

6th Fusiliers, Sweepstakes match, Pte. Thompson, 25; Team aggregate, No. 1 Company 448; Consolation match, Pte. Mills, 21; Nursery aggregate, Pte. Strathy, 159.

Ottawa.

Metropolitan Rifle Association Proceedings at the Annual Meeting.

Major W E Hodgins, of the G G F G, presided at the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Rifle Association in the Drill Hall, Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 11th July, and there were also present Sec-Treas Robert Stewart, Harry Waters, Ed Sutherland, R J. Taylor, G I, Blatch, W A Bangs, C C Rogers, J H Ellis, R Moodie, J P Robinson, H A Quinney, Geo Lamb, H J Gray, A J Crawdon, C J Mills and Dawson.

Sec-Treasurer Stewart's annual report showed the financial condition of the association to be very satisfactory, the balance on hand of \$125.00 being larger than last year, when he assumed office.

NEW OFFICERS.

Officers were elected as follows: Hon patron, the governor general; patron, Hon J C Patterson, Minister of Militia; vice patrons, Maj-Gen Ivor C Herbert, Commanding Canadian Militia, the Mayor of Ottawa, Hon F Clemow, Sir James Grant, M P, Hon E H Bronson, M P P, Mr W A Allan, Lt-Col Hon Aylmer, Mr J W McRae; president, Mr G B Pattee; Vice President, Lt-Col Thos Bacon, Lt-Col F Toller; Managing Committee, Major W E Hodgins, Capt H H Gray, J P Robinson, Capt E D Sutherland, Mr H Watters; Secretary, Ald R Stewart; Asst Sec-Treas, Mr R J Taylor; Auditor, Mr J P Nutting.

On motion of Mr R J Taylor, Hon Mr Patterson and Mr G B Pattee were made life members in addition to Mr McLeod Stewart.

ANNUAL MATCHES.

It was decided to hold the annual matches on Friday and Saturday, the 10th and 11th of August, immediately before those of the P Q R A.

It was also agreed to change the name of the match last year called "The Alonzo Wright" to the "Patterson Match."

Another important decision was that in all matches either the Snider or Martini rifle could be used.

Before adjournment votes of thanks were passed to Mr G B Pattee and the Hon Mr Patterson for their liberal subscriptions last year. A hearty vote of thanks was also passed, amidst applause, to Sec-Treas Stewart for his able services. It was eloquently conveyed to the popular alderman by the chairman.

G. G. FOOT GUARDS.

Sergeants' challenge cup, presented to the Guards Rifle Association by the sergeants' mess of the regiment, to be competed for annually by company teams of 10 men, under the following conditions:

1. The cup to be held for about one year by the company making the highest aggregate score in (a) the annual company class fixing, and (b) the aggregate

matches at the Regimental Prize Meeting, and to be returned in good condition to the treasurer of the Guards Rifle Association at least one week previous to the next Regimental Prize Meeting.

2. Cup to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of the company so winning it.

3. Teams need not be named before commencing either of the competitions (a or b), but the ten highest series to be taken in each case, and added together to make the total.

4. Staff Sergeants (and bandmen and buglers who are members of the association) may shoot with the companies to which they are attached.

5. The conditions for class firing to be strictly in accordance with regulations, and uniform for each company, and for the regimental matches such regulations as may be imposed by the Executive Committee of the Guards Rifle Association.

6. The Sergeants' Mess would further suggest that a small entry fee per team be charged, the proceeds to be divided into a series of cash team prizes to be offered in the same competition as that for the cup.

Kingston.

The 14th Battalion was inspected June 29th. by Lt.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., on the common adjacent to Victoria school. The parade was not up to the usual strength, although a fair turn-out was made. Senior Major Shannon was in command.

As the D.A.G. rode up he was received with the general salute, after which the inspection was proceeded with.

The battalion was put through the manual and bayonet exercises, and physical drill by Major Shannon, and showed the rapid and gratifying progress made in these branches of the drill. In each exercise the men responded to the words of command with commendable precision, uniformity and quickness. The bayonet exercise was especially well executed.

The battalion was then marched across the street and extended in skirmishing order. The skirmishing was done first by companies, then by the battalion as a whole, and was also well done. The boys "went at it" with as much vim and vigor as though an enemy was opposed to them. One slight mistake was made, but this was owing to the fact that the command was imperfectly heard, as the wind was blowing in an opposite direction. When the regiment had been thoroughly tested in skirmishing it was marched back to the Armory to muster, after which the Adjutant read the orders for the parade to-morrow night.

The ball given by the Cadets at the Royal Military College, June 22nd, was a success in every way. The officers of the College as well as those of "A" Battery, R.C.A., 14th Battalion P. W. O. R. and the other local corps were present. The decorations were particularly elaborate and artistic. Prominent among them were a large College coat of arms in "Marguerites" and the same in brass buttons, chin-straps and helmet plates. In one of the sitting-rooms was a rookery over-grown with mosses and ferns, and

surmounted by two large blocks of ice, in the centre of each of which glittered an electric light. The music—which was excellent—was furnished by Corlett's orchestra of Toronto.

St. John N. B.

The second competition in the series of spoon matches of the St. John County Rifle association was held on Drury range on Saturday afternoon July 14, 1894. The range were 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each. In series "A" Capt. J. Manning, 62nd Fusiliers, won the table spoon with 95 points; Capt. McRobbie, 8th Cavalry, 92; Capt. G. F. Thompson, retired, 90; Col. Sgt. Henderson, 62nd, 90; Capt. J. T. Hatt, retired, 89.

In series "B" J. McKay won the desert spoon with 93 points; Pte. W. Humphrey, Rifles, 90; Pte. Roderick, 62nd, 82; Sgt. Major Cenley, 81; Sgt. A. R. Lordly, 62nd, 80.

In series "C" Bandsman W. Maxwell, 62nd, won the tea spoon with 70 points.

Series "C" of the first competition, which was postponed from 30th June was finished, Sergt. C. Henderson, 62nd, winning the spoon with 80 points; Pte. C. Peters, 62nd, 79.

The final match in the series will be held on the 28th inst.

A good story and a truthful one is told of a certain noted general who served brilliantly during the late war, his pet hobby being, however, sentry duty. While making the rounds of the pickets one night in disguise, he came upon a new recruit who halted him with—

"Stop! Have you the countersign?"

"No," answered the general

"What? Another without it?" said the recruit. "Well, it's 'Victory.'"

The general gasped for breath, then, recovering himself, ejaculated in no mild manner, "What do you mean by giving anyone the countersign? I'm General Blank, and you'll be shot for this, you idiot."

"I'll be shot," interrupted the picket. "Why, if your General Blank, I have your order not to let any one pass me without the countersign, and let me tell you I'm getting tired of giving it. You'd be surprised if you knew the number of people that have come here without it."

Riding on a Giraffe.

General Sir Evelyn Wood is likely to remember his ride on a giraffe back as long as he lives. Many years ago, while passing through Jowra, in India, with a party of friends, he was entertained by the nawab, who possessed a collection of the rarer animals, such as giraffes, cheetahs, etc. Brigade Major Wood, as he was then, offering to ride the giraffe, the animal was brought out barebacked, with no bridle save a rope around his neck. Wood vaulted from the balcony on to the back of the creature, which started off at a great pace, but when it settled down into a gallop the curious movement made the rider, although an old sailor, "seasick," if the term may be used of a land exercise.

Hitherto he had ridden well, the giraffe's queer movements and awkward bounds affording the onlookers much amusement. At last Wood fell off, receiving a blow on the head from the animal's knee and then in the face from its