

petition of No. 1 Co. are as follows:

1st class—

Pte. T. McJanet, spoon, 94, Pte. C. S. Scott 91, Pte. W. S. Odell 85, Pte. R. Moodie 84, Col. Sergt. R. J. Taylor 82, Pte. C. Routh 80.

2nd class—Corp. A. E. Shore, spoon, 82, Pte. H. A. Quinney, 2nd spoon, 80, Pte. C. J. Mills 78, Pte. W. A. Baugs 74, Sgt. Clarke 74, Pte. W. H. Kent 69.

3rd class—Pte. Wm. Smith, spoon, 51, Pte. M. Esdale 45, Pte. E. Cottee 43.

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The following were some of the highest scores made by the members of the Ottawa Rifle Club at their tenth spoon shoot at 200, 400 and 500 yards with the Snider on Saturday the 8th July.

	200	400	500	Ttl.
Thos. McJanet - - -	30	34	30	94
H. H. Gray - - -	30	29	32	91
C. S. Scott - - -	30	33	28	91
J. H. Dewar - - -	26	32	32	90
J. J. Armstrong - -	30	31	28	89
J. P. Robinson - - -	27	32	29	88
Thos. Carroll - - -	24	31	30	85
W. S. Odell - - -	26	32	27	85
R. Moodie - - -	26	28	30	84
R. J. Taylor - - -	27	29	26	82
B. Bell - - -	29	29	24	82
D. O'Leary - - -	28	28	25	81
C. Routh - - -	23	33	24	80
R. A. Helmer - - -	28	28	24	80

The spoons were won as follows:

Thos. McJanet desert spoon, 1st class.

H. H. Gray, tea spoon, 1st class.

J. P. Robinson, desert spoon, 2nd class.

W. S. Odell, desert spoon, 3rd class.

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Over 30 members of No. 6 Co., 43rd Batt., fired in the regular spoon shoot on Saturday afternoon in connection with which the last competition for the "Ladies' Challenge Shield" was held, and proved to be the most closely contested competition in the history of the trophy.

The winner was Private Wm. T. Mason, with a score of 255 points. Next on the list were Sergt. Wm. G. Dial, 248; Private S. Short, 246; Private A. T. Phillips, 237, and 10 others who were well over 200 points. "Billy" was congratulated by the boys for having broken the spell which has hung over the shield, for it will be remembered that Sergt. Dial has held it for each of the last three years. The following is a list of the scores of 60 points or over:

First class—Pte. Wm. T. Mason, spoon, 89; Corp. R. A. Brown 82, Capt. Bell 82, Pte. S. Short 81, Pte. C. Thicke 79, Sergt. Wm. G. Dial 78, Pte. A. T. Phillips 76, Pte. Wm. Tink 75, Lieut. Hutcheson 72, Pte. W. H. Timbers 65.

Second class—Lieut. F. E. Stuart, spoon, 79; Pte. Wm. Lambkin 74, Corp. G. Law 74, Pte. J. Donaldson 66, Pte. A. Bell 66, Pte. Geo. Stroulger 65, Sergt. Wm. Wendt 6, Pte. M. Bollard 60.

Third class—Pte. R. Low, spoon, 74; Pte. Wm. Holt 71; Pte. R. Parsons 66.

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On the 12th another guard consisting of the brass and drum and bugle bands and 65 N. C. O. and men of the G.G.F.G., commanded by Capt. Jarvis and Lieuts. Tay-

lor and Adamson, paraded on the occasion of Lord Derby's departure. Shortly after four, His Excellency, escorted by the P. L. D. G., drove up and once more inspected the guard of honor, thanking them again for having turned out as well on all occasions, whether the weather had been fair or foul.

At half past four, the guard presenting arms and amidst the cheers of the people and the strains of "God Save the Queen," followed by "Auld Lang Syne," the train bearing His Excellency the Governor General, steamed out of the station.

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The inspecting of our crack cavalry corps was made by Lt. Col. Straubenzie, the D. A. G. of the district, on Cartier Square at five o'clock on the return of the Dragoons from their escort duty in connection with the departure of His Excellency the Governor General.

Captain Gourdeau was ordered to put the troop through several movements which were well executed, considering that strange horses had to be brought in since the completion of the drill. This was followed with sword exercise and pursuing practice and then the usual parade movements, which were witnessed by quite a number of persons. Then the uniforms, accoutrements, saddlery, arms and horses were minutely inspected, and the inspecting officer seemed satisfied.

The Deputy Adjutant General before taking his departure requested Captain Gourdeau to express his gratification to the troop, and the officers were highly complimented on the good work they had performed while carrying on the active reconnaissance duty when marching to and from Carleton Place during their drill.

For the first time since the organization of the corps did they turn out in full strength, and this may be attributed to the new interest taken by the men since the introduction of the above new work and duties, which may be called the practical and useful cavalry work.

HALIFAX.

Joha Ritchie, of the Royal Artillery, has been posted as a deserter.

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A local paper the other day said: The man off the Blake who preached on Sunday last at the cemetery gate, will preach on Thursday evening next, on the Common, head of Cornwallis street, at 7.30.

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Owing to the 40th company, R. E., being over the required strength, a number of the non-commissioned officers of the company have left for Rimouski to take the steamer for England.

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H. M. S. Blake will remain in port six weeks. She will then leave for St. John, N. B. From there she will go to Quebec.

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Quite a number of Canadian papers which are in the habit of reproducing from American papers scurrilous stories about officers in the services might with advantage

re-publish the following letter from one of the officers of H. M. S. Blake, published in a local paper:

Sir,—Reading last night's Mail I was astonished to see a paragraph headed "An ugly rumor about Bourke," but on reading further my astonishment was changed to indignation, on reading such charges brought against Capt. Bourke, without a particle of evidence in support of them. I will pass over what is said about his "jumping over scores of older and more deserving heads," and "the grumbling in the service at this; but the insinuations that follow ought not, with justice to this officer, who numbers many friends in the service to be allowed to pass unchallenged. In the case of the Victoria running on a rocky shoal in January, 1892. Capt. Bourke was tried by court martial and sentenced to be "severely reprimanded," "and cautioned to be more careful in future; so, instead of escaping punishment (as implied in the paragraph) he was awarded a severe sentence.

In stating he "deserted the bridge," the words are written against all the evidence as yet put forth; Lord Gillford stating, "The captain, by the admiral's order, went down below, etc."

As regards the statement made by your correspondent that "neither admiral nor anyone else can share with the captain his primary and sole responsibility in peaceful evolutions for the safety of his ship," this is erroneous, as the captain is bound to obey any signal made by the admiral, whilst the rest of the paragraph is written without any evidence in support of it. I must ask you, sir, to publish this in your next issue.

Your obedient servant,

H. G. SANDEMAN,

Lieut. R. N.

Admiralty House, July 6th, 1893.

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Captain Twining's and Captain Sircom's companies of the 63rd Rifles went to Bedford July 6th. for their annual target practice, the former officer in command of the detachment. The men finished their firing by lunch time, and had the afternoon for other amusement, though the rain interfered somewhat with the pleasure-seeking. The tug-of-war between the two companies was won by Captain Twining's men, Captain Corbin acting as referee. The firing resulted as follows, in Captain Twining's company:

	Pts.
85—Corporal Leahy - - -	66
4—Private Pickles - - -	62
3.50—Sergeant Shiers - - -	61
3—Band Sergeant Mabey - - -	60
2.50—Private Scott - - -	59
2.50—Private Parker - - -	57
2—Private Shrum - - -	56
2—Lance Corporal Keating - - -	55
1.50—Staff Sergeant Power - - -	54
1.50—Bugler Isner - - -	49
1—Private Bigby - - -	47
1—Bandman Power - - -	47
1—Private F. Isner - - -	45
1—Lance Corporal Jealous - - -	39
1—Private Carmichael - - -	38
1—Sergeant Hosphart - - -	35
1—Private Myers - - -	33
1—Private Keams - - -	32
1—Corporal W. Power - - -	31

The battalion silver bugle goes to the company whose team of ten men makes