

5. <i>Extra Series</i> .—Open to all. Range, 500 yards; 5 shots. Any number of entries; highest score of each man to count.	
\$5, Sergt. Currie, R.S. .... 24	\$1, R. Millar, M.R.A. .... 22
4, Pte. Ward, 6th. .... 24	1, Major Thomas, 54th. .... 22
3, Pte. Kambery, R.S. .... 23	1, Sergt. Riddle, 6th. .... 22
2, Pte. McMartin, R.S. .... 23	1, Sergt. Marks, 6th. .... 21
1, Pte. Pratt, 6th. .... 22	

#### THE CRACK SHOOTING REGIMENT.

This interesting paragraph is from the Toronto *Mail* of Saturday 6th July:

"The list of international contests is likely to be increased this year by a shooting match between the 10th Royal Grenadiers of this city and the Massachusetts Rifle team, now in England. The latter is the champion team of the States. The Royal Grenadiers, as everyone knows, is the crack shooting regiment of Canada, and they are anxious to meet the Massachusetts rifle team on even terms. Captain Bruce, of the Grenadiers, has accordingly, after consultation with the other crack shots of the regiment, sent a letter to Sergt. T. Mitchell, who is at present at Wimbledon, authorizing him to make a match on behalf of the Grenadiers with the American rifle team on their return from Wimbledon. The proposition is to shoot a match, eight or ten men a side, either in Toronto or Massachusetts, or by telegraph, the Americans to shoot with their military rifle with open sights, and the Grenadiers to use the Martini-Henry, the ranges to be 200, 500 and 600 yards. The Grenadiers' team will be chosen from the following:—T. Mitchell, McVittie, Simpson, Bruce, Davis, Curzon, Mowat, Shaw, Jack, Fowler, Dent, Brooks, Urquhart and Curran."

Concerning which the Ottawa *Citizen* published the following, on Monday, 8th July:

"The *Mail* paragraph was the subject of discussion by a group of Ottawa riflemen who met down town on Saturday evening. 'Here is one,' remarked an old-timer, 'who doesn't know that the Grenadiers are the crack shooting regiment of Canada, and before posing as Canadian champions the Grenadiers should make a move towards establishing their claim. I could name half a dozen regiments as strong, or stronger, in my opinion; and amongst these would be the 43rd Battalion of Ottawa. No less than six members of the 43rd figured in the Governor-General's sixty last fall, these being Rogers, Jamieson, Pink, Sherwood, Hutcheson and Sutherland. Oh, no! The Grenadiers are strong, but they can be matched.' And these sentiments met with general approbation. Now a match between the Tenth and the Forty-third would be in order." And on Tuesday the same paper said:

"The *Mail's* claim that the Tenth Royal Grenadiers are the crack shooting regiment in Canada, and the bold challenge of that corps to the Massachusetts rifle team now in England, were further discussed by local riflemen yesterday. A prominent shooting officer of the 43rd Battalion said to the *Citizen*: 'I scarcely think the Grenadiers can have authorized the *Mail* to dub them the champions; and I know they would have hard work to make good a claim to such a title. In my opinion there are at least six corps that could put in the field teams as strong, or stronger, than that named by 'he Grenadiers. These corps are the Garrison Artillery and the 63rd Battalion of Halifax, the Fifth Royal Scots of Montreal, the Forty-fifth Battalion of Bowmanville, the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, and the Forty-third of Ottawa.

"I see you say this morning that a match between the 43rd and the Grenadiers would now be in order. You may say to-morrow—for I am sure the Colonel and all the shooting men of the regiment will back me up—that the 43rd are ready to shoot the Grenadiers a match with teams of eight or ten men a side, at Queen's ranges, with either Snider or Martini rifles. My own preference would be for the Snider for a battalion team match, as it is the military weapon in Canada, and ought to be most encouraged. If the Grenadiers send a team to the Quebec Association matches at Montreal, we could meet them there on neutral ground. It would be a good idea to shoot three matches: one at Montreal; one at the Ontario matches at Toronto; and one at the Dominion matches at Ottawa. We are quite ready to meet any regimental team who would like to test their skill before going further and peradventure faring worse."

The matter did not pass unnoticed in other places, for Capt. W. S. Russell, Paymaster of the 45th Battalion, and one of the best marksmen in Canada, thus wrote from Bowmanville to the *Mail*:

"Although the Royal Grenadiers may have some men who can do good work with the military rifle, still we don't by any means consider theirs the crack shooting battalion of the Dominion. We believe the 45th Battalion holds that coveted position to-day, and I am authorized to extend to the Royal Grenadiers friendly greetings and an invitation to shoot a match at Queen's ranges, either in Toronto, Lindsay or Bowmanville, with ten to twenty men a side, time, place, and number of men as may be agreed upon. We think it would be advisable for the Royal Grenadiers to defeat one or two local battalions before aspiring to tackle the famous Massachusetts volunteer team of riflemen."

To this challenge Capt. J. Bruce, President of the Grenadier Rifle Association thus replied, after pointing out that the claim for superiority was made by the newspaper rather than by the regiment: "We have no objection to shooting a match with the team of the 45th Battalion, but as four or five of our best shots are at Wimbledon and other places out of the city, the earliest opportunity probably of meeting will be during the D.R.A. matches, when a competition will take place between eight men from different battalions throughout the Dominion. We will be quite willing to let that match decide the superiority of the teams."

[The Dominion competition is between teams of five men only, not eight.]

Then the 43rd Battalion came formally to the front with a challenge. We quote from the *Citizen* of Wednesday: "A challenge was forwarded from Ottawa last evening by Lieut. J. W. de C. O'Grady, acting as secretary of the 43rd Battalion Rifle Association. In this the Grenadiers are invited to meet the 43rd in a team match, with fifteen or twenty men a side, Snider rifles, Queen's ranges, half each team to fire at Ottawa and half at Toronto, and the match to take place any Saturday afternoon before the 10th of August. The challenge concludes: 'We would like to be whipped before admitting any such claim as that advanced by the *Mail* on behalf of the Grenadiers.' The 43rd Battalion have three men at Wimbledon, just as the Grenadiers have, so that the two corps would be on even terms so far as absentee marksmen are concerned."

In Toronto an officer of the Twelfth York Rangers, a rural corps with headquarters there, thus expressed himself: "The Grenadiers needn't go to Massachusetts, nor even to Bowmanville, for a match. The Rangers will accommodate them with eight men at any time. It will be time enough to travel after the Grenadiers have disposed of home teams."

### The Maritime Provinces Match.

#### How Nova Scotia Won in the Fourth Inter-provincial Contest.

(St. John Telegraph, 14th June.)

New Brunswick marksmen, for a year at least, must be contented with the laurels won in the past, in the inter-provincial competitions between teams representing the three maritime provinces. Yesterday, the flower of the riflemen from Nova Scotia, P. E. Island and New Brunswick met to contend for supremacy and the possession of the trophy, which has been the great annual event among them for the past four years. The result of the match is that the honors are now evenly divided between this province and Nova Scotia, each winning two matches, a year having been placed between the two victories. Since 1886, when the event was inaugurated, the location of the competition has rotated, and it becoming the turn of New Brunswick for the fourth match, it was held at Drury range. The result is that the Nova Scotians will go home with the victory of '89 added to their other triumphs. The day was a delightful one, the sun shining at early morn and giving promise of glorious weather, in great contrast to the experience of the past few days, not a trace of fog appearing to cause uneasiness.

When the riflemen got upon the range they found a stiff breeze blowing, the flags upon the staffs standing out straight, but occasionally hanging limp. At the head of the field a marquee had been raised near the house, the field had been strung with telephone wires by Mr. James Hunter so that communication could be had with markers, and the arrangements throughout were most satisfactory. The targets are different from those of Sussex, which drop down, while those at the St. John range swing towards the butt, being drawn in for the purpose of spotting by rope on a pulley.

There were quite a number of riflemen in addition to the competing teams, including Major Hall, quartermaster 62nd Batt.; Lieut. Langstroth, 74th Batt.; Private Burns, formerly of the 62nd, but now of the Victoria Rifles, Montreal; Private Humphrey, of the 62nd Batt. Post Office Inspector King and Rev. J. deSoyres were also present in the forenoon. Messrs. Small and Rogers, of the St. John ball team, who had done considerable with the rifle at Orono college, were interested spectators, with Mr. Parsons, also of the team. Among former members of inter-provincial teams were Capt. Adams, of the H. G. Artillery, Adjutant Kinnear, of the 74th Batt., and Lieut. McAvity, of the 62nd Batt., who acted as register keepers. In the afternoon a number of ladies were likewise spectators, besides the following: Major Parks, president of the N. B. Provincial Rifle Association; Lt. Col. Blaine, Lt. Col. Armstrong, Lt. Col. Cunard, Major Armstrong, Major Tucker, Major Sturdee, Major Magee, Major E. Arnold (74th Batt.), Capt. Langstroth (cavalry), Surgeon March, Lieut. Churchill, Lieut. Godard, Lieut. Cleveland, Lt. Hetherington, Sergt. Ewing, Sergt. Henderson, Corp. Lordly and Rev. W. O. Raymond. Among those noticed at the range who had been members of the Wimbledon team of 1875, and their rank there: Capt. Arnold, Capt. Harris, Lieut. Stevens, and Lieut. Hunter.

At 10.40 the signal to commence firing was given, Lt. Col. Doherty, of the 82nd Batt., Charlottetown, being chosen as umpire. Lt. Col.