

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.



THE first day, Wednesday morning, of the 28th annual meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association, opened fair and bright. The probs had been promising cooler weather, with a thunderstorm, for the past few days, but the weather clerk, no doubt knowing that the cracks of the provinces were to meet in annual combat, held back the observatory man's storm, and let old Sol come out in full array. The scene on the range presented a very bright appearance, with the white tents erected for the use of teams and officers who are camping on the range during the matches.

The attendance was about the same as last year, although there was a falling off in the entries from rural corps. This can be accounted for in some way by the want of camps where they have an opportunity for shooting and drawing in new shots. The attendance, however, from the city corps, was above the average, and representatives were present from Hamilton, Toronto, and Ottawa, 43rd, 45th, 12th, etc.

Major Blaiklock, the energetic secretary, had things well in hand, and with his assistant, Sergt. T. Elliott, looked after the arrangements, which were most satisfactory. Lieut.-Col. Mattice made a popular executive officer, and was ably assisted by Lieut.-Col. Hodgins, G.G.F.G.; Capt. Brown, P.L.D.G., Ottawa; Capt. Winters, G.G.F.G., and Lieut. T. J. Armstrong, 5th Royal Scots. Lieut. W. A. Forbes, Royal Scots, was quartermaster of the camp, and had his arrangements complete in every detail. George Stephens, of the A. R. Association had charge of the ammunition tent. Surgeon Bell, 6th Fusiliers, was camp surgeon. Major Walsh, Ottawa, and Capt. Jackson, Montreal, had charge of the statistical department, and lent great assistance to the members of the press, while compiling the scores. Major Radiger and Capt. Badgeley paid out the prizes to the successful competitors, while Sergts. Elliott, Orr and Bradshaw attended to the entries. Sergt.-Instructor Hawker, 6th Hussars, had charge of the register keepers. The armory tent was under the superintendence of Mr. Blackford, from the Armory, St. Helen's Island, and Sergt. W. Brown, Royal Scots. The arrangements at the butts were excellent; not a hitch occurred during the whole day, and everything in connection with this department went like clock-work. The service of targets was the best ever experienced at this meet. The credit of this is due to R. W. Allan, superintendent of the Government rifle ranges, who had his work done in a most thorough manner, and when it is taken into account that there were 22 targets, it will be seen that this was no little undertaking.

The weather, an all important feature in meets of this kind, was on its best behavior. When shooting started in the morning there was little or no wind, but as the forenoon wore on there were puffs which came away at intervals and had the effect of disconcerting not a few of the competitors. About 12 o'clock it came down stronger and was blowing pretty severely from 10 to 12 o'clock. The first to draw the white disk was Pte. Veary, 3rd Vics, with his sighter. Although there were not many possibles, still the shooting was of very good average. Pte. Davidson, P.W.R., in the Nursery, made 31, and Sergt. Brown, 59th, had a splendid 33 at 600 yards.

Much credit is due to the Executive for having taken into account the grumblers about the 1896 ammunition. They supplied the men with 1894 Canadian, and this gave great satisfaction to the competitors, for not a single complaint was heard the whole day.

The shooting in the afternoon was, if anything, better than in the morning, although the wind at times made it very trying for marksmen. As much as two feet would have to be allowed to the left, and then the wind would shift, which would mean the same allowance to the right.

The shooting in the Association match was of a very high order. Capt. Rogers, 43rd, had a beautiful target at 500 yards, and at 600 he had a good 44, winning first place with a total of 77. Four 76's and six 75's showed that the shooting was very uniform. There were three 69's counted out. In the team competition shoot in conjunction with the same match Guelph Rifle Association, although they had only two men in the prize list, came out ahead with 6 points. The 43rd Batt., Ottawa and Carleton Rifles and P.W.R., Montreal, had both 346 points, but the Ottawa men had a better score at 600 yards, and thus secured second place.

Among those who visited the range in the afternoon were: Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. Henshaw, Lieut.-Col. Massey, Majors Cooke and Sims and Capt. Collins, G.A. There were also a number of prominent Montreal gentlemen. Lieut.-Col. Fraser was on the range the whole day, and lent his assistance towards the furtherance of the association.

Messrs. Welsh & Rough had the purveying, and this they did in their usual excellent manner.

The following is the prize list:

FIRST DAY.

NURSERY—Open to all members of the P.Q.R.A. (whether by direct contributions or through affiliated associations) who have never won an individual prize at any Provincial or Dominion match; extra series and revolver matches not included. Range, 500 yds. Seven rounds. Rifle, Martini-Henry. Any position.

	Value.	Score.
1 Pte. Wm. H. Davidson, P.W.R.	\$10	31
2 Corp. A. D. Noble, 2nd C.A.	8	29
3 Pte. F. Norris, 43rd.	6	28
4 Pte. T. A. Veary, V.R.	5	28
5 P. W. Starke, P.Q.R.A.	4	28
6 Capt. W. A. Smith, 43rd.	3	26
7 Bds. D. Aspinall, 6th Fusiliers	3	26
8 Pte. G. Morgan, P.W.R.	3	26
9 Trooper W. F. Stewart, 6th Hussars	3	26
10 Pte. C. Carlyle, P.W.R.	3	26
11 Bds. C. W. Carey, 6th Fusiliers	3	25
12 Bds. J. A. Riddle, 6th Fusiliers	3	25
13 Lieut. Complin, 43rd Batt.	3	24
14 Capt. F. Mackay, 65th Batt.	3	24
15 Trooper P. Bryce, 6th Hussars	3	23

MERCHANTS' SERIES A—Open to all members of the P.Q.R.A. whether by direct contribution or through affiliated associations. Ranges 200 and 600 yds. Martini-Henry rifle. Seven shots at each range. Value of prizes \$241.

	200 Yds.	600 Yds.	Total
1 Sergt. E. H. Brown, 59th.	32	33	65
2 Sergt. Corrigan, 59th.	29	33	62
3 Lieut. C. McAdam, 3rd Vics.	33	29	62
4 Capt. E. D. Sutherland, 43rd.	29	31	60
5 Pte. T. Bales, Royal Grenadiers	30	30	60
6 Staff-Sergt. G. Lavers, 6th Fusiliers	30	29	59
7 Staff-Sergt. D. G. Macfarlane, P.Q.R.A.	30	29	59
8 Staff-Sergt. W. R. Inman, 90th Batt.	31	28	59
9 Lieut. John Ogg, 1st B.F.A.	31	28	59
10 Staff-Sergt. A. Bell, Royal Grenadiers	31	28	59
11 Pte. J. H. Simpson, Royal Grenadiers	29	29	58
12 Pte. D. M. Campbell, 45th Batt.	29	29	58
13 Lieut. T. Mitchell, 12th.	30	28	58
14 Pte. C. A. Windatt, Royal Grenadiers	28	29	57
15 J. Hepworth, M.R.A.	31	26	57
16 Col.-Sergt. Bethune, 5th Royals	32	25	57
17 Pte. Davidson, Royal Grenadiers	29	27	56
18 Lieut. E. Desbarats, R.I.	30	26	56
19 Lieut. W. Moffat, 79th Batt.	30	26	56
20 Sergt. Mauze, 65th.	30	26	56
21 Lieut. W. P. Milligan, 45th.	30	26	56
22 Sergt. J. Scott, 6th Fusiliers	26	29	55
23 Corp. A. D. Noble, 2nd G.A.	28	27	55
24 Capt. M. Pope, 3rd Vics.	29	26	55
25 Pte. B. Bennett, P.W.R.	29	26	55
26 Staff-Sergt. A. Smith, 59th	30	25	55
27 Lieut. M. King, 45th	30	25	55
28 Lieut. Crooks, Q.O.R.	30	25	55
29 Capt. S. M. Rogers, 43rd.	31	24	55
30 Capt. W. H. Davidson, 8th Royals	31	24	55
31 Corp. W. Gould, 1st B.F.A.	24	30	54
32 Col. Sergt. A. Ferguson, P.W.R.	26	28	54
33 Corp. W. A. Smith, 43rd	28	26	54
34 Trooper McNaughton, 6th Hussars	29	25	54
35 Pte. R. Benmore, 3rd Vics.	29	25	54
36 Lieut.-Col. J. Hood, P.W.R.	29	25	54
37 Pte. H. Macfarlane, 3rd Vics.	29	25	54
38 Staff-Sergt. J. J. Bell, 2nd G.A.	30	24	54
39 Lieut. E. H. Brown, 3rd Vics.	31	23	54
40 Lieut. E. J. C. Munroe, 44th.	26	27	53

Nine 53's counted out.

MERCHANTS' NURSERY—SERIES B.—Open to all members of