

is that presented by the Honorable Colonel Lindsay, of the St. George's Rifles, divided into two stages, the first is for the St. George's challenge vase, value £250, with thirty prizes in addition, consisting of enameled jewels of St. George, and purses of five Dragon Sovereigns; second stage the Dragon Cup valued £50. Another handsome prize is the China challenge Cup, value, £525, with £50 added presented by the Volunteers in China. The Prince of Wales' is also a good one, £200. The prizes of the London and South Western Railway Company, the Saturday Review, the Henry Peek, and Earl Ducie's are among the best, though there are many more equally good, the last named are "All Comers," i.e. open to the whole world. Hundreds of prizes are open to Volunteers and the world, and many without entrance fee. A good shot might go to Wimbledon and bring away £600 or £700, so great is the liberality in giving prizes. Besides there are sundry matches, the one that attracts most attention is the Public Schools Match between Eton, Harrow, Rugby and Marlborough. The Lords and Commons often have a match also. The competition between England, Scotland and Ireland, is very interesting, the squads are composed of the best shots, of the best shooting countries in the world, and splendid shooting is to be seen when watching them, but of 280 shots at the long ranges fired this year by the Scotch, only 8 were missed; so that if any of the colonies send a team to compete also, their work will be cut out for them, though it is to be hoped it won't deter them from joining in before long. A new system of firing and marking, has been adopted lately from the Swiss, called Swiss Carton Target, it is a favorite, place of resort, the sign painting of the Target is the same as ordinary, but made very light, on a wooden frame covered with pasteboard, in the centre is nailed a carton, a circular piece of pasteboard about 8 inches in diameter, when hit, this carton is removed and registered to the firer; there are two kinds of prizes, centrals and cartons, centrals are for those shots nearest the centre, and hitting a carton entitles a man to a prize, who can fire as often as he pleases for a shilling a shot. When the target is struck, it disappears, the shot hole is pasted over, or carton removed, and it reappears. There are a great number of pool targets at 200 or 600 yards, very small bulls' eyes, a shilling a shot, after one fourth has been deducted for the N. R. A., the remainder is divided between the Bulls' eyes and centrals. The running deer and the running man are conducted on the same principles, and create a great deal of fun, especially when the black flag is hoisted, that the haunch is hit, and a fine of eighteen pence is inflicted. Another prize of a novel character has been introduced, for the best score in 5 minutes, running 50 yards, between every two shots. I was fortunate this year in being put in charge of the trial of breech-loaders, which are now creating so much excitement, I had therefore a good opportunity of inspecting the different inventions brought forward for trial, and witnessing their results, which were very interesting. Many were brought forward, some of great merit, others the reverse. The Spencer repeating Rifle made the best shooting combined with rapidity, but was fired by a very skillful marksman, (Mr. Peterkin of the Cam-

bridge corps) and manufactured very carefully by Rigby of Dublin, he discharged it 36 times in 3 minutes, and got 10 bulls' eyes, 15 centrals and 11 overs on a single target, with a 4 inch bulls' eye, at 200 yards. Nearly all of those made in America were apt to jam in firing rapidly. The Remington breech loader fired 51 shots in 3 minutes but scarcely hit the target at all and discharged a very small bullet, the machinery was simple, but if it got out of order would prove dangerous. I saw afterwards that the Austrians had ordered a large number of these, they sent an agent over (a military man), to attend the trial and report accordingly. The best rifle to my eye, was the Berdan, which for simplicity and accuracy was equal to any; it was an Enfield conversion, and I believe has since been adopted by the Americans. The Snider was not brought forward for trial, as it had been adopted by the Government, after all I have seen of it, I think it equals any for usefulness and simplicity. Westly Richard's invention is worthy of notice also. The foreigners appear much astonished at the good firing of the English volunteers, none more so than the Austrian agent, (a Nobleman and a Colonel) who was watching Mitford & Henry with their respective rifles, they each got 9 Bulls' eyes out of 10 shots at 200 yards, Bulls' eyes 4 inch square, his English friend who was doing the honors of Wimbledon, told him that it was an every day occurrence. The Belgians did not attempt to compete with them, a couple of them came to a pool target I was at, and after expending half a Sovereign, (which seemed to frighten them rather) they got a centre, and on being presented with a ticket duly initiated, they went off perfectly charmed, imagining they had got a small fortune. N. B. It was only worth four pence.

On the last day, Saturday, a grand Volunteer review is held. A grand stand and platform is erected, and the prizes are distributed. This year, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was graciously pleased to present them, which made them doubly dear to all Volunteers and Englishmen. The review generally musters about 30,000 men together, and like all other reviews, is much enjoyed by the people. Ten days after the close, the common resumes its original appearance.

THREATS of rough treatment having been advised by some of the unprincipled Halifax papers to the Canadian Ministers on their arrival at Halifax, the Hon. JOSEPH HOWE deemed it his duty to address the following letter to the Editor of the Halifax *Morning Chronicle*, which, we are happy to say, produced the desired effect:—

SIR,—The papers inform us that Sir John A. Macdonald and his lady, and perhaps Mr. Cartier, are coming down to Nova Scotia on a visit, and the editor of an evening paper bespeaks for them (should they come) discourteous treatment if not rougher handling. I regret to see this spirit manifested in any quarter. Where actual war rages flags of truce are respected, and the soldiers in the field exchange courtesies across their lines, which lend the grace of chivalry to the sternest conflicts. Roderick Dhu shared his plaid and his heather couch with Fitz James though ready and anxious to cross swords with him in the morning. We have taught the public men of Canada and of England within the past two years that the people of Nova Scotia are men and not cravens. Let us show them now that we are gentlemen and

not ruffians. One rude word, one act of discourtesy would disgrace us all and bring such discredit on our cause as to make it hopeless hereafter. Nineteen Nova Scotians traversed the *Canadas* last fall and sojourned for forty days in the Capital of the Dominion. Though the great majority of them were known to be hostile to the fundamental law under which the Legislature was convened, and not very friendly to the Government, though I and others denounced the acts and the policy of the majority on all suitable occasions with indignant freedom of speech, yet from the time we entered Canada till we came out of it we received from all classes of the people hospitable and courteous treatment. I passed through the crowded corridors of the House of Commons with my hot words ringing in the ears of the people I met, but they never offered one insult, and at 3 o'clock in the morning I often went to my lodgings alone, as little apprehensive of obstruction or offence as I would have been in the streets of Halifax. Let us hear no more, then, of different treatment of Canadians, high or low, in any part of the Province. If we have lost our constitution let us preserve our manners. The Secretary of State and the Imperial Parliament have thrown upon the Canadian Government the responsibility of action in the great controversy which, at the present moment perplex us all. It would appear that its leaders have promptly responded, and will come here to discuss with the Nova Scotians such remedial measures as they may have to propose. We are bound to give them a fair hearing and courteous treatment. Is our case so bad that we are afraid to discuss it on our own soil with the leading men of Canada? Are we so strong that we can afford to outrage the public sentiment of the whole world by reckless disregard of all the usage of civilized diplomacy? I think not, and hasten to say that I should deeply regret if any indiscretion were to sully a course which has hitherto been conducted with dignity and temper, which have challenged the respect even of those to whom we have stood opposed. I am quite sure that on reflection, the writer to whose article I refer, and whose views it is possible I may have misapprehended, will concur in the opinions which I consider it a public duty thus frankly to express.

Yours truly,
(Signed,) JOSEPH HOWE.

The friends of Garibaldi in this country will regret to learn that the General, according to a statement in the *Pungolo* of Naples, is suffering so severely from a rheumatic attack, that he is compelled to go about on crutches. The same journal says that the statement of certain journals that the General intends to go to Florence, and take part in the final sittings of the Chamber, is utterly unfounded.

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