harry Rogers..... 38	1 00	Trooper Scollie..... 26
3 00	Sergt.-Major Stothart..... 36	1 00	Capt. Birdsall..... 25
2 25	Lieut. Haultain..... 35	1 00	Lieut. Dennistoun..... 24
2 00	Pte. W. Reynolds..... 30	1 00	Pte. N. Brown..... 23
1 50	Major Bell..... 30	1 00	Trooper Hunter..... 22
1 25	Pte. W. A. Mason..... 30		* And New York gold medal, value \$50.

COMPANY MATCH.

Open to five members, any corps; subject to same requirements as in Volunteer Match; five rounds at 200, 400 and 500 yards.

\$15 00	Peterborough Cavalry..... 146	\$5 00	No. 1 Company, 57th Batt..... 123
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The 57th Battalion cup, presented by Lieut.-Col. J. Z. Rogers, awarded to the company team of his Battalion, making the highest score in the Company Match, was won by No. 1 company, 57th Battalion.

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Open to members of the association; 7 shots at 200, 50 and 600 yards.

Value.		Value.	
\$10 50	and Bankers' cup, 1877,	\$3 00	W. Wedlock..... 49
	Wm. A. Bell..... 65	2 50	S. Stothart..... 48
\$7 00	and Bankers' cup, 1881,	2 00	R. H. Smith..... 46
	F. Hall..... 65	1 50	R. M. Dennistoun..... 45
7 50	D. Cameron..... 60	1 25	J. Miller..... 45
6 00	G. Brown..... 59	1 00	J. A. Harper..... 42
5 00	J. Foley..... 50	1 00	A. Blade..... 41
4 00	G. Fitzgerald..... 50	1 00	F. G. Haultain..... 39
3 50	W. H. Hill..... 49		

COUNTY MATCH.

Open to members of the association; seven rounds at 400 and 600 yards.

Value.		Value.	
\$8 00	and "Cox" cup,	\$2 00	J. Foley..... 33
	R. M. Dennistoun..... 53	1 50	R. W. Bell..... 32
7 50	F. G. Haultain..... 41	1 25	F. Hall..... 31
6 00	W. A. Bell..... 39	1 00	W. H. Hill..... 31
5 00	J. A. Harper..... 37	1 00	W. G. Matthews..... 30
4 00	H. Evans..... 36	1 00	G. Fitzgerald..... 29
3 00	D. Belleghem..... 36		

GRAND AGGREGATE PRIZES.

The highest scorers in the Association and County Matches.

Value.		Value.	
\$12	W. A. Bell..... 104	\$5 00	R. M. Dennistoun..... 98

SPORTING RIFLE MATCH.

Open to all comers. Five rounds at 50 yards; any sporting rifle.

Value.		Value.	
\$5 00	W. H. Hill..... 23	\$2 00	R. H. Smith..... 20
4 00	R. M. Dennistoun..... 32	1 50	J. Fitzgerald..... 20
3 50	D. Cameron..... 21	1 00	W. A. Bell..... 18
2 50	J. Foley..... 21		

THE GUARDS' ANNUAL MATCHES.

One of the most successful meetings of the Guards' Rifle Association that has ever been held took place on Saturday the 17th inst. at the Rideau Rifle Range, there being one hundred and fifty competitors. The regiment paraded at the drill hall at nine o'clock by order of the commanding officer and proceeded to the range under the command of Major Todd. The absence of the senior officers of the regiment was noticeable and freely commented on. About noon Col. Ross appeared at the range as a spectator. The officers present were: Major Todd, Captains White, Aumond and Hodgins, Adjt.; Qr. Mr. Heron; Lieuts. Hodgins, Sherwood, Gisborne, and Shannon (secretary-treasurer); Surgeon Horsey and Assistant-Surgeon Grant.

A new departure was made this year in combining the annual class firing of the companies with the matches of the association, which allowed the association to dispense with the usual entrance fees, and to get the ammunition free for the men, and instead of the membership fee from each competitor the association