

Paraguayan boats making the attempt to pass the line of armed boats, but their movements being seen, the one in which Colonel Hermosa went was run down and destroyed with all its crew. Eight boats were captured, and their crews mostly killed or drowned. On bringing the boats to land and on examining the bodies, some dead women were found dressed in soldiers' clothes. Of the 20 or 25 wounded two or three were women, one with an infant, whose arm was traversed by a ball. Some other young children were likewise among the saved. Up to the 4th the night fighting continued, but on that day father Ignacio Esmerats, a chaplain in the Brazilian hospitals, obtained permission to try if he could effect communication with the Paraguayans, as two officers previously sent to summon them to surrender had been driven off with bullets. In that he was successful, and on the 5th the Paraguayans on the peninsula surrendered to the number of 98 officers and 1,230 men, the commander, Colonel Martines, being among the number. They were three days without food, and some 200 were prostrated by exhaustion; 300 were sick or wounded. The official bulletin of the army says that the lakes, woods, redoubts, and their surroundings are choked with bodies. The conditions of capitulation stipulated that the garrison should not be forced to serve against Lopez, and that the officers might keep their swords and choose the allied nation in which to reside. The losses of the allies in the ten days' desperate struggle on the peninsula were serious, not being less than 500 men; the marine lost 6 killed and 21 wounded in various boat fights, from the 29th July to the 4th of August. The official returns of the allied losses on the 16th of July give them at 1,020, of whom 228 were killed; on the 18th, 290, including 66 killed."

On the 30th of July a number of ironclads commenced the bombardment of the works at the mouth of the Tebiquary, and on the same date demolishing of the fortress of Humaita was begun. The number of cannon captured inside and on the Chaco amounted to some 200, all of which, together with the chains forming the boom, were divided between the three Powers. It was announced that Timbo would be at once attacked by land and water, and that a column of 10,000 to 15000 men was organizing for immediate operations upon the defences of Tebiquary.

RIFLE MATCHES.

ORILLIA INFANTRY COMPANY'S ANNUAL RIFLE MATCH. — Tuesday last was a gala day amongst the Orillia volunteers, and one which will be long remembered by those who took part in the day's proceedings. We mentioned in last week's issue that it was the intention of the officers to hold the first annual Rifle Match between the members of No 7 Co. on that day. For a week previous to the match considerable speculation was rife as to who were likely to be the winners, but although the three favorites took prizes, no one guessed the exact five marksmen. About twenty of the members paraded at the hour appointed for the competition to begin. The day was damp and cold, but very calm, and by no means unfavourable to good shooting. At one o'clock Mr. Ross very thoughtfully and kindly provided the competitors with a lunch. The ranges were 200 yards, 5 shots, and 400 yards, 10 shots. Subjoined is the score of the winners:—

- 1st, prize \$10—Private Uriah Payne, 44 pts
- 2nd " 7—Corporal J. Mullen, 43 pts
- 3rd " 5—Private Geo. Payne, 43 pts
- 4th " 3—Private J. Constable, 35 pts
- 5th " 2—Private W. Robinson, 35 pts

The next score was 31 points, made by Private Wm. Price.

It will be seen the the shooting was of a very superior kind. On shooting off the tie between Corporal Mullen and Private Geo. Payne, they again tied by making each a centre, which, on trying once more, they repeated. The contest was now decidedly exciting, and on their shooting off for the third time, when Corporal Mullen made an outer, it was thought certain that Payne would win, but he making O, the former was the victor. The tie between Privates Constable and Robinson was decided by the former making a centre and the latter an outer.

Captain Wigmore invited the members of the Company and a number of prominent gentlemen to a dinner in the evening, at the Orillia House. About eight o'clock nearly fifty persons sat down to a repast of which it is only necessary to say that it was served up in Mr. Ross's usual style. Amongst those present we noticed John Kean, Esq., Warden of the County of Simcoe, W. N. Rutledge, Esq., Reeve of Medonte, Dr. Corbett, and Dr. Slaven. Capt. Wigmore read a letter from James Quinn, Esq., Reeve, expressing his regret at not being able to attend. The Captain also stated that he had expected the members of the Village Council would be present but none of them had either come or taken any notice of the invitation.

At intervals during the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs from Sergeant-Major McKinlay and Mr. Thomas Wainwright, and comic recitations by Lieut. Elliot. The assemblage broke up at an early hour, after having spent a very pleasant evening and all expressed themselves satisfied with the proceedings of the day.

The Captain expressed his hopes that the Company Rifle Match may become an annual affair, and we trust it will.—Orillia Expositor.

RIFLE MATCHES AT WOODSTOCK.

The following is the score of the late matches of the Oxford Rifle Association:

FRIST MATCH

Open to all comers; 400 and 500 yards; Enfield Rifles; five shots at each range.

NAME	POINTS	PRIZE.
C. Murray.....	31	Cash.....\$10 00
Thos Wastie.....	32	Bbl. Flour..... 8 00
R A Woodcock.....	42	Cash..... 6 00
Dr Carroll.....	31	Fat Sheep..... 5 00
M. L Aldrich.....	31	Cash..... 4 00
Lt-Col Moffatt.....	29	Riding Whip..... 3 00
J. Pascoe.....	29	Cash..... 2 50
Sergt Chambers.....	29	Cash..... 2 50
Capt Dawson.....	28	Cash..... 2 00
Wm Branfather.....	27	Cash..... 2 00
N McEachran.....	27	Cash..... 2 00
Capt McCleneghan.....	27	Cash..... 1 00
Sergt E Fair.....	24	Cash..... 1 00
Ensign Nesbitt.....	23	Cash..... 1 00
J Elliott.....	23	Cash..... 1 00
Dr Wright.....	21	Cash..... 1 00
J Breckon.....	21	Cash..... 1 00
Ensign Canfield.....	21	Cash..... 50

SECOND MATCH

Ranges 200 and 300 yards; any rifle; any position; five shots at each range.

NAME	POINTS	PRIZE.
Thos Wastie.....	37	Cash.....\$12 00
C Murray.....	33	Cash..... 10 00
Ensign Canfield.....	32	Cash..... 9 00
A W Francis.....	32	Cash..... 8 00
J Breckon.....	32	Cash..... 7 00
J Pascoe.....	31	Cash..... 6 00
N McEachran.....	31	Cash..... 5 00
H Coad.....	31	Cash..... 4 00
W Branfather.....	31	Wash Tub and Slip-pers..... 3 75

W Schell.....	31	Brace of Pistols.....	3 50
J A Tidy.....	30	Cash.....	3 00
Capt Lawson.....	30	Cash.....	2 00
G Galloway.....	29	Spade.....	2 00
Dr Carroll.....	29	Necktie and Scarf Ring.....	2 00
M L Aldrich.....	28	Cash.....	1 50
T Scott.....	28	Quarter of Mutton.....	1 50
Sergt H Hall.....	27	"Chronicle" one year.....	1 50
R A Woodcock.....	26	Cash.....	1 00
Dr Wright.....	26	Tabacco Barrel.....	1 00
Asst-Adjt Chinner.....	26	Cash.....	50
G Harwood.....	26	Fair Infant's Shoes.....	25

THIRD MATCH.

Open to all comers; 300 and 500 yards; Enfield Rifles; five shots at each range.

NAME	POINTS	PRIZE.
G Galloway.....	33	Bishop's Prize.....\$10 00
T Wastie.....	29	Scarf Pin and Set of Horse Shoes..... 8 00
Col Moffatt.....	28	Cash..... 6 00
Ensign Canfield.....	27	Game Bag..... 6 00
M L Aldrich.....	26	Cash..... 5 00
N McEachran.....	25	Fruit Cake & "Sentinel" one year..... 4 50
T. Elliott.....	25	Cash..... 4 00
Capt McCleneghan.....	25	Album and "Times" 1 year..... 3 50
Asst-Adjt Chinner.....	21	Cash..... 3 00
Capt Dawson.....	24	Cash..... 3 00
J Breckon.....	21	Cash..... 3 00
Chas Murry.....	23	Cash..... 3 00
Corpl Coad.....	23	Cash..... 2 00
J A Tidy.....	22	Cash..... 2 00
W Schell.....	20	Cash..... 2 00
R A Woodcock.....	20	Cash..... 2 00
Sergt Midgler.....	20	Cash..... 1 00
Sergt Adams.....	20	Cash..... 1 00
J. Pascoe.....	19	Cash..... 1 00
Dr Wright.....	18	Cash..... 1 00
Sergt Hall.....	17	Cash..... 50

Special prize—Silver Medal—by Capt. McCleneghan, for the highest score in all the matches, won by Thos. Wastie, London.—(Ingersoll Chronicle.)

RIFLE MATCH.—We publish below the score of a rifle match between six married and single men of the Bayfield Volunteer Company, which came off on Monday last, 27th ult., which resulted in favor of the benedicts by 33 points:—

	MARRIED.			Tot'l
	400 yds	300 yds	200 yds	
Sergt. Joslin,	12	10	11	33
" McCann,	9	9	12	30
" Pollock,	9	7	10	26
Corp. Baxter,	6	5	9	20
" Haacke,	9	5	12	24
Pvt. McLeod,	5	6	14	25
Total				158

	SINGLE.			Tot'l
	400 yds	300 yds	200 yds	
Lt. Jackson,	8	3	12	23
Corp. Johnson,	9	6	13	28
Pvt. Woods,	8	2	9	19
" Cassels,	7	0	7	14
" Twentymen,	5	2	8	15
" Robinson,	7	6	12	25
Total				124

The votaries of celibacy, not satisfied with their fortune (in shooting) have issued another challenge which has been accepted and will be held on Saturday, the 7th of November next.—New Era.

OTTAWA CADET CROPS—JUDGE ARMSTRONG'S MEDAL.—This medal was won last year by Private H. Langton. At the second annual competition, held yesterday, Private F. Simpson was the successful Cadet. The shooting was not as good as usual, owing to severity of the weather, which made accurate firing almost impossible. The following were the best scores:—

	100	200	300	T'l
H. Armstrong,	11	5	6	22
w. Cousens,	14	7	2	23
w. Cossels,	9	3	0	12
F. Simpson,	12	9	4	25
C. Armstrong,	7	2	3	12
H. Wicksteed,	13	2	0	15