

RIFLE COMPETITION.

Ontario Rifle Association.

(From the Toronto Mail.)

On Tuesday, 29th Aug, the Ontario Rifle Association matches for 1876 commenced on the Garrison Common under the most favourable auspices. The day was delightfully bright and calm, though a light haze which hung over the lake and drifted shoreward, interfered somewhat with the vision of the riflemen. By twelve o'clock the Common presented a fine sight, the numerous white tents gleaming in the sunshine, the bright uniforms of the hundreds of volunteers and the targets looming up in the distance, all tending to relieve and enliven the dull brown expanse of withered grass which stretched away under foot, while a warm hazy sky contrasted sufficiently with the deep hue of the almost rippleless lake that spread away to the southern horizon.

As soon as the firing was fairly commenced a number of invited guests sat down to an elegant luncheon, provided by the President of the Association, in the new Fort.

The party then adjourned to the common, where the firing was in progress.

As will be seen by reference to the subjoined scores the shooting was exceedingly good. Only two of the matches were decided, but the Affiliated Associations' match was in progress at six o'clock.

ENTRIES.

Table with 2 columns: Association name and score. Affiliated Associations, 222; Maiden Stakes, 118; All Comers', 233.

ALL COMERS' MATCH.

Open to all members of the Ontario Rifle Association, whether by direct contribution or through affiliated associations. First prize, \$25; second prize, \$20; third prize \$15; five prizes of \$10; ten prizes of \$5; ten prizes of \$1. Total, \$200. Snider Enfield rifle; 200 yards range; seven rounds; any position.

Table of individual scores for the All Comers' match. Columns: Name, Points. Includes P E Evans, BRA (33), Sergt J Mitchell, 13th Batt. (32), Major McDonald, WFB (32), etc.

MAIDEN STAKES.

\$100 presented by Mr. E. O. Bickford, with \$55 added by the Ontario Rifle Association match. Open to regularly enrolled volunteers of the Province of Ontario who have never won a prize at any Ontario or Dominion Rifle Association match. Snider Enfield.

Rifle; 40) yards range; seven rounds; any position. First prize, \$20; second prize, \$15; three prizes of \$10; ten prizes of \$5; ten prizes of \$4.

Table of individual scores for the Rifle match. Columns: Name, Points. Includes Lieut Thom, 28th Batt. (33), Lieut Tribe, 30th Batt. (32), Pto J Flynn, 44th Batt. (32), etc.

SECOND DAY, Aug. 30th.

Only two matches were completed, that of the Affiliated Associations which was commenced on Tuesday, and the Ontario match. The match for the President's prize was well advanced, but when gun was fired at half past five o'clock it was still unfinished.

The following are the scores of the matches completed.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS' MATCH.—Open to all members of Affiliated Associations who are also members of the Ontario Rifle Association. Five prizes to be awarded to the highest aggregate scores made by any five previously named members of any one Affiliated Association. The remaining prizes to individual scores; Snider Enfield rifles; 300 and 500 yards ranges; five rounds at each range; any position.

TEAM PRIZES.—First prize, the Ladies' Challenge Cup and \$50; second prize, \$40; third prize, \$30; fourth prize, \$20; fifth prize \$10. Total, \$150. The winning Association to have possession of the Cup for one year (subject to the approval of the Council; and to be returned for further competition previous to the next ensuing Association match.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.—First prize, \$25; second prize, \$20; third prize, \$15; five prizes of \$10; ten prizes of \$5; ten prizes of \$4. Total, \$200.

PRIZE—WINNING TEAM.

Table of team prize winners. Columns: Prize description, Points. Includes 1st prize, Guards (187), 2nd prize, Queen's Own Rifles (177), etc.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZE WINNERS.

Table of individual prize winners. Columns: Name, Points. Includes Sergt S Bradley, CRA (43), Pto Clarke, 13th Batt. (43), Capt Baillie, KRA (42), etc.

Table of individual scores for the Ontario match. Columns: Name, Points. Includes Lieut Wright, Kingston (40), J L Cowen, ARA (39), J Schofield, GRA (39), etc.

ONTARIO MATCH.

Open to all members of the Ontario Rifle Association, whether by direct contribution or through affiliated Associations; Snider Enfield rifle; 500 yards range; seven rounds; any position; first prize, \$25; second prize, \$20; third prize, \$15; five prizes of \$10; five prizes of \$6; six prizes of \$5; ten prizes of \$4. Total, \$210.

Table of individual scores for the Ontario match. Columns: Name, Points. Includes Sergt J Mitchell, 13th Batt (32), Pto Dinney, QOR (31), Pto Waldo, Guada (31), etc.

At 5 o'clock a meeting of the Council was held.

The letter from Mr. Gordon, containing his resignation of the Presidency of the Association, being read to the Council, it was unanimously resolved that as the terms of the letter do not permit the Council to submit Mr. Gordon's name for re-election, the resignation be accepted, and that the Secretary be desired to convey to Mr. Gordon the Council's warmest thanks and appreciation of his valuable services to the Society and sincere regret that he cannot be induced to retain the office.

THIRD DAY, Aug. 31st.

The weather was not quite so favourable to rifle shooting as that of Tuesday and Wednesday, as there was a little too much wind, but on the whole there was very little to complain of, and on the whole the shooting was very good. The matches completed today were the President's match, for which there were 190 entries the Battalion match with 175 individual entries, and the District match with 144 entries.

The following are the scores as far as completed:—

PRESIDENT'S MATCH.

Open to all member of the Ontario Rifle Association, whether by direct contribution