

## The Rifle.

### THE QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The programme for the twenty-first annual prize meeting of the Quebec Rifle Association has just been issued. The dates fixed have already been announced, being Tuesday, 13th August, and two following days. The programme may be briefly given as follows, the rifle being Snider, unless otherwise stated:

1. Nursery (for those who never won a prize at a Dominion or provincial meeting). 400 yards, 7 rounds. Fifteen prizes, value \$82.
2. Frontier, Series A—500 yards, 7 shots. Thirty-six prizes, value \$208. Series B (open to those who never won a prize of \$5 at any Dominion or provincial meeting). Fifteen prizes, value \$82.
3. Military—In skirmishing and volley firing teams of five from any corps. Seven prizes, value \$135.
4. Active militia and battalion—200, 500 and 600 yards. Thirty-five individual prizes, value \$218; and four prizes for battalion teams of six, value \$63.
5. Association—500 and 600 yards, 7 shots. Thirty-five individual prizes, value, \$191; and six prizes for association teams of five, value \$100.
6. Merchants—600 yards, 7 shots. Thirty-six prizes, value \$208.
7. Martini-Henry match—600 yards, 7 shots. Twenty-five prizes, value \$145.
8. Optional—For either Snider or Martini. 500 yards, 7 shots. Unlimited entries. Thirty-four prizes, value \$226.
9. Extra series, 500 yards, 7 shots, Snider; and 600 yards, 7 shots, Snider and Martini. At least fifteen separate prizes at each range, the first at each being \$20.
10. Aggregate—1st Militia, fifteen prizes, value \$86, besides medals, and twenty tickets to Ottawa. 2nd, Nursery, five prizes, value \$27. 3rd, Nursery teams of five from affiliated associations, two prizes, Martini Shield and \$25. 3rd, Association teams, three prizes, cup and \$45. 4th and 5th series, the Governor General's and Lieutenant Governor's medals.

The programme is pretty much the same as that of last year, but there are some noteworthy changes. The younger shots have an additional match, the series B in No. 2, which makes its appearance for the first time. The team prizes are dropped from the Nursery match, but they appear in a Nursery team aggregate, a new feature. There is but one Martini range in the grand aggregate, the Snider taking the place occupied by the M. H. last year in two of the 600 yard ranges, and the Martini match in the aggregate is this year at 600 yards in place of five last. Entries for the regular matches close on Thursday, 8th August.

### OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

At the Rideau Range on Saturday afternoon, the Ottawa Rifle Club fired a spoon competition with Martini rifles at Queen's ranges, with results as follows, so far as the chief scores are concerned:

Lt. J. W. O'Grady (sp 1st cls) 32 33 25 90	F. W. Smith 32 24 23 79
G. A. Mailleue (sp 2nd cls) 32 32 25 89	H. Mackay 29 19 30 78
R. Stewart 27 29 30 86	T. Carroll 30 27 21 78
W. G. Dial (sp 3rd cls) 30 30 26 86	R. N. Slater 28 25 24 47
Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson 32 32 22 86	A. Pink 27 28 22 77
M. Rolfe 25 31 29 85	Lieut. E. D. Sutherland 27 30 20 77
R. H. Brown 28 30 25 83	J. D. Taylor 27 21 28 76
W. E. Cooke 25 30 27 82	C. S. Scott 31 29 16 76
J. P. Nutting 30 26 26 82	R. Moodie 30 17 26 73
Capt. C. F. Cox 27 27 26 80	H. LeB. Ross 27 26 20 73
W. H. Middleton 29 28 23 80	Major J. Wright 27 23 21 71
C. C. Chipman 24 22 33 79	W. Holtby 30 22 19 71
Capt. E. Waldo 28 25 26 79	

For the third spoon Messrs. Stewart and Dial had to shoot off, their totals being even, though the former's counted best, he having most at the longest range; Dial won.

### THE GUARDS' ASSOCIATION.

At the G. G. F. Guards' weekly practice on Saturday there was a good attendance. The first two used Martinis, and the rest Sniders at Queen's ranges:

Col.-Sgt. Mailleue, No. 2 Co. 32 32 25 89	Sgt. Reardon, No. 4 Co. 28 20 21 69
Pte. Nutting, No. 1 Co. 30 26 26 82	Pte. Holbrook, No. 1 Co. 29 11 21 61
Pte. Browne, No. 2 Co. 31 26 25 82	Pte. Morse, No. 2 Co. 23 17 20 60
Corpl. Carroll, No. 4 Co. 27 25 22 74	Bandsman Benbow 24 19 16 59
Pte. Elmitt, No. 2 Co. 30 19 24 73	Pte. Mullin, No. 1 Co. 21 17 20 58
Lt. Winter, No. 1 Co. 28 24 21 73	

### VICTORIA RIFLES.

Monthly spoon competition, 20th July, 200, 500 and 600 yards, Snider:—

Pte. W. R. Pringle 29 26 32 87	Pte. McCrae 30 26 20 76
Pte. Cooke 31 30 25 86	Corp. Binmore 25 31 17 73
Pte. Thompson 28 30 22 80	Pte. Pope 30 23 19 72
Staff-Sgt. MacAdam 28 30 20 78	Capt. Busteed 24 24 14 72
Lieut. Shaw 30 28 20 78	

### PRINCE OF WALES RIFLES.

Monthly match, 20th July, 200, 500 and 600 yards, Snider:

Sgt. Kough 28 27 27 82	Staff-Sgt. Ross 25 24 19 68
Pte. McAfee 31 25 18 74	Pte. Bangs 25 25 13 63

### MONTREAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

Weekly practice, 20th July, 200, 500 and 600 yards:

Sgt. Bell, (Martini) 27 25 26 78	Sgt.-Major Fegan, (Snider) 26 19 6 51
Gun. Manning, (Snider) 26 16 10 52	

### FIFTH ROYAL SCOTS.

Weekly practice, 20th July, 200, 500 and 600 yards:

Sgt. Clark, (Martini) 27 31 28 86	Pte. J. Armstrong, (Snider) 20 29 21 70
Sgt. Wynne, (Martini) 28 23 32 83	
Pte. McMartin, (Martini) 29 25 23 77	

The annual matches of "B" Company, Royal Scots, took place on Saturday at the new ranges, Cote St. Luc. A good deal of rain had fallen, and for want of proper drainage it lay around the targets and was anything but pleasant for those having business there. Major Blaiklock, Captain Lydon, adjutant, and 28 rank and file, including piper, bugler and drummer, marched out on Friday and put in a very uncomfortable evening under canvas, owing to the heavy rain which fell. However, the men were in good spirits, and went into their target practice with a commendable will. The following are the results of the two matches:

#### 1st Match.

Ranges—100, 200, 300 and 400 yards; number of shots, 5 at each range; winners of a prize in any battalion match handicapped 12 points.

Pte. Bethune 82	Pte. Love 46
Pte. Dunn 73	Pte. Hutchison 37
Sergt. Blane 72	Pte. Jewell 33
Pte. Birkery 60	Pte. Colcomb 33
Pte. McKenzie 57	Pte. Logan 29
Col. Sergt. Kennedy 54	Pte. Robinson 27
Corpl. Hilliard 50	Pte. Smith 24
Pte. Connor 46	

#### 2nd Match.

Ranges 200 and 400 yards; number of shots, 7 at each range.

Pte. Bethune 61	Pte. McKenzie 31
Pte. Dunn 53	Corpl. Hilliard 25
Pte. Birkery 47	Pte. Colcomb 24
Sergt. Blane 45	Pte. Lowe 22
Col. Sergt. Kennedy 43	Pte. Smith 21
Pte. Connor 36	Lance-Sergt. Henny 21
Pte. Hutchison 34	Pte. Jewell 19
Pte. Brennan 33	

Aggregate—Pte. Bethune, 143 points.

### SIXTH FUSILIERS.

Monthly competition, 20th July, Martini rifles, Queen's ranges:

Sergt. Riddle 91	Pte. Ward 78
Sergt. Lavers 85	Pte. Watters 74
Corp. Pratt 84	Pte. Pratt 68
Pte. Scott 83	

At a recent test of search lights for the purpose of discovering an approaching enemy dressed in uniforms of various colors, it was found that the red uniforms were very distinct, blue being the least conspicuous.

Consumption in the German army is greatly dreaded by the authorities, since the recent Parisian Medical Congress pronounced that the disease was contagious. Accordingly, the German War Minister has decided that the chest of every soldier be measured once a month. If the chest does not reach a certain breadth, and does not develop with drill and athletic exercises, the soldier will be disqualified, as predisposed to consumption and likely to infest his comrades.

In the French Chamber of Deputies recently Vice Admiral de Dompierre d'Horney declared that the men-of-war now possessed by France were of antiquated type and ought to be replaced by new vessels, which would equal in number and strength the united fleets of Germany and Italy. Only in this way would France be able to retain her rank of second naval power of the world. He moved the appointment of a committee to enquire into the condition of the navy. Admiral Krantz, Minister of Marine, replying to Vice Admiral d'Horney, said that with the present credits it was impossible to increase the number of workmen employed at the arsenals. The Government's contract with private firms might, however, be increased. This would involve an outlay of 50,000,000f. This amount could be spread over five budgets. The Admiralty, he said, was now effecting improvements in the old men-of-war and torpedo boats. M. Chevillotte insisted upon the necessity of reform in naval matters.