

A rifle match, organized by Capt. Cotes of the Wakefield Infantry Company, took place at Wakefield on Tuesday, the 4th inst. A good many of the volunteers of this place took part in it. Several good prizes were offered for competition, and Capt. Cotes, with his usual liberality had invited the Aylwin Volunteers to compete. Three alone of them appeared but succeeded in carrying off half of the prizes.

The first match was at 300 and 500 yards, five rounds at 300 and ten rounds at 500 yards.

First prize.—A repeating rifle, value \$25 presented by E. B. Eddy, Esq., M. P. P. Second prize, \$5, presented by Capt. Cotes. Third prize, one hundred rounds of ammunition, presented by Mr. Millar. The winners and scores were as follows:

1. Private Thomas Heeney 41 points.
2. Bugler H. C. Chamberlin 41 do
3. Lance Corporal J. McCortie 39 do

The second match was at 200, 400, and 600 yards, five rounds at each range. First prize, silver cup, value \$16; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5—all presented by Alonzo Wright, Esq., M. P. The winners and scores were as follows:

1. Sergeant J. C. Chamberlin 42 points.
2. Private J. Cowden 36 do
3. Bugler H. C. Chamberlin 33 do

A strong wind prevailing at the time, together with the extreme coldness, made it difficult shooting, and prevented the score from being as good as it might have been under more favourable circumstances. A slight accident, happening to Mr. Cowden in the second match prevented him from making a point at the long range; and had it not occurred, it is probable he would have been the winner of the first prize in the second match. Before the firing commenced, it was agreed that the winner of the first prize in the first match should be excluded from the second match; consequently, Private Heeney did not compete therein. The Wakefield and Aylwin Infantry Companies are as fine a body of men as it is possible to find in the Volunteer force. They are a credit, not to the Ottawa county alone, but to the whole Dominion. With such loyal hearts and strong arms as the Gatineau Volunteers possess, Canada can rest safe. The Municipal Council of Wakefield very kindly passed a resolution, ordering that the expenses incurred during the match be defrayed by the municipality. It is to be hoped that this kindness will be appreciated as it deserves.

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A postal card was received at Portland, Me., recently, having a dollar bill sewed on one side of it, and directly above the bill was written: "If this is stolen, it will be after it leaves the Kittery post office."

The curious fact has been developed in England that, while one-eighth of the people of that country are members of friendly societies (such as Odd Fellows, Foresters, Druids, and other organizations established for mutual financial benefit), more than one half of these societies are insolvent.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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At the last meeting of the Montreal City Council, the Drill Shed question was discussed freely. After the roof fell in, the Militia Department had communicated several times with the city as to what was going to be done about it. Former negotiations had fallen through, but a later proposal was that the Government should be reimbursed the \$12,000 sunk in the building, or that the city make such arrangements as were necessary for a new Armory or the re-roofing of the Shed.

The Mayor said on his recent visit to Ottawa he availed himself of the opportunity to communicate with several Ministers with regard to some matters in which the city of Montreal is interested. Negotiations had been advanced to an extent which encouraged him to believe that certain matters would have been settled, when a change of Ministry had occurred. He would state the matters and leave it to the Council to say whether they would choose to renew the negotiations with the present government. The first was as to the use of St. Helen's Island by the citizens. He had obtained permission for the citizens to use the Island, on condition that the city should furnish the necessary police supervision when thus occupied. Another matter was the acquisition of ground to widen Common street, where the Harbour Commissioners are about building. With respect to the acquisition of Logan's Farm, there was an indisposition to cede the property; but the city might, he believed, acquire it for a very moderate price. The Barrack property, the Government were prepared to hand over for \$150,000 whenever it was convenient for the city to take it. With respect to the Drill Shed, the Government required that it should be made ready for occupation, or that the city should refund the \$12,000 received. The correspondence on this question was read, the last letter being an inquiry from the Militia Department as to the progress which had been made to render the Drill Shed available for the purpose for which it was originally occupied. His Worship suggested that the Council should appoint an architect to confer with the Government architect on the subject.

The Military School will open on the 1st of December, in charge of Lieut.-Colonel Harwood as Commandant, the remainder of the Staff being the same as last year. The Prince of Wales' Rifles' concert was a very successful affair: the proceeds, after deducting expenses, will be handed over to the Montreal General Hospital. The Mount Royals are going through their annual drill, and make a fair muster.

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REVIEWS.

THE EDINBURGH REVIEW.—No. 282—Oct. 1873—of this sterling Review (American edition) has been received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York. The Number contains several very interesting articles, viz.:—1. The Iron Mask; 2. Work and Wages; 3. Lives and Letters of Beethoven, the celebrated German Musician and Composer, who died in Vienna in 1827; 4. The Cuban Insurrection; 5. The Breeding of Horses; 6. The Three Cathedrals of St. Paul's; 7. Travellers and Handbooks; 8. Kew Gardens; 9. Dr. Strauss' Confession; 10. Affairs on the Gold Coast.—The article under the caption of "Work and Wages" is a review of a work, published in London last year, from the pen of Thomas Brass, M.P.—a work which should be in the hands of every large employer of labour in the Dominion. Art. IX. is a scathing review of an atheistical volume—"The Old Faith and the New"—recently published in Germany and reprinted in England, by the widely known D. F. Strauss. Several points are recommended by the reviewer to the serious consideration of all clergymen of the leading Christian denominations, more especially at the present time, when Science is said to have assumed an attitude of hostility to Revealed Religion.

Lord Derby has made a speech in opposition to the Ashantee war. He holds that the British protectorate, had better not have been extended to its present dimensions, and expressed a doubt whether it was wise to take over the Dutch forts. He protests, with the utmost decision, against any further development of the same policy. He trusts, says the London Times, that "no visionary ideas of a vast tropical empire in Africa, no exaggerated fancies as to its being our duty to put a coat of moral white-wash on every black man we come across" will tempt England to enlarge her protectorate.

The Committee on the prolongation of the powers of the present Government, headed by M. de Rémusat, to-day, 12th inst. had an interview with McMahon. The latter stated he had nothing to say modifying in any way the language of his message to the Assembly. He requested them to hasten their labours in the best interests of the country. He said questions relating to the discussion of constitutional bills belonged solely to the Assembly, though he acknowledged that the adoption of bills would give stability to the Government.

In the Assembly to-day, 12th inst. a motion was offered by the Government postponing the debate upon M. Leon Say's interpellation regarding the failure to order elections to fill vacancies in the Assembly until the day following that upon which the vote is taken upon the prolongation of President McMahon's powers. After a heated debate the motion was adopted.

OUR MANCEUVRES.—Captain of skirmishers (rushing in to seize picket sentries of the enemy)—"Hullo! He-ar! You surrender to this company!" Opposition Lance Corporal—"Beg pardon, sir! It's the other way, sir. We're a brigade, sir!!"—Punch.