



HARD AT WORK.

Annual Meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association.

During the last few days of August, the rocky and uninviting rifle range by the side of the Rideau River was the scene of an unusual degree of animation. The annual matches of the Dominion Rifle Association were coming on; and the necessary preparations for this event—so rapidly growing in interest,—engrossed the attention of the officers of the Association. On Wednesday, the 26th, the work of erecting the official tents and those required for the various detachments who intended going in began, and by dint of energy and close personal attention on the part of the management, was completed by Saturday; that day (Saturday), the competitors commenced to arrive and every train brought large parties of aspirants for Bisley, until by Sunday night the greater majority of the competitors had been on the ground. This year the association had also secured the use of Mr. Gerald Bate's field on the north side of Theodore St., and along its front were placed the large tents to be used by the secretary, treasurer, and other officers of the meeting. Various other official marquees and officers' tents were in the rear, while across the bank, stretching to the river, were placed the Bell tents for the competitors.

On Monday morning the shooting began. Precisely at half past eight a. m. the gun fired and the budding riflemen started work in the Bankers' Nursery Competition; five shots, at 500 yards, open only to men who never won a prize of five dollars or over at any Dominion Rifle meeting.

The first two prizes were as follows:—\$20, Private C. M. Laing, 31st, 25 points; \$15, Mr. D. McMartin, O. R. C., 24 points. Sixteen was the lowest score which came in for a prize in this match. There were 67 prizes in all.

The Nursery was followed by the Macdougall Challenge Cup match, open to the acting Militia and Her Majesty's regular troops in Canada; Ranges 400 and 600 yards, five rounds at each. The cup, a magnificent trophy, was won by Staff-Sergt. F. Mitchell of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, who also received \$30; his score was 47 points. Next prize, \$25, was won by Private C. A. Windatt, 25th Batt., 46 points. There were 65 prizes in this match, the last of which was won by a score of 40 points.

The next match was the Manufacturers', 500 yards, seven rounds with the Snider. Lieut. Elliot of the 12th Batt. took first prize, \$30, with the possible 35 points, followed by Private Carter, 93rd, \$25, 34 points; 74 prizes were offered; 30 was the lowest successful score.

Next came the Standing match, 200 yards, seven rounds, Snider rifle; first prize, \$20, Staff-Sergt. E. A. Cleveland, 54th Batt., 30 points; second prize, \$15, Lieut. A. Wilson,

33rd Batt., 30 points; 54 prizes; 25 points came in for a prize. The above closed Monday's shooting.

On Tuesday, sharp at 8.30, the programme was continued. The first match fired was the Minister of Militia's match for team and individual scores. Ranges, 500 yards and 600 yards. Seven at each with Snider rifles.

The first team prize, the Caron cup and \$45, was won by the 45th Batt., with score of 285; second prize, \$36, won by the 13th Batt., score, 278. There were eight team and 62 individual prizes; in the latter, first prize, \$30, was won by Sergt. Hutchison of the 43rd, with 66 points, followed by Sergt. Morris, 13th Batt., 65 points; 55 points came in.

The next two matches were certainly the most picturesque and probably the most useful of the meeting. These were the Gzowski Challenge Cup Match and the British Challenge

Shield match. In the former the cup and \$50 was won by the Governor-General's Foot Guards with a score of 526 points; 2nd, \$40, won by the 3rd Batt. Victoria Rifles, with 480 points. There were six prizes. In the British Challenge Shield match the G.G.F.G. were also victorious, winning \$40 and the Shield with a score of 320 points; second prize, \$30, was won by the 13th Batt. with a score of 307 points. Four prizes were offered in this match. This closed Tuesday's shooting.

On Wednesday morning the Dominion of Canada match was first in order. This is one of the most important matches of the series, with five team prizes and 83 individual; the ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each with the Snider rifle. The Royal Grenadiers won the first prize, \$60 (and badges), with a score of 409, followed by the 13th Batt., who won \$50, with 397 points. The first individual prize, \$40, was won by Lieut. Revel of the 22nd Batt., 92 points; second prize, \$35, Staff-Sergt. Ralston, 20th, 91 points.

The Rideau match was next fired; this is a one range match, 500 yards, seven rounds with Martini rifles. The first two prizes were won by Staff-Sergt. Loggie, N.F.B., 34 points; the second, \$25, by Corporal McKae, 3rd Vics., 34 points. There were 68 prizes in this match; 31's came in and 10 of them were counted out.

This closed the series of matches preparatory to the aggregate and special matches.

In the Snider aggregate, the first prize, a cup presented by J. H. Stewart, the well known London optician, was won by Sergt. Rolston, with 253 points; second prize, \$15, was won by Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, of the 13th Batt., with 240 points.

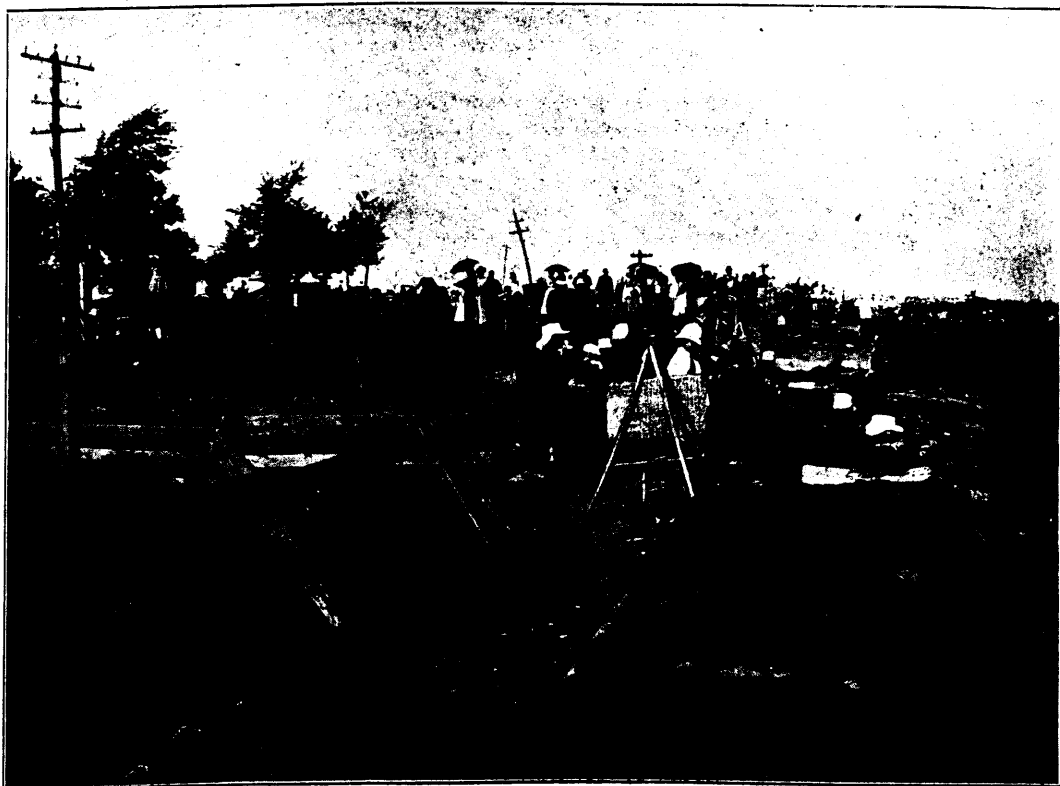
On Thursday the Grand Aggregate was declared showing Staff-Sergt. Rolston, of the 20th, with a magnificent score of 328 points to be first, having 18 points lead of the second man, Sergt. Morris, of the 13th.

The first prize in this was the D.R.A. medal, badge and \$50; second, D.R.A. medal, badge and \$40; 280 was the lowest score that came in for a prize:

In the Team Aggregate, known as the "Lansdowne," the 13th Batt. of Hamilton won the cup and \$40, with a score of 887 points; second, \$35, Governor-General's Foot Guards, 865 points.

The London Merchants' Match, open to teams of eight members, representing the different provinces, was won by Ontario, with 673 points, followed by Quebec, with 641 points. Ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each. The first prize was the cup and \$100; the second, \$80. An unusual feature in this match was that Manitoba came third, ahead of both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, provinces which are usually in the front rank in rifle shooting.

A new feature this year was the introduction of a "Lords and Commons" match, the "Lords" being represented by our Hon. Senators, who well refuted any insinuations as to



THE LAST SHOTS.