

trampled in the scorching sun to edify the immense crowds of people who turned out or drove in to see the "millingtary." The order of the parade was as follows :

- Col. Gibson in command.
- Hamilton Field Battery.
- Dufferin Rifles.
- 13th Regt. Brooklyn; N. G., S. N. Y.
- Veterans of the British army and navy.
- 13th Battalion, Hamilton.

The Dufferins were less picturesque in their dress than any, but they had an air of usefulness and business about them that largely counteracted any feeling of disparagement that might have arisen. The Brooklyn regiment was some 380 strong and headed by a splendid band caught the crowd. The bandsmen wore red coats, while the uniform of the regiment was a light blue frock coat, with dark blue facings, white duck trousers, and leggings, and marching in single rank made much more of a display than the Canadians did. But their drill was not much superior. Indeed, the Dufferins, who were much steadier than the 13th of Hamilton, marched fully as well generally as the Brooklyn pets. Along the line of march they were frequently cheered and the handsome members of the staff at the rear, in their plumed chapeaux, left a pleasant taste in the mouth. The parade was ended about six o'clock and the men went their ways, the three regiments, red, blue and green, fraternizing in the most friendly way. The 13th of Hamilton treated their visitors with the most generous hospitality, and if there were any "jags" taken on at Hamilton by the visiting soldiers, the men of the Thirteenth were responsible for it.

The band concert in the armory in the evening was attended by not less than 3000 people. The 69th Regt. band, which accompanied the Brooklyn regiment, is a very fine one, and excels in street music where the crash of brass and roll of drum goes for a good deal. But in concert work the 13th of Hamilton far excels them. After the concert the visiting regiments proceeded to the depot en route for home. The Dufferins left at 11.18, and the Brooklyn men at midnight. It was a good day's outing and should be beneficial to the Dufferin Rifles, who illustrated yesterday their ability to make as good an appearance on parade as any volunteer corps in the country. Keep it up, men, and give the town a corps that can march steadier, look neater, and drill better than even the crack corps of Toronto.

THE PRESS COMMENTS.

Hamilton *Spectator*:—Hamilton ought to be very grateful to the officers and the men of the Dufferin Rifles who came to help us out on our military parade. The Dufferins are a fine-looking body of men, who seem to be made of the stuff from which good soldiers are cut out.

Toronto *Globe*:—The Dufferin rifles were a most complete battalion. A pioneer corps with axes and shovels, under Sergeant Harper led the way. Then came the bands, followed by the signal corps, eight strong, under Lieut. Daniels, mounted on safety bicycles. The Dufferins are the only battalion in Canada with a bicycle signal corps. Then, too, there is the ambulance corps under Surgeon Harris. Very complete is their organization. They wore the old dark helmets, and as the sombre Dufferins passed along the streets they caught the public fancy. The people like a battalion over whom there hangs a gloomy shadow. Brantford has reason to be exceedingly proud of their soldier boys. The corps would be a credit to any city.

Buffalo *Express*:—The Dufferin Rifles participated in the military demonstration at the Hamilton Summer Carnival on Friday. Their bicycle signal corps, the first to be organized in Canada, was a considerable attraction, and the perfect equipment in all its departments of the regiment was very favourably commented upon by military men.

Queries and Replies.

AN UNFINISHED SCORE—LENGTH OF THE SLING.

Q. (1). What is the rule for making up the average in a rifle club. Members shooting for a silver medal given for the highest average made in not less than 10 spoon competitions out of 14. A member enters for competition on a certain day makes 24 at 200 yards with 7 shots, and then retires without shooting out the 500 and 600 yards ranges. Is the 24 to be included in his gross total when making up his average.

(2). D. R. A. rules say that slings may be used of government length and pattern, &c. What is the length a Snider-Enfield sling? REGINA.

A. (1). In our opinion the member committed himself to the score when he fired his first shot in the day's competition, and the 24 points should be included in the gross total unless the rules of the competition specifically declare otherwise. (2). This is a rule not observed. The government sling issued is too short for the rifleman's purpose, and private slings of all lengths and patterns are used and go unchallenged.

EDITOR.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Meeting.

The twenty-sixth annual prize meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association commenced at Bedford range, Tuesday morning, 20th inst. The attendance was fairly large and the shooting very good.

NURSERY.—Restricted to members of the association, as in second competition, who have never won a prize at any meeting of the association. Range, 200 yards. Five rounds. Rifles, Snider.

\$ 8 Pte. A. Fraser, 78th..... 21	\$ 3 Capt. Dodge, 68th..... 18
7 Pte. C. Harris, 68th..... 20	3 Pte. Fairbanks, 63rd..... 18
6 Pte. R. Carter, 93rd..... 20	3 Pte. A. H. McKay, 78th..... 16
5 Pte. N. Peverill, 63rd..... 20	3 Pte. D. Savage, 66th..... 15
4 Pte. J. McDonald, 78th..... 19	3 Tp. D. Ryan, K.T.C..... 8

SECOND COMPETITION.—The Provincial Rifle Association Challenge Gold Medal—Open to members of the active militia in Nova Scotia, and to officers retired with rank, and men who have completed three years' service in the active militia, and hold a discharge therefrom. Medal to be won twice. Seven rounds at each range.

\$20 and medal, Staff-Sergt. Corbin, 63rd..... 62	\$ 4 Capt. Anderson, H.G.A..... 58
20 Lieut. Stevens, 66th..... 62	4 Pte. Blair, 78th..... 58
15 Lieut. Flowers, H.G.A..... 60	4 Major Church, 93rd..... 57
12 Corp. Adams, H.G.A..... 60	4 Sergt. Bent, 93rd..... 57
10 Lieut. Dover, 78th..... 60	4 Mr. Geldert..... 57
8 Capt. Bishop, 63rd..... 60	4 Corp. Faulkner, H.G.A..... 57
6 B. S. M. Case, H.G.A..... 60	4 Tp. Ryan, K.T.C..... 57
5 Capt. Barnhill, 78th..... 60	4 Sergt. Myers, 63rd..... 56
5 Capt. Balcom, R.L..... 59	4 Lieut. Dixon, 63rd..... 56
5 Capt. Silver, 63rd..... 59	4 Q. M. S. Murray, H.G.A..... 55
5 Sergt. Davies, 78th..... 59	4 Sergt. Cribb, 78th..... 55
5 Capt. Corbin, 63rd..... 59	4 Lieut. McElmon, 93rd..... 55
5 Sergt. Elliott, 63rd..... 59	4 Sergt. Gray, 66th..... 55
5 Major Walsh, 63rd..... 59	4 Sergt. Quinlan, 69th..... 55
5 Sergt. Mumford, 63rd..... 58	4 Sergt.-Major Lockhart, 63rd..... 55
5 Sergt.-Inst. Power, 63rd..... 58	4 Corp. Taylor, 63rd..... 55
	4 B. S. M. Spence, H.G.A..... 55

3RD COMPETITION.—The Bankers' Cup—Being a cup given by the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Merchants' bank, the People's bank, and the Halifax Banking Company. Open to all members of the association, as in second competition. Cup to be won three times, not necessarily consecutively. Ranges, 200 and 500 yards. Rifle, Snider. Seven rounds at each range.

\$20 and Cup—Sergt.-Major Spencer, H.G.A..... 66	\$ 5 Sergt.-Major Case, H.G.A..... 59
\$ 20 Bomb. Fader, H.G.A..... 63	4 Major Walsh, 63rd..... 59
15 Pte. J. Peverill, 63rd..... 62	4 Lieut. Stevens, 66th..... 59
12 Major Garrison, H.G.A..... 62	4 Sergt. Bent, 93rd..... 59
10 Capt. Adams, H.G.A..... 62	4 Lieut. Blackburne, 78th..... 58
8 Capt. Bishop, 93rd..... 61	4 Sergt.-Major Gibson, 66th..... 58
7 Gr. D. McEachern..... 61	4 Corp. Taylor, 63rd..... 58
5 Major Weston, 66th..... 61	4 Mr. Geldert..... 58
5 Pte. Blair, 78th..... 61	4 Capt. Silver, 63rd..... 58
5 Staff-Sergt. Corbin, 63rd..... 61	4 Pte. McKay, 78th..... 57
5 Pte. Reynolds, 63rd..... 60	4 Lieut. Christie, 93rd..... 57
5 Lieut. Dover, 78th..... 60	4 Bandsman Defreytas, 63rd..... 57
5 Tpr. Ryan, K.T.C..... 59	4 Pte. Carter, 93rd..... 57
5 Staff-Sergt. Harris, H.G.A..... 59	4 Lieut. Dimock, H.G.A..... 57
5 Pte. N. Peverill, 63rd..... 59	4 Tpr. Webster, K.T.C..... 57
5 Capt. Harris, H.G.A..... 59	4 Sergt.-Inst. Power, 63rd..... 57
	4 Capt. Corbin, 63rd..... 57

4TH COMPETITION.—A Silver Bugle presented by Lieut.-General J. W. Laurie. To be competed for annually by teams of five from any troop of cavalry, field battery, battery of artillery or company of infantry, organized in the Province of Nova Scotia (who are members of this association). Teams to be selected from the competitors entered as individuals in the third competition, whose names shall have been given in writing to the Secretary previous to the commencement of that match. Any troop, battery or company to be allowed to enter one or more teams. The bugle to be handed over for the year to the commanding officer of the winning company.

1ST—NO. 1 COMPANY, 78TH.—BUGLE AND \$12.	2ND—NO. 3 BATTERY, H.G.A.—\$10.
Pte. W. C. Blair..... 30 31 61	Br. Fader..... 30 33 63
Lieut. Dover..... 30 30 60	Sergt.-Major Case..... 29 30 59
Sergt. Cribb..... 28 25 53	Lieut. Flowers..... 28 28 56
Lieut. Suckling..... 29 24 53	Capt. Maxwell..... 31 23 54
Staff-Sergt. D. C. Blair.... 22 29 51	Gr. Morgan..... 27 17 44
Total..... 139 139 278	Total..... 145 131 276
3RD—KENTVILLE TROOP CAVALRY.—\$8	4TH—COMPANY C, 63RD RIFLES.—\$6
Tpr. W. Ryan..... 29 31 60	Pte. Reynolds..... 29 31 60
Tpr. W. E. Webster..... 30 27 57	Lieut. Dixon..... 29 27 56
Tpr. C. W. Eaton..... 31 25 56	Bandsman Jost..... 27 28 55
Tpr. F. Eaton..... 25 25 50	Sergt. Elliott..... 28 26 54
Tpr. W. Eaton..... 27 21 48	Pte. S. Wilson..... 29 15 44
Total..... 142 129 271	Total..... 142 127 269