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The lowering aspect of the weather did not augur favourably, and before the match came to an end, the afternoon had become disagreeable and uncomfortable, the rain pouring down in torrents. The range was deserted except by the shootists, who continued to fire away until the question was decided. The ranges were 400 and 600 yards, the following being the scores:—

	Pts.
J. Nesbitt.....	23
T. H. Parr.....	23
Capt. Fletcher.....	14
Major Nesbitt.....	15
Capt. Carruthers.....	13
Thos. Hughes.....	14
J. McDonald.....	23
D. McIntosh.....	24
J. Brown.....	19
Sergt. Chapman.....	21
E. Brokovski.....	16
Major Irvin.....	14
J. Emalle.....	17
Wm. McIvor.....	17
H. T. Shelton.....	23
Bugler Larwill.....	18
Geo. Lillies.....	26
C. W. Bell.....	27
Corpl. Lockhart.....	16
Pte Palmer.....	23
D. Taylor.....	17
Sergt. Young.....	26
Pte. Scarrow.....	18
Sergt. Roberts.....	13
A. Gillies.....	26
Capt. Taschereau.....	14
T. Black.....	25
Sergt. O'Callaghan.....	16

Mr D McIntosh having scored 15 and 13—28, was declared the winner. The rain having continued to pour down, the cease firing was called and the work of the day ended.

On the conclusion of the match the Council held a meeting and decided to suspend proceedings until Monday, the weather having exhibited no signs of improving; it was further decided that after the prize meeting a competition will be held to select a team for Wimbledon next year. No one will be eligible for this team except volunteers of one year's standing, and those who may be selected to go must give a satisfactory guarantee that they will attend.—*Amintobun Gazette.*

## THE PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The competition of the association began at Sussex on the 1st inst. and ended on Friday the 4th. The weather was not as favorable as might have been wished, but the scores in general were good. The representatives of this County acquitted themselves well, as usual. The first match was for the Provincial Association Silver Challenge Cup, and money prizes amounting to \$100. The firing, at 500 and 600 yard ranges—five shots at each range. The cup and \$20 were won by Corporal Pallen—40 points. Of Charlotte, Major McAdam took the fifth prize \$5—35 points; Private Blacktin, 8th prize, \$5 dol—33 points; Captain McGeo, 9th, \$4—32 points; Captain Bixby, 14th, \$2—29 points.

In the second match the 1st prize was The Association silver watch; the second an Ice Pitcher. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 rounds at each range. The watch was won by Pte Pinder, 71st—76 points; the pitcher by Ensign Johnson, 71st—73 points. Pte C Blacktin took the third prize, \$20—71 points; Major McAdam, 7th \$5—68 points; Major Stickney, 20th, \$1—62 points.

Next came the All Corners' Match. A prize presented by His Excellency the Governor General, and money prizes amounting to \$100. Ranges for Snider Rifle, 400 and 500 yards; for small bore 600 and 700 and seven hundred yards five rounds; at each range. There were over 100 competitors in this match. The 1st prize was won by Sergt G Baird, Battery 10—44 points. Major McAdam, won the 10th prize, \$4—40 points; Private Blacktin, 15th \$2—39 points; Captain McGee, 17th \$2—38 points. Sergt McKinney, of Charlotte, made the same number of points as the winner of the last prize in this match, but his shooting was not so good at the long range.

In the fourth match, the 1st prize—the silver medal of the National Rifle Association of England, and \$15—was won by Pte Perkins, 71st—76 points. Major McAdam took the 3rd prize \$10—73 points; Sergeant Mullen, 7th, \$4—72 points; Lieutenant Clinch, 10th, \$2—71 points; Pte Blacktin, 19th, \$1—67 points. The first prize of the fifth match was a cup presented by the ladies of St John, (value \$400) and \$20. It was won by Captain E. Arnold, 74th—42 points. Charlotte men took 3 prizes in this match; Major McAdam 4th, Major Stickney, 7th, and Lieutenant Clinch, 8th. Corporal J Pallen, Battalion 7 took the first prize in the sixth match—the Prince of Wales cup, Provincial silver medal, and \$20. Private Blacktin took the 11th prize, \$1; Lieut Clinch, the 22nd, \$1; and Captain McGee, the 24th, \$1.

The 1st prize in the seventh match was the cup given by Lieutenant Colonel Maunsell, D A G, and Lieutenant Colonel Jago, Assistant D A G of Artillery. It was won by Captain E. Arnold. In this match 4 prizes fell to the lot of Charlotte men; 6th prize, Captain Bixby; 16th, Lieutenant Clinch; 21st, Captain McGowan; 24th, Private Blacktin.

The targets used in the competition were of a new form being round. The bull's eye marks 5, a centre 4, an inner 3, and an outer 2.—*St. Croix Courier*, Sept. 10.

TRIALS OF SIRGE GUNS.—The trials of the 64 pounder Moncrieff siege carriage which we formerly reported, were resumed at Shoeburyness on Wednesday, by the Committee on Working Heavy Guns. At the last trial, which satisfactory concluded the most important part of the programme of experiments, the gun was fired and recoiled into cover with charges of 12lb. of powder. It was then suggested that it would be desirable to fire with reduced charges of powder, and at very high angles, not only as an ordinary siege carriage as originally designed, but also when the gun was mounted on elevated arms, with the hydro-pneumatic apparatus, so as to obtain the protection of a high parapet, without at the same time being obliged to remove the carriage to the rear to clear the crest. Major Moncrieff was accordingly required to design appliances for carrying this out. These were manufactured in the Royal Carriage Department. Yesterday the practice was commenced by firing a few shots from the sea-wall battery with full charges, at ordinary elevations. The carriage was then dismounted and taken to another battery some distance inland, from which practice was made with reduced charges of 8oz and 1lb of powder, at angles of 35deg. and 15deg. elevation. The results were perfectly satisfactory. It was found that the gun could be fired quickly and easily close to the interior slope of a solid parapet, and loaded by the men under

the same complete cover as formerly. The air pressure which was pumped into the cylinder seven months ago does not appear to be reduced, and the gun recoils and rises after being loaded as well as it did in December last at Woolwich, and since then at Shoeburyness during the different experiments.—*Broad Arrow.*

We understand, says the *London Nautical Magazine* that a new suggestion has been made by Captain J. W. Webb, of the British Navy, showing how seamen's ordinary duck-trowsers may easily be converted into life-buoys in case of emergency. The manner in which Capt Webb's suggestion is to be carried out would appear to be as follows:—First, securely fasten the bottoms of the trousers, each leg separately, with a piece of twine or rope yarn; then wet them either in a bucket of water, or over the side of the vessel, and wave them sharply round so as to inflate the legs, and, when inflated, quickly grasp the top and secure it with another piece of twine or rope yarn. The inflated trousers will form a lifebuoy, which Captain Webb as found by experiment to be capable of keeping a man afloat for a considerable time.

The *London Times* in a leading article contradicts the statement recently current, that the Queen has paid the debts of the Prince of Wales. At the present time says the writer, the debts of the Prince amount to a little more than one third of the annual income, and include scarcely any bills due longer than a year. The Prince's balances at his Bankers today will more than suffice to meet every claim. It is true that the Prince is unable to live within his income, but excess is provided from a fund which is his private property. This fund, which has accumulated during the Prince's minority from the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, is still insufficient to meet the yearly deficit in his expenses, though the time may come when this resource will be exhausted. The funds to pay the debts of the Prince of Wales are being provided out of his own private property.

Col. Robert R. Hunter, a member of one of the most distinguished families in New York State, died at Trenton on Thursday the 24th ult; aged 87 years. His father was the owner of Hunter's Island, and his brother John represented Westchester county for many years in the State Senate. Col. Hunter was appointed a Lieutenant in the United States army in 1812, passing through the war, and gradually rising until he obtained his Colonelcy. He was a favorite of President Jackson, who appointed him Consul to Cowes, where he remained for sixteen years. Col. Hunter was possessed of large wealth.

The Celtic Association of Philadelphia has resolved to tender to the Lord Mayor of Dublin the hospitalities of the Association on his visit to that city. The entertainment will include a banquet.

A disturbance recently occurred in the Catholic Cathedral at Jamaica. A priest tore the Cuban colors from the coffin of a patriot refusing to permit the introduction of politics into the Catholic service. A scuffle ensued. The priest was assaulted and pushed off the platform on which the coffin rested.

A majority of the American Rifle Club are willing to accept the challenge of the Irish team to fire a return match at Dublin next June.