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Hawkins, Baxter, Ferguson, and T. Holloway, won the Dominion cup, valued at \$800, given as a battalion prize by the P.Q.R. association. That same fall the Grand Trunk rifle brigade sent a team to Quebec and beat the 8th on Beauport Flats. However, in 1872 the return match was won by the Stadaconas at Montreal, on the day before the P.Q.R. association matches, which they had come up to attend. Again, the team composed of Capt. Scott, Lieut. Balfour, Paymaster Frew, Serpts. Hawkins and Baxter, was victorious in the battalion match, winning the Dominion cup, this being the second time in three years it became the property of the regiment.

In 1873 Capt. Morgan and Sergt. G. Baxter of No. 2 company were chosen and went to Wimbledon. In 1874, Lieut. Balfour won the Governor-General's bronze medal, and Capt. Morgan again went to England on the Wimbledon team. On the 6th March, 1879, as the battalion had not been for some years very successful at rifle matches, a meeting of the regiment was held, and the regimental rifle association was reorganized on a sound basis. The result was that in 1880 the team took second prizes, both in the battalion and association, and third prize in the skirmishing matches at the Provincial, and Corporal G. Philips won the Governor-General's silver medal and Lieut. Governor's medal, but as a team the 8th did nothing at the Dominion, although individually they did well; Capt. Balfour won the Governor-General's prize of \$250 and his place on the Wimbledon team for 1881. That year the Canadians won the Kolapore cup and Capt. Balfour was 6th score in that match. At the Provincial the team took third prize for skirmishing, and at the Dominion matches third battalion prize.

In 1882 the Royals were well to the fore in the provincial, taking 1st prize both in the battalion and skirmishing matches and 4th and 6th team prizes for volley firing, and Sergt. G. Philips won the Dolan Cup. They won at the Dominion matches 5th battalion prize and Corporal Goudie won his place on the Wimbledon team for 1883, and went to England that year. In 1883 the 8th were again successful, both at the Provincial and Dominion matches, winning at the former the 2nd Batt., 2nd Military, 4th Association and 1st prize in the 3rd series Military match. At Ottawa they took 1st Minister Militia, 5th Dominion and 3rd prizes in the Gzowski matches. Capt. Balfour won the Gov.-Genl's Medal, besides the N.R.A. Medal and Snider champion badge. Lieut. W. H. Forrest took the Grand Aggregate and first place on the Wimbledon team and went to England in 1884. This year the team again were close up at the Provincial, taking 2nd Battalion, 5th Association, 3rd Skirmishing and 3rd Volley Firing prizes. At the Dominion they won 2nd Minister of Militia and 4th Dominion Match prizes and Lieut. Forrest again won his place on the Wimbledon team. In 1885 they took only 3rd volley firing prize at the Provincial, but at the Dominion were 2nd place for the British Challenge Shield as well as 5th prize in the Gzowski competition. In 1886 they won the 4th Association, 2nd Battalion and 1st Volley Firing prizes at the Provincial; and the team composed of Serpts. Alex. Thomson, Goudie and Dewfall, Corporal Hartley and Private R. D. Norton carried off the British Challenge Shield, that much coveted prize, for skirmishing and volley firing; also the 4th Gzowski prize, and Sergt. Goudie his place on the Wimbledon team for 1887. To the regimental rifle association and the active encouragement given to rifle shooting by the officers is due the successes above recorded. The regimental matches held annually on 29th June have always been looked forward to and carried out most successfully.