

prove themselves to be undoubtedly the strongest shooting battalion in Canada, and they have our congratulation on the high average their 40 men teams have made, the total of 12,428 giving an average of  $77\frac{1}{2}$  points per man for each match.

The veteran Halifax shot, Major Bishop leads in the individual series and total, equalled by St. Sgt. Bartlett of the 57th, 374, giving an average of  $93\frac{1}{2}$  points per match, is one of which any shot might well be proud. He has well earned his title and badge as league champion.

In the Snider series, as was anticipated, the 13th of Hamilton 1st team of 10, and their 20 and 30 walked off with all the honors, individually.

Sergt. Major Archer, of Coburg R. A., leads the field with a total of 368, averaging 92 points or only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  point below the Martini champion, Major Bishop.

The 13th had 7 teams shooting in this series, their 30 men team averaging  $80\frac{3}{4}$  points per man through the match, placing them with the Snider, in the same relative position as the 43rd with the Martini except with the added merit may be of having shot with their regimental arm.

The competition for the Patterson Sharp Shooter's Trophy open to those belonging to battalions or associations who have had teams entered in the league matches, and the President's prize (Col. Anderson) for the aggregate scores of ten men teams, will be the closing events for the league season of 1894, and we trust that a large assemblage of marksmen will greet the winners at the distribution of prizes, which will take place some time during these matches.

The competitors meeting at the Province of Quebec Rifle Association matches was called off as no one turned up.

A good deal of "kicking" is often heard about the way matches are run and the executive of an association are always glad to get pointers from practical men as to any improvements in the programmes that may be possible.

If competitors will not attend the "grievance meeting" how are they to get improvements effected? Walk up, competitors.

## News of the Service.

NOTE.—Our readers are respectfully requested to contribute all items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice. Without we are assisted in this way we cannot make this department as complete as we would desire. Remember that all the doings of every corps are of general interest throughout the entire militia force. You can mail a large package of manuscript, so long as not enclosed in an envelope, for one cent. At any rate, forward copies of your local papers with all references to your corps and your comrades. Address,

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### Toronto.

At the old drill shed last night an official enquiry was held as to the truth of a charge laid against two members of the Royal Grenadiers that they had altered their score cards, used at the Lake Shore ranges, thus giving the impression that higher aggregates had been made than was really the case. The charge was substantiated, and both men were forbidden the use of the ranges for the rest of the season.

It must not be supposed that the other battalions are free from this kind of work. Since the commencement of the season complaints have been made that the practice is persistently followed by members of the 48th Highlanders. Those who complain do not care to lay the charges before the proper officers, fearing to bring upon themselves annoyance and trouble. They, however, feel that, in the interests of the corps, steps should be taken to render this cheating, for it can be called by no other name, impossible. In the Queen's Own it is said also that the practice is indulged in. It would seem that more than one method is employed by those who are mean enough to engage in this deceitful practice. In some cases erasures are made while the marksmen pass from one range to another, and low scores are made higher. Again, three or four men get together, and, as is the practice, keep each other's score card. By previous arrangement each man fires from three to half a dozen shots over the official number of rounds. Then the score is made up from the shots scoring the greatest number of points. Each man signs his comrade's card, which is handed over to the executive officer, who, of course, takes it for granted that it is correct. There can be no doubt that experienced marksmen, whose scores in any case average well, have been guilty of this cheating. It is to be hoped that the fear of prompt punishment, in case of detection, will influence in the right direction those who would otherwise keep up the deception. The whole business is cowardly and base, and calculated to deaden among the younger members of the corps that spirit of British fair play which should be one of the distinguishing characteristics of Canadian militia. To the Royal Grenadiers belongs the credit of making the first move to stamp out the wrong. The charge was laid by their own executive range officer, and when substantiated punishment was meted out speedily, as above. It is now in order for officers of the other corps to see that the practice,

where and when detected, is dealt with as promptly.—Mail, July 25th.

Quite a number of riflemen visited the Long Branch rifle ranges yesterday. Considerable interest was taken in the match between the Hamilton and Toronto Rifle Clubs. The men from the Ambitious City succeeded in outdistancing the Toronto marksmen by ten points. Three matches have been fired between teams from Hamilton and Toronto. This made two wins for Hamilton and one win for Toronto out of the three matches. The shooting has been very close in the three matches.

There was a very heavy nine o'clock wind blowing all day yesterday. The light was dull, but good for shooting, and although the wind was strong it was fairly steady. The top score of the day was made by Staff-Sergt. McVittie, who glories in a gale of wind, and who seems to shoot all the better when a hurricane is blowing.

Lieut. Paine captained the Hamilton team, and Capt. Orchard the Torontos. The scores were as follows:—

#### HAMILTON VICTORIA RIFLE CLUB.

Surgeon Ross.....	31	32	28	91
Sergt.-Major Huggins.....	30	27	33	90
Pte. Murdock.....	30	28	28	86
Sergt. Mitchell.....	26	32	25	83
Lieut. Paine.....	25	31	25	81
Staff-Sergt. Miller.....	29	29	23	81
Pte. Bertram.....	27	30	23	80
Pte. Margets.....	27	29	23	79
Sergt. Marris.....	26	29	23	78
Pte. Robertson.....	27	25	20	72

Total..... 821

#### TORONTO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Staff-Sergt. McVittie.....	31	32	30	93
Lieut. McNeill.....	29	28	28	85
Capt. Orchard.....	26	27	31	84
Lieut. Davison.....	26	32	26	84
Capt. Elliott.....	30	29	25	84
Major Macdonald.....	27	28	26	81
Staff-Sergt. Harp.....	30	24	23	77
Sergt. Meadows.....	26	22	28	76
Capt. Fairburn.....	28	23	25	76
Col.-Sergt. Fowler.....	26	24	21	71

Total..... 811

After the match had been shot off, the members of the Toronto team entertained the visitors to luncheon.—Mail, Aug. 2.

### Kingston.

The strength of "A" Battery has been increased by 20 men and four guns. There are now 124 men in the force. Several non-commissioned officers have been appointed. During last month twelve men deserted from the battery. The soldiers complain of the harshness of the non-commissioned officers, and it is predicted that more will desert.

In the manœuvres of the German Army this year there will be served novel features of considerable interest. The First and Seventeenth Army Corps will perform their task before the Emperor in East Prussia at the beginning of September. After the grand parade of the 17th Corps before the Emperor at Elbing on September 7, that will manœuvre against a masked enemy at Elbing on the 8th, and against the 1st Army Corps between Elbing and Braunsberg on the 10th, 11th, and 12th. These evolutions are looked forward to in German military circles with more than usual interest, owing to the numerous innovations which are to be practised for the first time.