

existed throughout all this country a laudable military spirit. (Loud cheers.) Many people said that the volunteers would only turn out when the Fenians came. Now, let all gentlemen take notice that this year there had been no threat of Fenian invasion but a trial was made of forty thousand men. The Niagara camp, was a magnificent exhibition; and an American General who visited the camp regularly for several days, said that he had had no conception of how admirable a militia system ours was, and that when he reported upon it he would scarcely be believed. At Laprairie that gallant and distinguished officer Col. W. O. Smith, had under his command 6,178 men—there had been expected there about 3,500. At Levis, 2,300 were expected—3,000 came. And so on everywhere. They had expected to have turned out 14,500 men, and they actually turned out 21,000. He maintained that this was a great prognostication in their favour. There could be only one opinion, with regard to us in Canada, we looked with truest pleasure on the friendly relations at present existing between us and our neighbours; we did not look upon our military system as a measure of hostility, but only as a measure of preparation in case of need. (Cheers.) There was not the slightest doubt that these camps and tournaments would sow a military spirit all over the Dominion, and when he looked back at that unpromising time, he felt animated to see their success, for the success was theirs, not his. So far as the law went the militia had plenty of that, and if his Hon. friend on his left were not so economical, there might be more money; indeed he might next year increase his demand, he would not say it definitely but he might. (Cheers.) He could say to them, therefore, there is plenty of law and power to do everything that is necessary, provided Parliament would only do its duty. (Cheers and laughter.) He was very glad to see his friend Mr. Holton there. Mr. Holton would not be able to gaisay him (Sir George) next year when he recalled the occurrences of the day. (The Baronet sat down amid loud and prolonged applause.)

The Staff Officers of the Militia was next proposed, coupling with it the name of Lt. Col. W. O. Smith, C.M.G.

Colonel Smith briefly but happily replied. Sir George Cartier also proposed Mr. Brydges, and that gentleman having responded in a few well chosen remarks the party broke up.

THE BATTALION MATCH

now was the chief centre of attraction. It had been going on for some time before the happy little affair above described broke up. Already the 8th Batt. Stadacona Rifles had won a lead, which seemed to promise that they would distance all competitors, and the result proved this surmise to be correct, as they won with several points to spare, making 201 points, the largest score ever made in a battalion match at a meeting of the Quebec Provincial Rifle Association.

The earlier part of the day had been occupied in completing Competition No. 2, firing for the Maiden Stakes and the Prince Arthur Stakes. The result of this last competition was not made known last night.

The scores will be found appended to the report.

During the Day Mr. A. Prentice, showed a rifle lately invented by a Mr. Duval of Laprairie. This arm is remarkably simple in construction, and rivals even the far-famed Martini-Henry in the rapidity with which it can be fired. The manner in which the breech works is as follows:—In drawing

back the hammer, the breech block falls down, if drawn back to the full extent the old cartridge falls out, the piece is then at full cock, the cartridge is then inserted into the breech, after which the breech block may be brought into place, and the cartridge exploded, both by pulling the hammer, or, if desired, the gun may be put at half-cock, where it remains quite as secure, if not more securely, than the common Enfield does. Thus in three motions the Duval rifle may be loaded and fired, any other extant requires four, at least the Martini-Henry ranking next to the Duval. But it is not so much in this one less motion, which is indeed but a trifling affair, that the advantage of the Duval rifle lies, as in the extreme simplicity and durability of all the parts of which the lock is composed. This advantage has been fully set forth, in a report made to the Imperial Government, by Lieut. Bailoy of the 60th Rifles, who was sent here to make a comparison of the Duval and Martini-Henry rifles. A Prussian needle gun was also exhibited on the grounds by M. d'Alba, formerly an officer in the Prussian service; but as that weapon has been so often and minutely described, it is scarcely necessary to speak of it here.

To return to the match. As the afternoon advanced more people interested in rifle shooting, for the most part Volunteers and their friends, besides any number of ladies, found their way to the grounds, and gathered around the firing points or under the shade-tents, lending an air of life and interest to the scene.

By five o'clock the firing had well-nigh ceased along the line of points, and by half-past five the states had been all collected in the Secretary's office. A few minutes later the result was declared, the Quebec Victorias, as stated above, being the winners. The cup, a magnificent piece of plate, was then handed over to the victors, who, headed by the Grand Trunk band, marched off the grounds with it. This concluded the day's proceedings.

Appended is a synopsis of the

SCORES.

THE BRYDGES CHALLENGE CUP AND SNIDER CHAMPIONSHIP.

Name.	Regt.	Score.	Prize.
G. M. Thomas,	54th	50	Cup, \$35
Major Worsley,	G. T. B.	49	40
Capt. Dale,	G. T. B.	47	30
Sergt. Vaughan,	60th	46	25
Ensign Iver,	58th	46	20
Capt. Morgan,	8th	46	10
Capt. Wall,	G. T. B.	46	10
Ensign Andrew,	3rd	46	10
Pte. Gough,	G. T. B.	45	10
Pte. Minor,	52nd	44	10
Pte. Gordon,	51st	44	5
Capt. Cleland,	51st	44	5
Capt. Shortliff,	58th	44	5
Pte. Mathewson,	3rd	43	5
Sergt. Turnbull,	G. T. B.	43	5
Sergt. Ferguson,	8th	43	5
Ensign Tribey,	G. T. B.	42	5
Sergt. Wilson,	P. W. R.	42	5
Pte. Ferguson,	G. T. B.	42	5
Lt.-Col. Lamontague,	B. M.	42	5

MAIDEN STAKES.

Open only to members who have never won a prize at any Rifle Meeting in Canada. Company and Regimental Matches not included:

1st Prize	\$25
2nd "	20
3rd "	15
4th "	12 50
5th "	10
10 prizes, \$5 each	50

Snider Rifle, Gov. Issue. Range, 500 yds. Number of rounds, five (5.) Entrance 50c.

BATTALION MATCH.

To be competed for by five officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of any volunteer regiment in the Province of Quebec, having affiliated with the P. of Q. R. A.

1st Prize—Dominion Provincial Cup, value \$800. Said Cup to be won twice in three years, previous to becoming the property of any battalion.

2nd Prize	\$40
3rd Prize	20
Highest individual score	20
Second	10

Snider rifles, Government issue. Ranges 500 and 600 yards. Number of rounds at each range seven (7.) Entrance \$2.50. No one can compete in this match unless six months a member of the corps he represents, and resident of this Province for past six months at least.

The following battalions competed: 1st Batt. G. T. Rifles, 2nd do. do., Montreal Garrison Artillery, 1st Prince Wales, Three Rivers, 50th Battalion, 3rd Victorias, 5th Royals, 60th, 54th and 8th Battalions, 1st Batt. G. T. Artillery.

First—8th Batt. Quebec.

Captrin Morgan	38
Sergt. Ferguson	46
Sergt. Baxter	44
Sergt. Holloway	41
Sergt. Hawkins	32

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Second, 2nd Batt. G. T. Rifles	189
Third, 54th Batt.	187
Fourth, 5th Batt.	174
Highest individual score, Corp. Gayland,	
51st Batt.	49
Second do., Sergt. Ferguson, 8th Batt.	46

The 6th Co., Prince of Wales' Rifles have decided upon the first Saturday in September for their annual match. Sergeant Wilson of the Prince of Wales' Rifles has made some splendid shooting at the two, five and six hundred yards range, scoring sixty-eight points out of twenty-one rounds.

Col. D'Odet D'Orsonnens, B.M., was the recipient last week of a very flattering address, signed by a large number of the officers of his district, expressive of their appreciation of the manner in which the gallant Colonel fulfilled his arduous duties at the late encampment at Laprairie. The address was presented at Colonel D'Orsonnens' house, and after thanking the deputation in a neat little speech, they were hospitably entertained by him, and the evening spent in a pleasant manner.

Major Hyndman, Paymaster, 5th Military District, has also received an address, largely signed by the officers of the District, expressive of their satisfaction at his untiring and successful efforts in his duties as paymaster. This is the second or third address the gallant Major has received, and there is no telling how many more are in progress.

Very sincere regret will be felt in volunteer and other circles over the death of Lieut. Colonel Fairbanks, who expired at Oshawa on Tuesday last. He was one of the most efficient officers in our incipient Canadian Army.