

We publish in today's paper the Annual Prize List of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, to take place at the Society's range, Ottawa, on Tuesday, 5th Sept., next and following days, and to which the special attention of all who contemplate taking part in our Canadian Wimbledon Meeting is directed. The Prize List comprises "All Comers' Match," in which prizes to the amount of \$360 is offered; "Dominion of Canada Match," \$425; "Battalion Match," \$340; "The McDougall Challenge Cup," valued at \$200; "Provincial Match"—for London Merchant's Cup, with \$150 added by the Association—\$1,150; "Affiliated Association Match" \$480; "The Governor General's Prize"—1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal; "Prizes to Highest Aggregate Scores" \$155; "Wimbledon Match"—1st Stage \$465, 2nd Stage \$800.

It is to be hoped in reference to the composition of the next Wimbledon Team the various Provincial Associations will send this year their very best shots to Ottawa, so that the Executive Committee of the Dominion Association will be in a position to select one of the best Teams that has yet gone from Canada to Wimbledon. The various Teams that have gone over from Canada have done well, all things considered, but it must be borne in mind that they had to contend with great odds against them. In the first place the long sea voyage completely unstrung their nerves and sufficient time was not allowed them to recover from their sickness before entering into competition. Secondly, the climate was against them; and thirdly, few of our Volunteers are well practised at the 1000 yards range, and very few of them have small bore rifles, and are wholly unacquainted with the Martini Henry Rifle—the Snider being the Rifle used by the Volunteers of Canada.

Again, our brethren of the Mother Country have been taught that in the Canadians they have no mean adversary to contend against, and have consequently given themselves to more practice, and hence the improvement so noticeable in this year's shooting. Our Team should leave at least a couple of weeks earlier than they do, so as to give them time to get their "laid legs" under them again, and have a little time to practice before the general Tournament commences.

(Objections have been raised to the permanent local centralization of the Association at Ottawa, but this, we think, is rather in its favor, particularly if all the Provinces are taken into account; and this, we believe, mainly influenced the permanent selection of Ottawa, being both central and easy of access to all the Provinces, and possessed of a good range and first class Hotel accommodation at reasonable terms.

The Intercolonial and Grand Trunk Railway Companies have signified their intention of conveying competitors to Ottawa and back from the 1st to the 15th September inclusive at a single fare for the double journey. Other

lines of Railway and steamboats at one fare and a third for the same account on production of a qualifying certificate.

"The news with regard to the war is still conflicting, but apparently the most trustworthy is that which has been received in Vienna. A telegram from that city states that from private and official sources, there can be no doubt that the two great Servian Army Corps under Leschjanin and Tchernayeff, numbering together between them 70,000 and 80,000 men, have received a great check in the battles of the 18th, 19th, and 20th of July on the Timok line. The losses, it is stated, were very severe. The battalions composed of Servian Wallachs are stated to have behaved very badly, and caused confusion in the ranks at a critical moment. It is rumoured that the Servians lost two guns. Other Servian brigades behaved splendidly, inflicting frightful losses on the Turks, and several times drove them back; but strategically the offensive movement of these armies has failed, and the troops have been driven back to or within the Servian frontier. Col. T. Nicolice, Minister of War, has left for the frontier. The third, or last, reserves have been called out all over the country, and are exceeding their number about 100,000."

The above from the *Naval and Military Gazette* of the 26th July, is the only reliable statement of the relative position of the belligerents received to that date. It is very difficult to reconcile the conflicting accounts hitherto received of the various operations carried on.

We have only room to notice that the Eighth Annual Prize Meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association passed off last week very successfully.

It commenced on Tuesday morning and continued during the week. The Hon. Mr. VAIL, Minister of Militia, accompanied by Colonel Macpherson, visited the ranges on Thursday afternoon, and was pleased to see the completeness of all the arrangements and the large gathering of competitors. Ottawa was well represented by the Guards, the Ottawa and Metropolitan Rifle Association; Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Clifton, Belleville, Kingston and Brockville, were all ably represented; also the Frontier Townships, and Three Rivers Districts; Quebec and Montreal furnished their usual quota of marksmen.

The Battalion Match was won by the Three Rivers Battalion, and the Association Team Match by the Montreal Garrison Artillery. The Snider aggregates were very close, only five points between the first ten: the 1st, 8th, 53rd and 60th Battalions each took one, the 54th secured two and the Montreal Garrison Artillery four.

Mr. LITTLE, of Toronto, took the 1st prize at 1000 yards, and Captain MASON, of Hamilton, the first small bore aggregate.

There were about 150 competitors in most Snider matches, and some 30 in the small bores. The new Wimbledon targets were used and the shooting generally was good, though a left front wind prevailed, which is unusual on these ranges and rather puzzling.

Next week we will give fuller particulars of the matches.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL, 18th August, 1876.

The St. Andrews Troop of V. Cavalry were lately inspected by the Brigade Major of the District, Lieut. Colonel Bacon, who reports most favorably on their drill and appearance on parade. This fine body of yeomanry is commanded by a very efficient officer Captain and Brevet Lieut. Colonel Burwash, it is particularly well mounted and composed of stalwart young farmers who take an active interest in keeping up the credit of the corps which has been organized upwards of 37 years, and done good service in troublesome times. The Inspecting Officer, Colonel Bacon, has himself gone through the Cavalry School of the 13th Hussars, and was the recipient of a First Class Certificate at the close of the exercises, and is consequently in a position to appreciate the result of a body of Cavalry being well trained and up to the mark in their mounted and dismounted duties in connection with the revised system of Cavalry movements lately promulgated.

Colonel Labranche, of the Mount Royal Rifles, is about inaugurating swimming baths in this city, and has been very successful in obtaining subscribers to the undertaking.

The Royal Fusiliers have at last obtained their uniforms from the Custom House, a little difficulty having taken place in the first instance in regard to their being allowed to pass free of duty.

The Montreal Hussars held their annual Pic-nic on the 12th inst. at the Back River, which was well attended despite the tropical heat of the weather. Some handsome prizes were given by the commanding officer, Capt. Tees, for competition in sword practice, mounted and dismounted, single stick, and other exercises and games, which were well and ably contested throughout, appearing to create much interest in the spectators present. Nothing could exceed the attention paid by Captain Tees and his officers to the comfort of their numerous invited guests, amongst whom were Colonels Ogilvie, Lorrance, Labranche; Majors Muir, Scott, and other well known officers of the Force. This Pic-nic is understood to have been the best on the records of the Troop, and conducted as it was on strictly temperance principles gave great satisfaction to all concerned.

Captain Miller, late of the 13th Hussars, has produced a painting of the different uniforms of officers in the British service; during the time it was on view at Dawson's Bookstore, Notre Dame Street, it attracted a good deal of attention, and very deservedly so indeed. You will doubtless receive accounts of the