

who were so fiercely assailed for their comparatively modest score of 820 points achieved in the second League match, in last issue questions the accuracy of recent scoring, and announces that "the rest of the teams are anxious to test the skill of these marksmen" (the leaders) "face to face, and where no mistake can be made as to the counting of the score." The same paper also inquires how the 13th Battalion can reconcile their recent big scores with their former claim that such averages were impossible with the Snider.

The Rifle.

THE HILTON TROPHY.

The following statement shows how the Hilton Trophy has been won, at Creedmoor, since the inception of the match (teams of 12; 200 (standing), 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots):—

Year.	Winner.	Rifle.	Score.
1878—New York	Sharps	345..370..329—1044
1879—	"	"	343..375..325—1043
1880—Missouri Div. U. S. A.	Springfield	342..364..317—1023
1881—New York	Remington	314..326..271—911
1882—Pennsylvania	Springfield	330..351..305—986
1883—Michigan	Sharps	342..384..340—1066
1884—Atlantic Div. U. S. A.	Springfield	344..351..323—1018
1885—	"	"	343..343..311—997
1886—Massachusetts	"	348..361..335—1044
1887—	"	"	362..382..352—1096
1888—	"	"	359..375..346—1080
1889—	"	"	364..361..332—1057

Last year Pennsylvania was second with 1055 and New York third with 1052.

SHERBROOKE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual matches of this association took place on the 30th and 31st July. The chief scores were:

200, 400 and 600 yards, 5 shots—Lieut. R. J. Spearing, 64; Sergt. A. Martin, 58; Stf.-Sgt. C. H. Clark, 57; Corp. A. Byrd, 54; Pte. A. Bush, 52; Sergt. W. Bloomfield, 51.

200, 500 and 600 yards, 6 shots.—Lieut. R. J. Spearing, 88; Sergt. W. Bloomfield, 80; Pte. R. B. Robinson, 77; Stf.-Sgt. C. H. Clark, 75; Corp. A. Byrd, 72; Stf.-Sgt. A. Martin, 72.

200 and 500 yards, 7 shots, open to all comers.—Pte. R. B. Robinson, 63; Stf.-Sgt. C. H. Clark, 59; Stf.-Sgt. E. A. Cleveland (54th), 59; Lieut. R. J. Spearing, 57; Stf.-Sgt. A. Martin, 57; Pte. H. W. Edwards (58th), 54; Sergt. W. Bloomfield, 53; W. R. Galbraith (M. R. A.), 51; Lieut. M. H. Healy (54th), 51.

500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, all comers.—Stf.-Sgt. C. H. Clark, 60; Lieut. M. H. Healy (54th), 52; Pte. H. W. Edwards (58th), 50; Stf.-Sgt. E. A. Cleveland (54th), 50; Stf.-Sgt. C. H. Clark, 48; W. Galbraith (M. R. A.), 44; Capt. J. Morkill (Cav.), 43; Geo. Moy, (S. R. A.), 41; Pte. J. D. Bush, 40; Pte. R. B. Robinson, 38.

500 yards, 10 shots, all comers.—Stf.-Sgt. C. H. Clark, 44; Lieut. R. J. Spearing, 43; Stf.-Sgt. A. Martin, 42; Geo. Moy (S. R. A.), 41; Lieut. M. H. Healy (54th), 40; Pte. H. W. Edwards (58th), 39; Pte. J. D. Bush, 39; Sgt. W. Bloomfield, 39; Stf.-Sgt. E. A. Cleveland (54th), 38.

EIGHTH ROYAL RIFLES.

The annual rifle matches of the 8th Royal Rifle Association took place on Tuesday, 22nd July, at the Royal Engineers' camp, Levis. The weather was magnificent, but the wind was somewhat troublesome. The attendance of members was larger than usual, but the only officers present were Lieut.-Col. Prower and Lieuts. Richardson and Davidson.

The following is the list of successful competitors:—

1st, Nursery Match, open to all members of the regiment who have never won a prize in a battalion or open match, 7 shots at 400 yards, seven prizes, \$5 to \$1: Pte. R. Hale 30, Bugler G. Ross 19, Pte. T. Morrison 17, Pte. Fleming 16, Col.-Sgt. Somerville 16, Pte. J. Bignell 15, Pte. O'Farrel 15.

2nd, Regimental Match, open to all members of the Regiment, ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each. Thirteen prizes, \$7 to \$1: Pte. Hamilton 82 (Gilmore Cup), Col.-Sgt. Goudie 80, Lt. Davidson 78, Corp. Hawkins 78, Sgt. Dewfall 77, Sgt. Douglas 77, Pte. Hale 76, Pte. Murgatroyd 76, Sgt. Morgan 75, Pte. Parke 71, Sgt. Hartley 71, Col.-Sgt. Ross 70, Pte. R. Norton 66. In this match there were also two team prizes for company teams of three men each: 1st, No. 3 Company team, composed of Hawkins, Murgatroyd and Douglas, \$6; 2nd, No. 1 Company team, composed of Hamilton, Morgan and O'Farrel, \$3.

3rd, Association Match, open to all members of the 8th Royal Rifle Association, ranges 500 and 600 yards, five shots at each. Ten prizes, \$7 to \$1: Sgt. Douglas 41 (Billingsley Cup), Sgt. Hartley 40; Lt. Davidson 38, Col.-Sgt. Ross 35, Stf.-Sgt. Perrett 35, Corp. Hawkins 35, Sgt. Morgan 32, Sgt. Presho 32, Pte. Murgatroyd 32, Pte. Fleming 30.

4th, Open Match, open to everyone, ranges 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each. Thirteen prizes, \$10 to \$1: Corp. Dunn, 8th R.R., 57.

(Turner Cup); Sgt. Morgan, 8th R.R., 56; Gr. W. Pugh, B. Bat., 53; Lt. Davidson, 8th R.R., 53; Gr. J. Pugh, B. Bat., 53; Pte. Hamilton, 8th R.R., 51; Pte. Murgatroyd, 8th R.R., 51; Corp. Davidson, 8th R.R., 51; Sgt. Douglas, 8th R.R., 50; Sgt. Hartley, 8th R.R., 50; Pte. Parke, 8th R.R., 49; Pte. Taschereau, 9th Batt., 49; Pte. Catellier, 9th Batt., 49.

Highest aggregate, matches 2, 3 and 4: Lt. Davidson 169, P.Q.R.A. badge and \$2; Sgt. Douglas 168, \$2.

5th, Extra Series Match, for prizes in kind. Ranges 500 and 600 yards, five shots at each. 500 yards: Sgt. Perrett 23, Sgt. Dewfall 22, Pte. Fleming 21, Col.-Sgt. Ross 20, Sgt. Morgan 20, Pte. Parke 20, Corp. Hawkins 19, Pte. Murgatroyd 19, Pte. Hamilton 19, Sgt. Hartley 19, Pte. Norton 19, Lt. Davidson 18, Pte. Hull 18, Sgt. Douglas 18, Pte. F. Davidson 17, Corp. Dunn 17, Pte. Thomson 17, Col.-Sgt. Goudie 16, Pte. Harrington 16, Pte. McNaughton 14, Corp. Kennedy 14, Pte. Edwards 14, Corp. Davidson 13, Sgt. Presho 13. 600 yards: Pte. Hamilton 20, Stf.-Sgt. Mountain 19, Sgt. Dewfall 18, Pte. Norton 17, Pte. Parke 17, Corp. Dunn 17, Pte. Thomson 16, Corp. Davidson 16, Pte. Murgatroyd 15, Stf.-Sgt. Perrett 14, Pte. Hull 13, Sgt. Hartley 13, Pte. Harrington 13, Pte. O'Farrel 13, Pte. Fleming 12, Sgt. Douglas 11, Col.-Sgt. Ross 11, Pte. F. Davidson 10, Col.-Sgt. Somerville 10, Bugler Ross 10, Corp. Kennedy 10, Sgt. Morgan 9, Corp. Hawkins 8, Sgt. Presho 7.

Lieut. Davidson and Sgt. Douglas having tied for the best aggregate score at the 500 and 600 yard ranges in matches 2, 3 and 4, the prize for which is a valuable medal presented by Mayor Fremont, the tie was shot off on Saturday, 26th July, 5 shots at 600 yards, and was won by Lieut. Davidson, who made 18 points to 16 for Sgt. Douglas.

Regimental and Other News.

The Port Elgin *Times* publishes this deserved tribute to Lieut.-Col. Biggar, and to Major B. B. Boyd, who has just succeeded him as Lieut.-Col. commanding the 32nd Battalion:—"It is much to be regretted that Lieut.-Col. Biggar, owing to his continued ill health, has felt it necessary to retire. As an officer of the 32nd none could be held in higher esteem, both by the officers and rank and file, and we are safe in saying that none regrets his retirement more than Lieut.-Col. Boyd, though he receives his promotion through that misfortune. Lieut.-Col. Biggar has been a member of the 32nd since the formation of the regiment in 1866, filling the positions of Sergeant, Ensign, Captain, Major and Lieut.-Col., all of which positions he filled in the highest degree satisfactory. He was also with Wolseley in the North-West during the first rebellion as a Lieutenant, and in 1885 he turned out as senior Major of the 32nd when the regiment was ordered for service in the North-West. In 1887, on the retirement of Lieut.-Col. Cooper, he was promoted to the Lieut.-Colonelcy, but never enjoyed the satisfaction of being out with the regiment in that capacity. Being taken with paralysis in February, 1888, the active command was handed over to the next senior officer, Major Boyd, who has been in command ever since. It must be gratifying to Lieut.-Col. Biggar to know that not one officer in the regiment would hear of his retirement till after he had been long enough a Lieut.-Col. to retire retaining rank, and all are sorry that his continued ill health has at last made such a step necessary. We feel sure that he parts from the regiment with the good wishes of every member in it, and he has the gratification of leaving behind him an officer, in Lieut.-Col. Boyd, who will ably fill his place, as has been already evidenced from the high stand the regiment has taken since he has been in command. We have no hesitation in saying the promotion of Major Boyd is a most popular one, and we have no fear for the 32nd in his hands. Although a comparatively young man, he has seen almost a quarter of a century in the volunteer service, commencing as a private and gradually working his way up till he has now received the highest promotion in the gift of the government he has so faithfully served as a soldier and officer. We congratulate him on his promotion. He is every inch a soldier, liked by his men and trusted by his superior officers when in camp. Long may he wear these new honours and yet attain still higher in the Canadian militia."

The 21st Essex Fusiliers.

At the late Brigade Camp at Stratford, the 21st Essex Fusiliers made the highest average score at target practice, and the regiment has led No. 1 District ever since it was organized in 1885.

And while speaking of the late camp, although at this late date, nothing could be finer than the conduct and discipline, cleanliness and drill of the regiment. Every company marched in full strength, in fact five men over strength. The regiment looked fine indeed on parade. All ranks were imbued with that *esprit du corps* which is so necessary, and which is sure to bring success.

Essex is proud of the 21st Fusiliers Military Rifle League team, and the splendid work they are doing in the series of matches to date. The last score, although it did not advance the team any nearer to the