

RIFLE MATCHES.

MISSISSQUOI COUNTY RIFLE MATCH.

FRELIGHTSBURG, 18th Sept.

Our hardy frontiersmen seem to abate no jot of interest in training themselves to the use of the Rifle. Another Fenian invasion would find them armed with the best weak-on procurable, and adepts in their use.

The Missisquoi Rifle Match held again at Frelightsburg this year, opened on Tuesday morning last. Rain had fallen during the night, and the day opened warm and misty—what is graphically termed muggy. A good many people staid away in consequence of this unpropitious state of things not believing the match would go on. But between 10 and 11 o'clock the Committee finding the competitors themselves had mustered in good numbers, begun the match, the President, L.W. Decker, Esq., opening proceedings by firing the first shot.

The firing was not very excellent, owing, probably, in some measure, to the state of the weather. The score made is subjoined.

CLASS NO. 1.

Open to all Sergeants of the Volunteer Militia of the District of Bedford, who have served bona fide in such rank for at least six months previous to date of match. To be fired for with weapons served out to the Volunteer Militia of the District, either Spencer, Peabody, or Enfield. Range 200 and 400 yards; 3 shots each. Entrance, 50c. First Prize—A Silver Watch, value \$30, presented by Lieut.-Colonel W. Osborne South, A.A.G.; second prize, £2 10s., Nine entries.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 200 yds., 400 yds., Total. Sgt. Lathner, Waterloo 1 43 3 44 21; Rodgers Dunham 3 31 1 23 19

CLASS NO. 2.

Open to all breech-loading Rifles in Missisquoi County, --3 shots at each range. Entrance 50c; range 200 and 300 yards. First Prize, £5 5s presented by B. Chamberlin, Esq., M.P.; second do, £2 10s, third do, £1 is. 30 entries

Table with 3 columns: Name, 200 yds., 300 yds., Total. H. C. Bush, Clarencville 3 31 3 44 21; James G. Pell, Dunham 4 13 3 44 21; J.A. Howley, Clarencville 2 12 1 24 19

CLASS NO. 3.

Open to the Volunteers of the District, Service Rifles; entrance 50c; range 300 and 400 yards --5 shots. First prize, a Remington Rifle, £5 5s, presented by W. M. Pattison, Esq.; second do, £2 10s; third do, £1 5s. 32 entries.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 300 yds., 500 yds., Total. Geo. Bell, Waterloo 3 23 4 3 16; S. T. Rodgers, Dunham 4 12 3 3 15; E. Welsh, Farnham 4 13 3 2 15

CLASS NO. 4—LADIE'S PRIZE

Open to all Rifles in the County. Entrance, 50 cents; range 300 and 400 yards; 3 rounds each range. First prize, £5 5s, second, £2 10s, third, \$5; 29 entries.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 300 yds., 400 yds., Total. E. Welsh, Farnham 3 33 4 3 20; Capt. Bockus, Stunbridge 3 33 3 3 18; S. J. Rodgers, Dunham 2 13 2 23 16

Among the competitors and winners the volunteers of the County bore a large proportion, and the Snider Enfield made the best average work, Ball's and Ballard's being used against it.

Captain Stokes, of Lacolle, was also present with a Remington fitted with his new and ingenious breech loading lock, which attracted a good deal of attention. He is now engaged in simplifying it so as to make its mechanism less complicated than that of any other of the favorite breech-loaders now in use.

The second day's competition was somewhat

better than the first. The day, although unseasonably and oppressively hot, was fine until the close of the proceedings, when a thunderstorm came down.

The first competition was for—

CLASS NO. 5.

Open to all comers with revolvers with barrels not over 7 inches in length; 25 and 50 paces; 3 rounds each range, entrance, 25 cts. First prize, £3 15s; second, £1 3s; third, 15s. 12 entries.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 25 paces, 50 do., Total. E. B. Hodge, Waterloo 2 41 3 33 10; H. N. Sligsby, Phillipsburg 2 31 3 33 18; T. J. Shepard, Frelightsburg 3 33 1 11 18

The second competition was for—

CLASS NO. 6.

Open to Non-Repeating breech-loaders in the County. 50cents; range 100, 300, and 200 yards; one minute at each range --fire from half. First prize, £35s, presented by J. Chamberlin, M.D.; second, £1 is. 11 entries.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 100 yds., 300 do., 200 do., Total. H. L. Jacques, Frelightsburg 21 17 19 57; T. Slack, Bedford 13 19 19 51; J. G. Pell, Dunham 21 10 9 40

The Stoker Rifle made 14 shots; Ballard made 11; Snider 8; Allan Wheelock 16.

The third competition was for—

CLASS NO. 7.

Open to all comers and rifles; range 200 and 300 yards, 1 shot at each range. Entrance 50 cents. First Prize a Ballard Rifle and 200 rounds ammunition, value £7 10s. Second Prize, £2 10s, presented by C.M. Murry, proprietor of the International Hotel, Frelightsburg Third Prize, £1 is. 8 entries.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 200 yds., 300 yds., Total. T. J. Shepard, Frelightsburg 1 3 14 3 43 3 28; E. B. Hodge, Waterloo 2 3 14 2 14 1 27; Dr. Batterspy, Waterloo 1 4 33 2 3 1 26; G. Vosburg, Lacolle 2 3 4 1 3 3 26; S. J. Rodgers, Dunham 3 1 13 3 1 23 26

Tie fired off: Vosburg missed; Batterspy and Rodgers tied twice again, each winning centres. On the third trial Batterspy won with a centre against an outer by Rodgers.

The fourth and last competition was for a special prize of a Wesson Rifle, offered by G. B. Barker, Esq., value \$25, open to all comers and rifles in the country. 250 yards, 5 shots. 24 entries. I. A. Westover, Dunham, 4 2 3 3 3-15.

The firing in this competition was interrupted and hurried by the thunder storm. None of the rifles were actually sighted for the range.—Montreal Gazette.

FROM NAPANEE.

On Tuesday 17th instant, the first annual rifle match of the Napanee Battery of Garrison Artillery, engaged the attention of a large number of the members of that really splendid Volunteer corps. The rifle used was the short Enfield, and the regulations were according to Hythe.

Had it not been for the severity of an unwelcome nor easter, the firing would undoubtedly, and with justice, have been demonstrated to be even more than good. As it chanced, however, the day proved adverse; yet, such was the average scoring, that a new and hitherto untried company need by no means be ashamed to found its reputation upon the accuracy of last Tuesday's firing, notwithstanding the antipodes of the balmy zephyr did its very utmost directly across the range. The following were prizemen with their respective scores.

Table with 3 columns: Name, 200 yds., 300 yds., Total. Gun. Begley 2 4 2 2 3-13 3 4 2 4 1-17-30; Gun. Warner 3 2 3 4 3-15 4 2 2 2 3-13-28; Sgt McDonald 2 4 4 2 4-16 2 2 2 3 2-11-27

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Total. Gun. Lanp 3 4 2 3 3-15 2 4 0 3 3-12-27; Gun. Spike 4 2 3 2 2-13 3 3 2 2 2-12-25; Gun. Bartels 2 3 3 2 4-14 4 0 0 3 3-10-21

[We shall be glad to hear from our Napanee correspondent frequently.—Ed. Vol. Review.]

A Good Shot.—The following score made a few days since by Mr. C. Murry, on the Victoria Rifle Club Range, Hamilton, is seldom exceeded, and deserves prominence as a specimen of what can be done by Canadian marksmen with Canadian rifles. The arm was made by Mr. Grainger, of Toronto, the projectile Ely's 442 cylindrical bullet, and the powder made by the Hamilton Powder Company. No sighting shots were fired:—

Table with 3 columns: Name, 500 yds, 600 yds, 700 yds, 800 yds, 900 yds, 1000 yds. 4444-20 4344-19 4444-20 4344-18 4344-19 4443-19

Total.....115 Highest possible score.....120

FOREIGN MILITARY ITEMS.

The Queen has been pleased to confer upon Major Greig, Chief Consul of Liverpool, the civil honor of companion of the Bath. This is understood to be a recognition of his able services in connection with the suppression of the Fenian outbreak.

A letter from Italy states that King Victor Emanuel used his personal influence with Garibaldi to deter him from his designs against Rome. The King would not leave Florence so long as there was a Garibaldian attempt, and for some time there was great danger.

Queen Victoria's speech, proroguing Parliament, is not sanguine concerning the peace of Europe. The British Cabinet evidently expect war between France and Prussia next year, unless Napoleon should die before that time, or become seriously ill. His health has not been good the past two years, and his disease is considered probably incurable.

There have been several instances lately, observes the Army and Navy Gazette, of discontent in regiments arising from the refusal of the medal for long and good service to men quite entitled to it. The regulation limiting the number of such medals, no matter how many may deserve them, seems vexatious and unreasonable. It is a coveted distinction, and it is looked for with anxiety, and regarded with pride by those who get it, whilst the refusal of it too men equally deserving causes envy, ill blood, and dissatisfaction.

REQUIEM FOR THE LATE KING OF THE FRENCH.—Within the last few days several French noblemen and gentlemen have arrived in London, in order that they may be present at the Grand Requiem Mass which is sung every year at the Catholic Chapel at Weybridge, for the repose of the soul of the late King of the French, Louis Philippe. The ceremony will take place as usual on the 28th inst., The anniversary of his Majesty's death, and it is expected that it will be even more numerously attended than on former occasions by the adherents of the exiled family.