

drag the family waggonette, whilst the wretched colonel either drives or sits beside the moustachoed Jehu and seeks consolation in the only pleasure he has left him—his well-smoked pipe.

But now, as a new *regime* is about to arrive, shall we venture to describe, for the benefit of the military authorities, the sealed pattern of commanding officer? A smart, well-sep-up man of *any age*, so long as he is in full possession of the faculties of mind and body; equally at home in drill ground and the orderly-room, above all, a gentleman; considerate towards his officers and thoughtful to his men; a strict disciplinarian, but no military pedant. We say nothing about his being a good horseman, for some men would consider Von Moltke a duffer if he could not jump a five-barred gate. But our ideal should not require to be tied on his horse. He should be a man who cheerfully accepts and makes the best of the decisions of his countrymen with regard to military matters, and who does not require to be shoved and pushed along from one movement to another, or go about grumbling and shaking his head because repeating rifles, or balloons, or a variation in drill, are to be introduced into the service. Such a man is required, as the seniors respect and the youngsters love, and who has a friendly word for every man, woman and child in his regiment, and consideration even for the greatest blackguard in it. If by any system of selection the authorities can find this sort of man let them promote him as soon as possible, he will not disgrace their choice when serious business is going on.—*Broad Arrow.*

Outpost Duty.

BY direction of the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, Viscount Wolseley, G.C.B., adjutant-general, has issued a memorandum to the general officers commanding military districts, in which it is pointed out that His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge has recently noticed that many officers of all ranks evince a considerable lack of information in those field duties—such as outpost and reconnaissance work—a thorough and practical knowledge of which is vitally important to all military efficiency. The memorandum recalls that the yearly course of military training prescribed by the Queen's regulations was laid down with the object of affording officers sufficient opportunities to practise these duties, and teach them to their men; and the commander-in-chief has been disappointed to find that little progress has been made in this respect. The general officers addressed are ordered to impress upon officers commanding regiments or battalions that His Royal Highness holds them personally responsible for the efficiency of their corps in every particular. The necessity of devoting a great deal more time and attention to the instruction of troops is pointed out very strongly, especially in field duties, upon the proper and intelligent performance of which in time of war the credit of corps and the lives of men must in no small measure depend. The officers commanding the districts are requested themselves to see that corps under their command are frequently practised in outpost and reconnaissance duties; and the commander-in-chief considers that in winter route marches much practical instruction may be given, though large drill grounds be not available, and movements have to be restricted to the road.—*United Service Gazette.*

Queries and Replies.

Q. 1. Will the Martini take a more prominent place in the matches of the D. R. A. next year?

2. Can you inform me what would be the price of a box of M.-H. ammunition? I want one for next year.

A. 1. That will be decided by the new council to be elected this winter; the probability is that very little change will be made in this year's programme.

2. A box containing 500 rounds will cost \$12; a deposit receipt should be got as described for books last week; but in this case the application should be made to the Director of Stores here, or the Superintendent of Stores, if there is one where you live.

Correspondence.

QUEBEC AMMUNITION.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

DEAR SIR,—Your remarks on Snider ammunition of Canadian manufacture, I cannot understand. I see by the GAZETTE of the 28th October, that the five highest scores for the season at Ottawa, with the Snider rifle, are 382 points, the second 380 points. I enclose a list of competitions held at Quebec this season, by which you will see that the highest five scores there for the season aggregated 411 points, and the second 400 points, with D. C. ammunition. The four highest scores with the Martini-Henry at Ottawa, are 347 points, the second 333 points. The four highest scores with the Snider rifle at Quebec, D. C. ammunition, are 329, the second 321 points. The difference for the first being eighteen points and the second four points better for the Martini, which I think is very insignificant considering the small bore of the Martini and its renown for accuracy. I cannot see that the Ottawa club's season's record is a proof of the difference in quality of the two ammunitions, for their first spoon competition was with English ammunition, Snider rifle, and highest scores were 84, 83, and 80 points. Their last spoon competition was with D. C. ammunition, Snider

rifle, scores being 89, 86, and 86 points, D. C. ammunition being 14 points better than the English ammunition.

I don't think the Ottawa club has any room to talk of the D. C. ammunition, as there are other clubs using the same ammunition and making good scores. As for the average 7 points per score less than last year, I think it is on account of having no sighting shots this year.

A RIFLEMAN.

Synopsis of this year's shooting of the 8th Royal Rifles of Quebec, showing nine club days; Snider rifle; D. C. ammunition:

NAMES.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL BEST FIVE.	GRAND TOTAL.
Sergt. J. Goudie.....	75	76	77	79	82	82	82	82	83	411	718
Col.-Sergt. Thomson....	70	70	72	72	79	79	79	81	82	400	684
Corpl. Hartley.....	67	69	70	71	75	73	67	84	78	381	654
Pte. Norton.....	62	62	65	63	65	68	71	75	76	355	607
Corpl. Douglas.....	53	56	62	63	67	69	69	76	72	353	587
Sergt. Dewfall.....	59	59	59	60	63	67	72	72	74	348	585
Sergt. Thomson.....	59	59	64	66	66	67	67	68	71	339	587
Sergt. Mountain.....	57	57	61	62	63	64	66	68	78	339	576

The Target.

Waterdown, Ont.—The first annual matches of the Waterdown rifle association and of No. 2 Co., 77th Batt. were held conjointly on the Lansdowne ranges, Waterdown, on the 3rd inst. Dr. O. McGregor is president, and Mr. Geo. Baker secretary of the association, and there were about fifty competitors. Nearly all are beginners, and deserve great encouragement for the hearty manner in which they have taken to military shooting. A well known crack shot prophesies that the Waterdown marksmen will be heard from to some purpose in the near future, and that the enthusiasm of Dr. McGregor and Mr. Robertson is rapidly leading them especially to the front. The day was cold and unfavorable for good scores. A hot coffee canteen added materially to the comfort of the marksmen.

FIRST—VOLUNTEER.

Restricted to the volunteers of No. 2 Co., 77th Batt. 7 shots at 200 yards.

Prize.	Pts.	Prize.	Pts.
\$6 00 Capt. McMonies.....	24	\$2 00 Bugler Metzger.....	10
5 00 Pte. John Cleaves.....	16	1 00 Pte. James Cleaves.....	9
4 00 Pte. Clarke.....	14	1 00 Paul Arnold.....	6
3 00 Pte. Mullock.....	13	1 00 Sergt. L. Mullock.....	5
2 50 Pte. O. W. Cummins.....	11	1 00 Pte. A. Brown.....	4
2 00 Sergt. Davis.....	11	75 Charles Brown.....	4

SECOND—CIVILIAN.

Restricted to the civilians of Waterdown and vicinity. 7 shots at 500 yards.

\$6 00 Ed. Rymal.....	22	\$1 50 Thomas English.....	15
5 00 Alex. Robertson.....	20	1 00 J. W. Tunnis.....	15
4 00 Wm. Rickman.....	17	1 00 Thomas Curtis.....	13
3 00 T. O. Page.....	17	1 00 Wm. Hughes.....	12
2 50 Dr. O. McGregor.....	16	1 00 John Tunnis.....	11
2 00 W. Gallon.....	15	75 Wm. Stock.....	11

THIRD—VOLUNTEER AND CIVILIAN.

7 rounds; range 500 yards.

\$6 00 A. Robertson.....	27	\$1 00 Sergt. C. Brown.....	14
5 00 T. O. Page.....	20	1 00 Dr. McGregor.....	14
4 00 J. Easterbrook.....	20	0 75 Geo. Batser.....	13
3 00 A. Carey.....	19	0 75 W. Gallon.....	13
2 50 T. Mullock.....	19	0 75 R. McDonald.....	13
2 00 W. Stock.....	16	0 75 N. Arnold.....	13
1 50 Wm. Ryckman.....	16	0 75 Jas. Hunter.....	12
1 50 C. Nicholson.....	14	0 75 Rev. W. Robertson.....	11
1 00 P. Arnold.....	14	0 50 Pte. Luke Mullock.....	11
1 00 J. W. Tunnis.....	14	0 25 Pte. Metzger.....	11

FOURTH—AGGREGATE.

\$3 25 Alex. Robertson.....	47	\$1 25 Ed. Rymal.....	22
3 00 T. O. Page.....	37	1 10 T. Mullock.....	20
2 00 Capt. McMonies.....	35	1 00 J. Easterbrook.....	20
1 50 Wm. Ryckman.....	33	0 75 Dr. McGregor.....	20

Most bull's eyes in aggregate scores.....	A. Robertson.....	\$1 50
Most inners.....	E. Rymal.....	1 10
Most magpies.....	T. O. Page.....	2 00
Most outers.....	W. Stock.....	1 00

FIFTH—EXTRA SERIES.

10 shots, kneeling, at 200 yards; prizes in kind.

A. Robertson.....	45	W. Gallon.....	43
Pte. John Cleaves.....	44	John Tunnis.....	43
Dr. McGregor.....	43		

Port Arthur.—The rifle association's annual matches are fixed for Thanksgiving day, if the ammunition telegraphed from Ottawa does not get stuck on the C. P. R.

Portage la Prairie.—The members of Portage rifle association are preparing a match between eight civilians and eight military men to come off on Thanksgiving day if the weather proves favorable. At a late meeting of the association the financial report by secretary R. C. Brown showed a small balance in favor of the association. The McIntyre cup was won by Jno. McKenzie, the Woodside trophy clock by Lieut. R. C. Brown, and the association gold medal by Jno. J. McKenzie.

Gibraltar.—The latest innovation in rifle shooting comes to us from Gibraltar, where at a late prize meeting a match was included in the programme for a "Ladies' Prize," given by officers of the garrison, seven shots with the government rifle, used with the Morris tube at 25 yards at a very diminutive target. There was a large number of fair competitors, and a good attendance of spectators. The result was that three ladies tied, viz., Mrs. Tuson, Miss Ethel and Miss Eva Adye, who made 11 points. There was just sufficient daylight left to shoot off the tie, and Miss Ethel Adye won the first prize by making a bull's-eye, and the other two each missed. They had therefore to fire again for second prize, and Mrs. Tuson was victorious, leaving Miss Eva Adye with the third prize. The prizes were presented by His Excellency the Governor, who did so with an appropriate speech, in the course of which he said that as the ladies' tastes were varied; the officers of the garrison had thought it best to give the prizes in money, and he hoped that they would buy something which would remind them of the occasion.