

to nine minutes, should the five rounds be fired in less than that time.

If over ten minutes 4 points to be taken off for every minute or portion of a minute.

First Match, 1st prize, \$30; 2nd do., \$20.

The first battery which took position was No. 3, under Major Farmer, the gun being laid by Qr.-Mr. Sergeant A. Johnson. The following is the result:—

1st shot 15 feet left.....	20 yards over
2nd " 20 " right.....	10 " "
3rd " in line.....	30 " "
4th " 30 feet right.....	30 " "
5th " in line.....	10 " under

Time 7m. 22s., points 20.

Battery No. 10, under Capt. Kerr, gun laid by Sergt.-Major King.

1st shot 2 feet left.....	5 yards over
2nd " 4 " ".....	20 " under
3rd " 20 " ".....	60 " over
4th " in line.....	80 " "
5th " 20 feet right.....	80 " under

Time 8m. 22s., points 20.

Battery No. 2, under Major Peters, gun laid by Sergt. Bradshaw.

1st shot 30 feet left.....	90 yards under
2nd " 2 " ".....	10 " "
3rd " in line.....	100 " "
4th " 2 feet left.....	5 " "
5th " 3 " right.....	5 " "

Time 9m. 49s., points 18.

Battery No. 1, under Major Pick, gun laid by Sergt. Watt.

1st shot 5 feet left.....	60 yards under
2nd " 8 " ".....	100 " "
3rd " 5 " ".....	20 " "
4th " in line.....	80 " "
5th " 5 feet left.....	60 " "

Time 8m. 34s., points 10.

The second match was for

MAJOR JAGO'S PRIZE, \$30.

1st prize \$20; second \$10.  
Fired for by individual members of the respective batteries; same target as first match; one shot each, points counted in same manner excepting time.

#### NO. 1 BATTERY.

Sergt. J. Bell, . . . line, 20 yds. under,	6 pts.
Gun. J. Allen, . . . 3ft. right 2yds. over,	6 "
Cor. R. Howard, . . 30ft. left 5yds. under,	0 "
Bom. D. Cowan, . . line 100 yds. "	0 "
Cor. B. Blair, . . . 2ft. left 15yds. "	6 "
Bom. W. Knowles, . line 10yds. "	6 "
Gun. W. Chapman, line 40yds. over,	5 "
" R. Bell, . . . 5ft. left 15yds. "	6 "
" J. Middleton, . 10ft. right 5yds. under	5 "
Bom. R. Paul, . . . 3ft. left 5yds. "	6 "

Total.....46 pts.

#### NO. 2 BATTERY.

Sergt. Wm. Craig, line, 60 yds. under,	0 pts.
Cor. W. Perkins, . . 2ft. left 30yds. over,	6 "
Sergt. Kingston, . 3ft. right 15 " under	6 "
Cor. Ross, . . . . 2ft. " 100 " "	6 "
Gun. J. Estey, . . . 1ft. " 4 " over,	6 "
Gun. T. Lander, . . 1ft. left, 5 " "	6 "
Bom. Cochran, . . . 5ft. right 50 " under	4 "
Gun. B. Ring, . . . line 30 " "	5 "
Gun. E. Sewell, . . 10ft. left, 30 " "	3 "
Gun. C. Hill, . . . line 40 " "	5 "

Total.....42 pts.

#### NO. 3 BATTERY.

Sergt. J. Napier, 15ft. left, 80yds. under	0 pts.
Bom. C. Belyea, 10" right, 20yds. "	5 "
Gun. W. Young, 2ft. left, 20yds. over	6 "
Gun. J. Vincent, 5ft. left, 15yds. under	6 "
Gun. J. Wood, 10ft. left, 10yds. over	5 "
Gun. T. Hughes, 5ft. left, 5yds. under	6 "
Gun. B. Logan, 2ft. left, 10yds. "	6 "
Gun. C. Strayhorn, 3ft. left, 10yds. "	6 "
Gun. J. Lee, . . . 2ft. left, 10yds. over	6 "
" N. L. Dunham, 10ft. left, 40yds. under	4 "

Total. .... 50 pts

#### NO. 10 BATTERY.

Sergt. Wm. Reed, 15ft. left, 5yds. under	4 pts.
Gun. T. McCaffry, line 10yds. over	6 "
Gun. A. Paul, 40ft. right, 40yds. under	0 "
Sgt. W. J. Mooney 15ft. left, 20yds. "	4 "
Sgt. B. Mirey, 30ft. left, 5yds. "	0 "
Gun. R. O'Brien, 10ft. left, 5yds. "	5 "
Gun. J. Ward, 4ft. right, 15yds. over	6 "
Gun. J. Lester, 2ft. left, 10yds. "	6 "
Gun. T. Roley, 2ft. left, 80yds. under	0 "
Gun. J. Gallagher, 5ft. right, 30yds. over	6 "

Total.....37 pts

The Officers' practice followed, and was something better than that of the men. They fired two rounds each, with the following result:—

Lt. G. L. Foster, 1st, 2ft. right, 60yds. under,	0
2nd, 15ft. left, 5yds. "	4
Lt. Ring, . . . 1st, 5ft. right, 80yds. over,	4
2nd, 2ft. " 10yds. under,	6
Capt. Kerr, . . 1st, 10ft. left, 2yds. "	5
2nd, line, 20yds. "	6
Lt. Col. Foster, 1st, 4ft. right, 40yds. over,	5
2nd, line, 10yds. "	6
Major Pick, . . 1st, line, 40yds. under,	5
2nd, 4ft. left, 10yds. "	6
Lt. Kane, . . . 1st, line, 30yds. over,	6
2nd, 5ft. left, 30yds. "	6

Total 12 shots by officers.....59

It is gratifying to see so much pride and interest taken in the respective batteries by not only their own officers and men, but by citizens generally. These friendly competitions are very creditable to all concerned, and it is only to be wished that the Dominion Government would offer similar encouragement as that given by the officers themselves.

#### RIFLE MATCH.

The County of Missisquoi Rifle Match, which came off at Bedford on the 9th and 10th instant, was largely attended by both Volunteers and civilians. The firing was very good, when we take into consideration the fact that a strong wind blew across the range in fitful gusts during both days.

Major Rowe was in command and was ably assisted by Quartermaster Smith and Capt. Jameson in carrying out the excellent arrangements which contributed so largely towards making this match such a decided success. The best feeling prevailed throughout.

The Volunteer company lately raised by Captain David Westover, was represented by a fine squad of men under the command of Lieut. Whitman, and looked very smart and soldierly in their new uniforms. They also showed by their firing that they were skilled in the use of the rifle. We noticed that many of the Volunteers present were dressed partly in *muffi*. This looked very unsoldierlike, we were pleased to learn from the Major that this practice would be forbidden hereafter.

#### 1ST MATCH.

1st Prize, a Silver Cup presented by—Hamilton, Esq. of Quebec, to be competed for by a squad of six men of each company in the 60th Missisquoi Battalion. The Cup to be won twice in three years previous to its becoming the property of any company. 2nd Prize, \$12; 3rd, \$10; 4th, \$8; 5th, \$7; 6th, \$6. At three ranges, 200, 400 and 600 yards. The score stood as follows:

Capt. McCorkill's Company, 1.....	100
" Bockus' " 2.....	93
" Sixby's " 3.....	86
" Jameson's " 4.....	81
" Westover's " 5.....	75
" Robinson's " 6.....	64

Highest individual scores, Martin Kennedy, 1st, 30 points; Ensign McKenny, 2nd, 27 points; Lieut. Whitman, 3rd, 24 points.

#### 2ND MATCH.

All Corners Match, 10 money prizes. Entrance 25 cts. Ranges 600, 400 and 200 yds. 10 shots in all. There were 60 entered, the firing was very good considering the strong wind which still prevailed, and put reliable firing almost out of the question. At the close a number of ties were fired off which left the following the winners:

1 Sergt. Vaughan.....	28
2 Major Hawley.....	26
3 Corporal Bockus.....	24
4 L. Mandigo.....	23
5 Sergt. Derrick.....	23
6 Capt. Bockus.....	22
7 S. A. Rogers.....	22
8 Sidney Vaughan.....	21
9 L. Kennedy.....	20
10 Sergt. Hawley.....	20

The prizes were distributed at the close of the match. We were pleased to learn that the good people of Bedford contributed very liberally in making up the purses.—*St. John's News*.

With all the contradictions of the despatches, we may feel justified in saying that the mitrailleuse, whether French or German, has done savage work, and that the Chassepot and needle-gun do not differ so very much, if at all, in execution. A Vienna paper gives us the latter intelligence immediately after Wissembourg; and the following extract from a letter written in Strasbourg by a French soldier after the battle at Woerth bears testimony of the same kind: "We fought yesterday at Reichshofen from six in the morning to five in the evening. At twelve o'clock we were victorious all along the line; at five o'clock we were completely routed; we were short of artillery. It was not a battle, but absolute butchery. The Prussians sheltered in a wood on our right, mitrilled us at a hundred meters. It was fearful! My captain, lieutenant and eight-tenths of my men were *hors de combat* in an instant." The German paper above mentioned says that the Weder gun—that in use by the South German troops—was if anything superior to the Prussian weapon. But whatever glories the mitrailleuse has won in actual service in France, its performance in the trial at Shoeburyness is far from flattering. Instead of that marvellous ten rounds a minute which the French claim as the result of their experimental practice it gave there only three a minute; and compared with good muzzle-loading 9 and 12 pounder field pieces, it gives on the whole but second rate results, except at close quarters—300 or 400 yards. This for what may be called the European system of battery gun, in which a block is charged and discharged by hand with every round, in distinction to the American system, in which no part of the mechanism is removed from the gun during the time of firing, and which discharges its own cartridges. There was difficulty in England with the Boxer cartridges which do not seem to be suited to the gun.—*Army and Navy Journal, New York*.

The *Times* and other morning journals are irritated at Prussian implacability. The *Times* says Prussia can afford to be generous; she should be satisfied, and treat for peace.