

BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM LONDON, ONT.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CLOSELY CONTESTED RIFLE MATCH.—A friendly Rifle Match took place at the London Corps Rifle Ranges, between 25 picked men of I. M. 4th (60th Rifles) and 25 Volunteers from this District, on Wednesday, the 20th ult.—\$40 on each side being staked. The challenge came from the Rifles, and it was expected that the 53rd would also enter the contest; but owing to some unexplained cause they did not come up to the scratch—perhaps they were afraid of their laurels. The match was looked forward to by the public generally with a great deal of interest, and many of our citizens watched the firing from its commencement. Both parties went in with a great deal of confidence, and could not have displayed more zeal if the fate of their beloved country depended upon their unerring aim. The result was a defeat for the Volunteers, but the highly creditable manner in which they acquitted themselves, show them to be no mean competitors, for the skill of the most experienced marksman, and those pitted against them were fully alive to the fact. The day was beautiful, very little wind prevailing and the firing on both sides, on the whole, was remarkably good, the winners fully beating their adversaries by 25 points, one point per man, and that out of a total of nearly 1000 points. The average for the Regulars was 36-4 per man, and 35-4 per man for the Volunteers in 15 rounds. The Regulars struck the target 319 times out of 375 shots fired, and the Volunteers 303 times, showing the large per centages of 85 and 81. Col. Hawley, Lt. Col. J. B. Taylor, D.A.A.G., and a large number of the officers of the Garrison were on the ground, and appeared greatly interested. The match was conducted with great fairness, Col. Hawley, Commandant, acting as umpire. Major Miller, London Light Infantry, and Lieut. Warren, of the 60th, kept the scores. The following are the names of the competitors on both sides and their scores. It will be observed that the best individual firing was done by the Volunteers.

60TH RIFLES.

	Yards—300	400	500	T'l.
Sergt. Sissons.....	15	18	15	48
Col-Sergt. King....	15	14	17	46
Corporal Chff.....	16	17	11	44
Col-Sergt. Jacobs...14	18	9		41
Sergt. Meadows....15	15	11		41
Sergt. Fearon.....12	14	15		41
Private Hill.....13	16	11		40
Sergt. Sibley.....9	16	14		39
Private Erico.....12	15	12		39
Private Saunders..10	14	15		39
Sergt. James Ball..13	16	9		38
Private Johnson...12	15	11		38
Sergt. Daymond...13	15	8		36
Private Quirk.....14	10	12		36

Private Taylor.....	8	15	12	35
Private Bates.....	9	15	11	35
Sergt. Locko.....	6	13	15	34
Sergt. Bramble...11	11	12		34
Private Hutchings.10	16	7		33
Sergt. Nadin.....12	12	7		31
Col-Sergt. Robinson.10	12	8		30
Sergt. Potter.....12	16	2		30
Sergt. McManus...10	12	7		29
Sergt. Hoult.....7	14	7		28
Private Perkins...12	11	2		25

Points in favor of the 60th.....25
Average points per man—36-4.

DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS.

	Yards—300	400	500	T'l.
Private Wastie...17	16	16		49
Private Buckner...15	17	13		45
Adjutant Chimmer..14	15	14		43
Sergt. Elliott.....12	17	14		42
Sergt. Tidey.....14	14	14		42
Private Holmes...11	16	15		42
Private Hays.....13	16	12		41
Lieut. Col. Moffat..11	14	16		41
Major Attwood...12	13	15		40
Sergt. Bryce.....10	15	14		39
Lieut. Gorman....7	18	13		38
Lieut. Stevenson...10	14	13		37
Corpl. McDonald...15	14	6		35
Adjutant Green...14	11	10		35
Sergt. Coombs....7	16	11		34
Capt. M. D. Dawson.9	15	8		32
Private Smith....14	13	5		32
Major Lewis.....13	13	5		31
Lieut. Teale.....13	12	6		31
Sergt. Maj. Francis.9	11	9		29
Corpl. Hennessy...8	12	8		28
Private Bevins....6	17	5		28
Adjutant Scott....12	9	7		23
Private Dundas...11	13	2		26
Capt. McDonald...6	5	5		16

Grand total.

885

Average points per man—35-4.

It is altogether probable that a return match will take place early in the spring, as the season is now too far advanced.

Yours,

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FROM SIMCOE.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

OPENING OF THE NEW DRILL-SHED.—On Wednesday, the 6th Nov., the new drill-shed, lately erected in Simcoe, was opened in an appropriate manner, by a general muster of the 39th Battalion Norfolk Rifles. At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the whole Battalion paraded, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Tisdale, and was put through a variety of evolutions preparatory to the afternoon's parade. At two o'clock p. m., the battalion after being formed up in front of the Norfolk House, was marched to the drill-shed to take part in the opening ceremonies. The drill-shed was handsomely decorated, the

large structure being tastefully festooned with drapings of red, white, and blue, which hung in graceful folds from the middle of the centre arch, reaching to the sides and ends of the building, and produced a most pleasing effect, which was heightened by contrast with the tasteful decorations of evergreens which graced the walks; in the midst of which handsome pictures, flags, and artistic devices were tastefully arranged in great profusion. The building is a credit to the County, and to the builders, Messrs. J. & G. Jackson. We are happy to learn that Major Scoble, the government Inspector, by whom it was inspected a few days before its opening, expressed himself, after a careful and thorough examination of it, as being thoroughly satisfied with it in every particular. The battalion, after being formed in the drill shed, was inspected by Col. Villiers, the Brigade Major, of the District, who, in a short address to the battalion, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large muster, and complimented both the officers and men—and we must say we think deservedly—on their soldierly appearance, and the exceedingly satisfactory way in which they went through their various exercises. Lieut.-Col. Tisdale then read a letter of apology from Rev. Wm. Stephenson, of Toronto, who had been announced to deliver an oration on the occasion, expressing his regret that unforeseen professional duties would prevent him from fulfilling his engagement to be present on the occasion. This was a great disappointment to the many who had been attracted by the renowned gentleman's widespread reputation as a public speaker. After a few remarks from Lieut.-Col. Tisdale, the battalion was then marched out into the large open space in rear of the drill-shed, and were put through a variety of military manoeuvres in the presence of a large and interested concourse of observers, embracing marching past, marching in line and column, advancing in direct echelon of companies, formation of company squares, and skirmishing—the latter of which manoeuvres would have been much more interesting had the battalion been supplied with blank cartridge ridges for the Snider-Enfields which, unfortunately, the government was unable to furnish for the occasion. The different companies were then dismissed to their private parades; and so ended the afternoon's exercises.

The promenade Concert in the evening, in the drill shed, was, in spite of the coolness of the evening, a great success—about six hundred having been present on the occasion. The excellent music given by the battalion band, under the leadership of Mr. Williamson, their most efficient bandmaster, sounded admirably—the extent of the building being well adapted to give full effect to the pieces performed by them. The performances by the band were agreeably varied by several songs sung by our amateurs, which sounded very well considering the difficulty of filling so large a building with the voice