

tournament of the Queen's Own Rifles in the Mutual street rink last night. The boys in green are to be congratulated on giving an entertainment first-class in every respect. The floor of the big rink was laid out in circus style with a ring of which eighteen laps made a mile. In the centre were the tug-of-war cleats. Around the ring and in the galleries sat over 200 people, and everyone had a good view. Nearly all the officers in town and some from outside were there, and Grenadiers, Queen's Owners and regulars from the fort were scattered all over. For some unexplained reason Gen. Middleton and Gov. Robinson did not attend as was expected they would. The Queen's Own band was in the gallery and played several choice selections. Col. Otter, D.A.G., Major Hamilton, Q.O.R., and Capt. Sims, Victoria Rifles, Montreal, were the judges; John Massey, starter; John Henderson, timekeeper, and Sergt.-Major Crean, clerk of the course.

The event of the evening was the tug-of-war in five-minute heats, for ten silver mugs, between these teams:

First Provisional Brigade Field Artillery of Guelph.—Lieut. Higginbotham, Capt.; Sergeants Armstrong (anchor), Brown, Holley, Merryweather, Newstead, Corporals Knowles and Watson, Bombardiers McFarlane and Hines, and Gunner Causford.

Grenadiers—Adjutant Manley, captain; Sergeants Metcalf and Walker, Privates Newman, McIlwan, McMurray, Tipton, Richardson, Stemin, Ross, and Coulter (anchor).

C Co. Infantry School—Sergt. Borland, captain; Privates Evans (anchor), Bird, Watson, Tuft, Elliget, Barber, Tipton, Ransbury, Beck and Macdonald.

Queen's Own Rifles—Col.-Sergt. Cooper, captain; Surgeon Lesslie (anchor), Capt. McGee, Lieut. Morphy, Sergt. Thompson, Pioneers Geo. Doctor and Brash, Privates S. C. Cunningham, F. H. Thompson, Coulter, Berry and Prior.

The first heat, between the Grenadiers and the Guelph artillerymen, was won by the former, who got the drop first and gained a few inches which they kept till the end, notwithstanding occasional giant jerks by the Guelphites. The *Mail* says both teams were pretty evenly matched as to weight and strength, but that the work seemed to be new to the artillery team, which was not so well managed as their opponent's. In the second heat the Queen's Own lads got a quick drop on the infantry school team, who were lighter and less muscular looking than the riflemen, and hung in great style on to a couple of inches advantage which they got. They slowly added an inch or two more and finally won. Then came the decisive heat between the rivals, Toronto's two crack corps. At the pistol's report the Q. O. R. dropped first like pile-drivers, and pulled the white mark on the rope nearly a foot to their side. The Grenadiers worked like Trojans and pulled back till the teams were even. The excitement grew wild, and everyone rose to their feet and yelled. Then the Queen's Own gave some tough tugs, and when time was called they had won by an inch. The victorious yell that went up from the Queen's Own boys was a ripper. Both Adjutant Manley and Color-Sergt. Cooper captained their teams nobly.

Prof. Reid performed some marvellous sword feats, such as cutting an apple on Color-Sergt. Cooper's neck. It was a great Lord High Executioner act. He and his Nankipoo (Sergt. Cooper) gave an interesting sword and bayonet contest. Fifteen men of "C" Company Infantry School, under Sergt.-Major Spackman, gave such a faultless exhibition of bayonet, manual and firing exercises that they had to repeat it.

A number of races were well contested, notably the half-mile race in which Sewell, although last and away behind from the start, won by a magnificent spurt. There were:

Quarter-mile race—1, Pte. Sewell, Q.O.R.; 2, Sergt. Creighton, Q.O.R.

One mile race—1, Pte. T. Henderson, Q.O.R.; 2, Corp. Geo. Watts, Q.O.R.  
100 yards sack race—1, Pte. Daniel, "H" Co., Grenadiers; 2, Pte. Drynan, Q.O.R.

Half-mile race—1, Pte. Sewell, Q.O.R.; 2, Pte. M. H. Burtsch, 19th Battalion, Lincoln.

100 yards potatoe race—1, Pte. Brynan, Q.O.R.; 2, Pte. Watt, Q.O.R.

100 yards relief race—1, Sergt. Creighton and Pte. George Watts, Q.O.R.; 2, Privates Drynan and Sewell, Q.O.R.

One mile drill order race—1, Sergt. Jones, Montreal Garrison Artillery; 2, Corp. George Watts, Q.O.R.

The Medals and cups were presented at the conclusion of the sports to the various winners by Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Major Hamilton. The affair on the whole was very successful, and Col.-Sergt. Cooper, Pioneer-Sergt. Harp, Sergt. Robinson, Sergt. Creighton, Sergt. Richardson, Col.-Sergt. McKell and Sergt. Higinbotham, who composed the committee, deserve great credit for the way in which they did their work.

### News Notes.

The *Bellerophon*, Captain B. F. Clark, flag-ship of Vice-Admiral A. McL. Lyons, with the *Emerald*, *Lily*, *Tourmaline* and *Mallard*, were to leave Halifax, N.S., on the 29th ult., for Bermuda.

The manufacture of the new Martini-Enfield has been stopped, but not until a large number had been wholly or partly made. This change of plan has necessitated the dismissal of many workmen engaged at the small arms factory at Enfield.

Some weeks ago work was reported begun in the new cartridge factory at Brownsburg, near Lachute, of which "Gatling" Howard is manager. The most improved machinery has been obtained and no difficulty will be experienced in manufacturing one hundred thousand cartridges daily. One hundred men will be constantly employed. The firm expects to capture the entire Canadian trade, owing to the high duties at present existing.

Mr. J. B. Gibson has lost \$500 on his contract for erecting the volunteers' monument in Winnipeg, owing to extra labor being entailed in getting out the stone, which he did not calculate on when making his estimates. He has furnished the citizens' committee with a statement of how the money was expended, and has informed the committee that he is willing to lose his time if they will undertake to pay the shortage, all of which is due the workmen for wages.

The second battalion of the York and Lancaster regiment, which has just come to Halifax, is the original York and Lancaster regiment, the 84th, of which the regimental headquarters, under the territorial system, is Pontefract. The second battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles, which it replaces, is the old 86th Royal County Down regiment. These last sailed for Gibraltar on the 28th on the troopship *Orientes*, amid the lamentations of the usual concourse of matrons and maidens.

Rear-Admiral Sir Michael Culme Seymour, Bart, commander-in-chief on the Pacific station, has left Esquimalt in the *Triumph*, for an extended cruise, which will occupy about three months. He will visit San Francisco, San Diego, Magdalena Bay, Mazatlan, Acapulco, San Jose de Guatemala, La Libertad, La Union, Punta Arenas, Panama, Manta, Payta, Callao, Arica, Iquique, Caldera, Coquimbo, Valparaiso, Talcahuano, Coronel, Juan Fernandez, and Coquimbo, which will be reached on or about February 11. At the last named place it is expected that the *Pelican* will join for the remainder of the cruise and before it is finished there will be six ships in the fleet.

A new repeating rifle, invented by a Herr Schulhof, has been tried at Vienna. The weapon may be used either as a repeating or as a single-firing rifle. When fired as a single-shooter, it discharges 24 shots per minute. On being changed into a repeater, which can be done by simply touching a spring, the repeating mechanism is brought into action, 52 shots being fired per minute, and this includes loading, although the magazine holds only ten cartridges. As a magazine rifle, this new weapon is said to be very satisfactory, and authorities claim that it has the most perfect mechanism of any rifle yet invented.

What must be considered the heaviest gun at present in existence has been just shipped at Antwerp for Italy. It was manufactured by Krupp, is 46 feet long, weighs nearly 116 tons without the breech-piece, and 118 tons  $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt. with the breech. It arrived at Antwerp on a specially constructed carriage, 105 feet long, and running on 32 wheels. It was at first intended to send the gun overland, but the St. Gothard railway and other Swiss railways objecting on account of its great weight, and fearing for their bridges, the weapon had to be taken to Antwerp, and thence forwarded to Italy by sea. Its ultimate destination is said to be Spezia, where it is to be mounted in one of the ironclad forts guarding that harbor.

### Our Trading Column.

This column is established for the purpose of enabling our friends to exchange, purchase, sell, or otherwise advertize articles they desire either to acquire or dispose of. It is not available for commercial purposes.

The cost of announcements in this column for each insertion will be one cent per word for the first ten words one-half cent for each additional word. Each advertisement will have a register number in our books, and all communications regarding it must be forwarded through the *GAZETTE*, but it must be distinctly understood that this office incurs no other responsibility or liability in connection therewith. Address, with stamp for return postage, *Canadian Militia Gazette*, Box 316, Ottawa.

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G. POWELL.

Under Secretary of State

Ottawa, 19th Feb., 1886.

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By order,

A. GOBEIL,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works, 1  
Ottawa, 14th Oct., 1886.