

ing ammunition; no sighting shot. First prize, 1 pair "Lemaire's" extra power field glasses, value \$18, and cash \$10; 2nd prize, 1 pair shooting spectacles, value \$5, and cash \$8; 3rd prize, an orthoptic, value \$3 (to be selected by winner), and cash \$6; 4th prize, cash \$6; six prizes of \$5; five prizes of \$4; seven prizes of \$3; 22 prizes. Total cash, \$101.

**THE EL PADRE NEEDLES CIGAR COMPETITION**—The 1st prize of 1,000 El Padre Needle cigars are presented to the association for competition by Messrs. S. Davis & Sons, of Montreal. Range, 500 yards, 5 shots; position, any. Entrance fee 35c., including ammunition and sighting shot. 1st prize, 1,000 El Padre Needle cigars, value \$60; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10; 4th, \$8; 5th, \$6; six prizes of \$5; five prizes of \$4; four prizes of \$3. 20 prizes. Total cash, \$101.

N.B.—For the first prize only in this match the aggregate of two scores to count, and in deciding ties, the ordinary rules as applicable to a ten-shot match to apply. The best score to be counted as and for the last five shots.

#### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

**T**HE adjourned meeting of the council of the above association was held on Monday last in the Brigade Office to consider the secretary's and treasurer's reports, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., in the chair. There were present: Lieut.-Cols. D. T. Fraser, F. Massey, J. Hood and J. A. L. Strathy, Majors Busteed and Ibbotson, Capts. Andrews, Collins and Finlayson, Lieut. Desbarats, and the treasurer and secretary.

The secretary's report went to show that the association had progressed during the past year both as regards competitors at the matches and financially. It was also reported that the Provincial Government had been prevailed upon to renew their annual grant to the extent of \$250. This grant has lapsed for some years, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the association had been enabled to get it renewed. It is felt by many that this grant should at least be raised to \$500. The Ontario Government deals most handsomely with the O.R.A., and there is no reason why the Quebec Government should not deal in a more liberal way with the P.Q.R.A. It is to be hoped that by another year this small grant of \$250 will at least be doubled. It was recommended that the telephone line at the rifle range, which was originally put up and kept in order at the expense of the association for some years, be taken over by the Militia Department. It was only used for three days in the year, and the rest of the time used for the benefit of the militia generally.

The ranges would be incomplete without it, and it is most desirable that the Department should take it over. The idea of commencing the matches on Wednesday had turned out most successful. An increase was reported in the number of competitors both as regards regular matches, extra series matches and teams, and it was recommended in view of the better financial standing of the association, to materially increase the prize list. There was a loss in the annual membership. The thanks of the association was tendered to the banks, commercial corporations and merchants who had donated cash and kind prizes to the matches; also to His Excellency the Governor-General and the Lieut.-Governor for silver and bronze medals. The following were elected life members: Hon. J. C. Patterson, Lieut.-Col. Massey, Geo. W. Stevens, sr. The officials under whom the matches were carried out, viz., Lieut.-Col. Mattice, executive officer, Lieut.-Col. Hodgins, Capts. Mercier, P. Taylor and Lieut. Brown, range officers, and Major Walsh, statistical officer, were thanked for the carrying out of the work. Appropriations were voted to the secretary and treasurer and Mr. Robert Allan for their services during the season.

Immediately on the conclusion of the above meeting, the new council for 1896 held a meeting at which officers for the year were elected: Chairman of council, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G.; treasurer, Major Radiger; secretary, Major Blaiklock; auditors, Capt. James D. Ross, R.L., and Capt. Ostell; Finance Committee, Lieut.-Cols. Brosseau, D. T. Fraser and Burland; Executive Committee, Lieut.-Cols. Massey, D. T. Fraser, Hood and Burland, Majors Blaiklock, Ibbotson and Busteed, Capt. Finlayson and Lieut. Desbarats. The representatives to D.R.A., Ottawa, are Lieut.-Cols. Hood and Burland, Majors Blaiklock, Busteed and Sims. The above officers were re-elected from last year.

The matches were fixed to take place on the 12th, 14th and 15th of August.

The committee was authorized to draw up the prize list to the cash value of \$2,000. A member of the council drew attention to the fact that the city of Toronto had made a grant to O.R.A. of something over \$400, and suggested that application be made to the City Council of Montreal for a similar sum.

This was all the business and the Executive Committee then met. The proposed programme was submitted by the secretary and adopted. The cash prizes on the programme will run to over \$2,000, besides cups, medals, and numerous kind prizes.

Lieut.-Col. Mattice was appointed executive officer. The ammunition to be used will be English, 1896 make, as imported by the

Militia Department, and will be issued by the association as in previous years. The cost of the ammunition and sighting shots is included in the entry fee.

#### WE WIN THE KOLAPORE CUP.

Have won Kolapore by fourteen points.—Starke.

**T**HIS is the telegram that sent up a cheer in the Militia Department, Friday. It told that the Canadian team, under Lieut.-Col. Starke, had won the highest honor at the national rifle meeting at Bisley. Year after year we came very close, but just missed the coveted prize. It has not been won by Canada since 1889, when Col. Bacon took the team over.

The G.O.C. cabled his congratulations and the news was wired to Hon. Mr. Borden, who also cabled Col. Starke.

Great things were expected from this year's team and we have not been disappointed. Another Hayhurst experience and our cup of happiness would be full.

The eight men composing the team were selected by a different method from former years. This comes from sending two experienced men like Col. Starke and Major Bruce in charge. They know the shots composing the team. They know what they can and what they cannot do. It proves, what THE GAZETTE has contended, that practical men only should be detailed to command the Canadian representatives.

The following are the individual scores of the team:

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Capt. Spearing, 53rd.....	31	27	30	88
Lieut. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.....	30	31	27	88
Lieut. Ross, 13th.....	29	29	28	86
Lieut. Weller, 59th.....	26	31	25	82
Lieut. Mitchell, 12th.....	27	26	28	81
Pte. Hayhurst, G.M., 13th.....	28	29	22	79
Sergt. Crowe 1st B.F.A.....	28	29	21	78
Pte. Campbell, 45th.....	27	26	21	74
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The scores of the other teams are as follows:

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Mother Country.....	232	219	193	644
Guernsey.....	225	226	167	618
Jersey.....	199	212	178	589

By a coincidence the score of 618 made last year by Canada is this year made by the Guernsey team in third place.

This year's win makes the sixth time Canadian teams have won the coveted trophy, the other years being 1872, 1875, 1881, 1884 and 1889.

This year the Canadians defeated the Mother Country team at both 500 and 600 yards ranges, losing to them at 200 yards, reversing the order of last year, when they defeated the Mother Country team at 200 yards, but lost to them at 500 and 600 yards. The individual average of the Canadian team this year is 82, as against 77½ in 1895, and of the Mother Country 80½, as against 79¾ last year.