

D. A. A. Field Artillery Competition for Governor General's Cup and \$100.
THE CREDITS AWARDED EACH BATTERY ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

Name of Battery.	Officer Commanding.	Clothing and accoutrements.	Guns, Carriages & equipment.	Horses.	Harness & harnessing.	Marching post, walk, trot & gallop.	Standing gun drill and answers to questions by Non-Commissioned Officers.	Field manoeuvres.	Selection of drilling position, etc., and answers to tactical questions.	Each officer or man with B. G. certificate.	Each man with an efficiency badge.	Sword drill with mounted Officers and N. O. Officers.	Dismounting & disabled order.	Discipline including camps & details.	Ordnance total score at competition.	Total.
No. 2 (Ontario) Bty. 1st Prov. Brigade	Major Macdonald, Commanding Lt. Bde.	78	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Quebec Field Battery.	Capt. D. McCrae	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
No. 1 (Willington) Bty. 1st Prov. Bde.	Capt. Crawford Lindsay	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Ottawa Field Battery.	Capt. Nicol	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Toronto Field Battery.	Capt. Stewart	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Kingston Field Battery.	Major Gray	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Welland Canal Field Battery.	Capt. Wilmot	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Woodstock Field Battery.	Major King	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Garnet Field Battery.	Capt. Pibbles	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Durham Field Battery.	Major McKenzie	77	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Our Militia.

(To the Editor of the Witness.)

SIR,—Judging by the signs of the times, it is just possible that our militia may be wanted before all the war clouds that hang over the Empire are dissipated. Just suppose that they were really wanted, how would it fare with them? Our men, as men, are as good as any that could be brought against them; but, in the matter of arms and outfit, they would be in about the same relative position as an Indian with a bow and arrow, is to a white hunter with a rifle. Leaving out of the question for the moment the artillery, we find that the militia of Canada

are armed with a rifle that belongs to the past generation. The Snider was, perhaps, the best rifle in its day, but it is inferior to the Martini-Henry, which in its turn is eclipsed by the military rifles of other nations. Competent judges have said that the Snider is from 10 to 15 per cent. inferior to the Martini-Henry at any range up to 600 yards, and beyond that distance it is from 25 to 50 per cent. inferior. This handicaps our men rather seriously. It is not pleasant to enter into any contest with a strong probability of getting the worst of it, and when it comes to defending one's house against odds, one would naturally want to have these odds lessened as much as possible.

If any Fenian rabble should gather on our border during the present effervescence of the Hibernian mind, we should probably find them armed with the Remington or some kindred rifle, and, except at close quarters, our Sniders would be out-matched. To remedy this with the means at our disposal, our Government has in store here sufficient Martini-Henry rifles to equip one or more brigades. Let that be done now, at once. It will not cost much, if any money, and would have a good effect. It would strengthen and encourage our own men, and would tend to keep things quiet, by showing our misguided friends that we do not neglect precautionary measures.

QUI VIVA.

Montreal, Dec. 28, 1880.

To the Editor of the Witness.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Qui Viva," in his letter on the militia, published in last Wednesday's *Witness*, is very much exercised over the inferiority of the Snider rifle to the Martini-Henry and other more modern rifles, and doubts the ability of our men to cope with the Fenian hordes which are distributed throughout the neighboring nation, in case they should take it into their heads to attempt an invasion of our country, as he surmises that they would probably be armed with the Remington or some kindred rifle.

Who ever heard of a band of scarecrow Fenians being armed with expensive modern rifles? The Skirmish Fund is far too profitable to its managers to be squandered in purchasing first-class rifles, when cheap second-hand ones would answer all the purposes of a demonstration equally well. But, seriously, there is not the slightest reason for anxiety on account of the inferiority of the Snider to the Martini-Henry as an arm of precision, as it is a very useful and serviceable weapon, and much less liable to injury from rough usage than most of the fancy modern rifles. To equip a few regiments with Martini-Henry rifles would do no good, and only stir up jealousies among the others, and to purchase a new armament for the whole militia would cost a good deal of money, and though the money allowed for militia purposes is altogether inadequate, I think that any increase could be much more profitably expended in other ways, which have been pointed out by Sir Selby Smythe, and to a few of which I desire briefly to refer.

In the first place we are very badly in want of schools for the proper training of infantry, cavalry and engineers. The Schools of Gunnery at Kingston and Quebec afford the desired facilities to the artillery, but the other arms of the service are totally neglected.

A very moderate increase in the Parliamentary grant would be sufficient to expand the establishment of these places, and convert them into brigade schools for the training of officers and non-commissioned officers of all arms, and the engineers who would be added to the garrisons would supply another much-needed want in keeping the valuable works at these points in proper repair.

Further, some inducement should be held out to officers, and non-commissioned officers to devote the necessary three months to qualifying for certificates at these schools and to continue in the force afterwards, and this could easily be done by giving an increased allowance, according to rank, to such officers as held certificates from those schools, as, for instance, sergeants might get \$25 a year; lieutenants, \$40, captains,