

Rifle practice commences on Saturday, 6th May, and the rules and regulations adopted by the Q. O. R. for the season's practice are nearly alike those adopted by the other regiments. The following is a summary.

PRACTICE will be held every Saturday and Wednesday afternoons during the season, commencing May 6th.

RIFLES—Snider or Martini.

RANGES—200, 400 and 500 yards.

POSITION—Snider, 200, standing or kneeling; 400 and 500 any; Martini-Henry, 200 standing, 400 kneeling, 500 any.

ROUNDS—5 at each Range.

CLASSES—Regiment is divided into 3 classes, viz :—

1st class, Winners of Marksmen's Badges of 1892.

2nd class—Those who under the regulations of 1892 or any previous year, qualified themselves to practice at 500 yards.

3rd class—The remaining members of the Regiment who will be permitted to practice at 200 and 400 yards only.

It is provided that any men of the 3rd class who make 3 scores of not less than 24 points each, shall be passed into second class.

BADGES—The following Badges will be awarded at the close of the season :

Battalion Cross Guns to the N.C.O., or men making the six highest aggregate scores during the season.

Silk Cross Guns to all N.C.O.'s or men who shall make five scores of fifty-eight points or over.

Worsted Cross Guns to all N.C.O.'s or men who shall make five scores of fifty-two points or over.

It is provided that no N.C.O. or man can compete in any regimental competition, unless he has performed at least 50 per cent of the regimental drills for the current year, or for a portion of the present year.

As an incentive to practice it is stated that five teams have been entered from the regiment for the League Matches. The officials who are in charge of rifle shooting in the Battalion are a committee consisting of Capt. Mercer, Lieuts. McNeill and Crooke; Lieut. McNeill, Instructor in Musketry; Staff-Serjts. Donnelly and Agnew, Sergeant Instructors in Musketry.

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The handicap for the Martini-Henri in the Q. O. R. is as follows: Standing at 200 yards, kneeling at 400 yards and prone at 500 and 600 yards. This is a rather heavy one considering there is very little difference, in the opinion of experienced shots, between either of the rifles at 200 yards, and the difference at 200, 500 and 600 yards was I believe only placed at eight points. It was thought that allowing the score of the Martini made at 200, 500 and 600 yards as against that made by the Snider at 200, 400 and 500 yards would be more equal and would do away with practising at the 400 yard range with the Martini, which in the opinion of many is simply wasting ammunition.

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I have just been told that the Ontario Rifle Association will have little or no change from its last programme unless an additional Martini match be added. This will mean the success of the League, fired as it will be with Snider for another year, although no doubt it will be a big disappointment to many who had anticipated nothing but, or else a big increase in, Martini matches.

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To judge from the letters of enquiry and demand for rifles which Staff-Serj. McVittie has been receiving all winter the season of 1893 bids fair to be the best shooting season Canada has ever had, and for the benefit of those who would like to hear of the Martini-Metford rifle I might say on the authority of Birmingham manufacturers that no Metford barrels for this rifle have yet been made by them. Possibly someone else is at it but they have no intimation of such being manufactured.

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The Queen's Own have decided to stay at home for the Queen's birthday and will exert themselves to the utmost in conferring the freedom of Toronto upon the Governor-General's Foot Guards, who will be their guests on that day.

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The 48th Highlanders have made all arrangements for

their trip to Hamilton and have also arranged whereby their friends can accompany the regiment.

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The Grenadiers are at time of writing undecided as to their movements. It is just possible that they may visit St. Catharine's; the Garden City people have sent a very pressing invitation to come over and see them and promise the very best of a time.

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The Grenadiers Race Ball is already an assured success and the work that has already been performed by the committee deserves the greatest measure that has yet been their lot to obtain.

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It is expected that the Major-General will be in the city on the 24th May and make a brief inspection of the different regiments. The 48th certainly won't get much of it, and the others are just wondering as to the quantity they are likely to get. Meanwhile they are hard at it, and the energy displayed will have its results even if an inspection does not put them on their mettle.

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The annual meeting of the Toronto Field Battery Rifle Club was held at the Old Fort barracks on evening of 27th April to get into shape for the coming season's shooting. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Honorary President, Capt. Irving; President, Serj.-Major James Spry; vice-President, Serj. W. G. Carter; Sec'y.-treasurer, Corporal A. Pullan; Rifle Committee, Serj.-Major Spry, Quartermaster T. Warrington, Serj. George Smith, Gunners W. Leach, W. J. Abbott, E. Donald.

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Arrangements are all completed for the concert that is to be given by the 48th Highlanders regimental band this week in Victoria rink. As the affair is to be under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor it is expected that a large crowd will be present.

Surgeon Stuart is giving the ambulance corps weekly lectures on the regulation subjects and hopes to compare favorably with the ambulance corps of the 13th when they visit Hamilton on May 24.

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The band of the 48th Highlanders made its first appearance in public on 12th inst. at the Auditorium, on the occasion of the reception to Mr. Dalton McCarthy. The music rendered was very fine and the appearance of the men did credit to the corps.

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On the evening of 12th inst. Major J. H. Mead, Capt. L. E. W. Irving, Lieut. Robert Myles, Lieut. Armstrong, Surgeon J. E. Elliott and Veterinary Surgeon Andrew Smith, six of the officers of the Toronto Battery of Field Artillery, entertained a number of prominent military officers at dinner at the National Club. The tables were prettily decorated with flowers and drooping ferns and a most dainty menu was provided. The entertainment was wholly informal, the only toast being that of "The Queen," which was drunk with loyal enthusiasm. The remainder of the evening was spent in song, jest and laughter, the music being furnished by the guests. The invited guests, nearly all of whom were present, were: Lieutenant Governor Kirkpatrick, Sir Casimir Gzowski, the Minister of Militia, Major-Gen. Herbert, Lieut.-Col. W. D. Otter, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Lieut.-Col. Cotton, Lieut.-Col. Alger, Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Lieut.-Col. Dawson, Lieut.-Col. Davidson, Lieut.-Col. Grasett, Lieut.-Col. Graveley, Lieut.-Col. Gray, Lieut.-Col. Jones, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, M.P.P., Surgeon Strange, Lieut.-Col. Dunn, Commander Law, Major Buchan, Major Mason, Major King (W.C.F.B.), Major Delamere, Major Stuart (Hamilton), Major Macdonald (48th), Major Cosby, Major Sankey, Major Hay, Capt. John Hendrie (H.F.B.), Capt. Streatfield, Capt. W. B. McMurrich, Capt. Mutton, Mr. John Akers (President National Club), Mr. L. Homfray Irving, Mr. A. E. Irving, Q.C., Major Secretan, Mr. Graham, Lieut. J. B. Miller (Q.O.R.), Mr. A. Bolte, Mr. A. T. Kirkpatrick, Mr. A. W. Smith.

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