

Montreal.

We append the official figures of the standing of the different regiments in the Sir Donald Smith competition :

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 5.											
Battalion and Company.	Squad and company drill.	Physical drill.	Manual firing & bayonet exercise.	Clothing and accoutrements.	Arms and ammunies.	Books and records.	½ p. c. score rifle practice.	Answers to questions, officers.	Deduct for absentees.	Total.	
Possible.	60	15	15	10	10	10	16.8	24			
3rd Victoria Rifles—Lt. Col. G. R. Starke—											
No. 1 Co., Capt Pope.	49	13	11	10	10	10	8.7	15	..	126.7	
No. 2 Co., Capt. Leslie.	48	12	10	10	10	10	..	8	..	115.4	
No. 3 Co., Capt Meakins.	53	13	12	10	10	10	7.6	24	..	139.6	
No. 4 Co., Capt Rodden.	50	13	12	10	10	10	8.1	23	..	136.1	
No. 5 Co., Capt Guy.	45	11	11	10	10	10	7.9	16	..	120.7	
No. 6 Co., Capt Ogilvie.	53	14	12	10	10	10	7.6	24	..	146.6	
Total points, 779.3 by 6 equals 129.88											
5th Royal Scots, Lt. Col. J. A. L. Strathy.											
No. 1 Co., Capt Carson.	55	14	9	10	10	10	9.5	24	..	119.5	
No. 2 Co., Lt.-Major Blaiklock.	47	10	8	10	10	10	5.4	16	..	116.4	
No. 3 Co., Capt Ib-bottson.	40	12	10	10	10	10	6.7	24	..	131.7	
No. 4 Co., Capt Cantlie.	49	13	11	10	10	10	5.4	16	..	124.4	
No. 5 Co., Capt Brown.	43	10	9	10	10	10	4.9	16	..	112.9	
No. 6 Co., Capt Cameron.	48	11	10	10	10	10	5.9	24	..	128.9	
Total points, 733.3 by 6, equals 122.30.											
1st Prince of Wales Regiment, Lt. Col. T. P. Butler.											
No. 1 Co., Capt Hood.	49	11	11	10	10	10	5.5	24	..	130.5	
No. 2 Co., Capt Bartlett.	40	9	8	10	10	10	3.5	7	..	97.5	
No. 3 Co., Capt Finlayson.	48	12	11	10	10	10	8.6	24	..	133.6	
No. 4 Co., Capt Dobbin.	45	10	8	10	10	10	4.3	15	8	104.9	
No. 5 Co., Lieut Armstrong.	45	11	10	10	10	10	6.0	16	..	118.0	
No. 6 Co., Capt Porteous.	51	13	10	10	10	10	6.0	24	..	134.0	
Total points, 718.5 by 6, equals 119.75.											
Sixth Fusiliers—Lt. Col. J. H. Burland.											
No. 1 Co., Capt W.E. Findlay.	40	10	8	10	10	10	7.6	1	110.6		
No. 2 Co., Capt A.H. Shorey.	43	11	11	10	10	10	8.1	24	2	125.1	
No. 3 Co., Lieut F.H. Denison.	44	11	10	10	10	10	5.5	8	..	108.5	
No. 4 Co., Lieut G. J. Henderson.	38	10	10	10	10	10	6.2	16	..	110.2	
No. 5 Co., Capt W.E. Mitchell.	48	12	11	10	10	10	7.3	15	..	123.3	
No. 6 Co., Lieut W.B. Converse.	49	13	11	10	10	10	6.8	16	4	121.8	
Total points, 663.5 by 6, equals 110.58.											
65th Battalion, Mount Royal Rifles, Lieut.-Col. Prevost—											
No. 1 Co., Lieut Pelletier.	34	3	5	10	10	10	4.6	16	..	97.6	
No. 2 Co., Capt Desnoyers.	40	9	8	10	10	10	1.7	8	9	87.7	
No. 3 Co., Lieut Thibault.	38	10	8	10	10	10	3.7	7	1	95.7	

No. 4 Co. Capt Pel-tier.	43	11	10	10	10	10	4.3	8	..	106.3	
No. 5 Co., Lieut Beau-champ.	40	11	8	10	10	10	3.6	8	..	100.6	
No. 6 Co., Capt des Tonau-cœur.	41	11	8	10	10	10	4.2	8	..	102.2	
No. 7 Co., Lieut Pa-rent.	37	10	7	10	10	10	2.8	8	5	89.8	
No. 8 Co., Capt La-belle.	39	10	10	10	10	10	4.4	8	7	94.4	
Total points, 774.3 by 8, equals 96.78.											

The tournament at the Victoria Skating Rink, the date of which has been fixed for October 20, is attracting much attention. Great interest is being taken in the assault-at arms as the contestants are to be Sergt.-Major Morgans of the Royal Military College, Kingston, and Sergt.-In-structor Arthur Hawker, Duke of Con-naught Royal Canadian Hussars, who will have an all-round fencing contest to decide which shall fence Sergt.-Major Kelly, of the Imperial service, for the championship of Canada.

This will not be the only feature, how-ever, as there is a handsome cup being given for the best drilled company of the city corps, the members of which must be those that perform the drill up to the last inspection. Besides, both in the af-ternoon and in the evening, there will be a number of mounted events, among them being wrestling on horseback, the Bala-clava melee, sword vs bayonet, and sword vs. sword, and last, but by no means least, the tug-of-war on horseback. As the affair has been gotten up for the purpose of raising funds for the military gymna-sium there should be a large attendance at both afternoon and evening, when, at both performances, besides what is men-tioned above, Sergt.-Major Morgans will execute his wonderful sword feats and his son, Master Ernest Morgans, will give a repetition of his club swinging act that made the hit at the last tournament.

The *Gazette* cup was, on the 27th, pre-sented to the winner, Corporal G. Pope, of D Co., 6th Fusiliers, by Mr. ———, for Mr. White. The presentation took place during the distribution of prizes won at the regimental rifle matches.

The Royal Scots' tug-of-war team will have their annual athletic sports on the 12th of October at the Victoria Rifles armory. The team is practising now nearly every evening, and they are out with a challenge to the Montreal Garri-son Artillery team.

At the Montreal Military Institute on Sept. 29th the social season of 1894-95 was opened with a smoking concert. Among those who took part were Lieut.-Col. Cole, Captain Bond, Captain Find-lay, Captain Cantlie, Lieutenants Pelle-tier, Armstrong, Mr. A. G. Cunningham and others.

Saturday, Sept. 29th, at the Cote St. Luc ranges, saw the close of the rifle shooting season. Thetie for the Matthews cup was shot off and resulted as follows, range 900 yards :

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Sergt. J. V. Clarke	0	2	5	0	—	7				
Staff-Sergt. J. J. Bell	0	0	0	0	—	0				
Col.-Sergt. E. Pratt	4	3	4	5	—	12				

Pte. Mills, of the Vics, won the sweep-stake shoot at Queen's ranges with a score of 90 points.

Quite a flutter was caused by the ap-pearance of Miss Maggie Hood, daughter of Lieut.-Col. Hood, who tried her hand at the new rifle Martini-Metford, suc-ceeded in making 19 points at 200, 21 at 500, and 19 at 600. A pretty good show-ing for a first attempt.

Some good scores were made with Martini-Metfords which had beenbrought out on trial.

Tenders for the flooring of the Drill Hall will be opened at the Minister of Militia's office at noon on Friday, 12th inst. The forces here are in hopes that the work will be commenced at once, and that it will be completed so that the autumn drills will not be delayed.

If there is one entertainer in this city who is popular with the military it is Staff-Sergeant Arthur G. Cunningham, of the Sixth Fusiliers, and in no corps is he more popular than in the Vics, whom he has often entertained. Now he is going to leave the city for Europe, to appear pro-fessionally, and the Vics are going to give him a send-off in the shape of a benefit at the Vics' armory before he goes, at which the best talent in the city has volunteered to take part.

The Free Coal Fund

A gigantic entertainment, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the purchase of coal for free distribution among the poor this winter, is now being arranged by the "Players' Club," the originators of the fund.

Mr. Varney's play, "Gordon's Relief," will be introduced. It is a drama founded on the official reports of the British batties in the Soudan, having a sparkling thread of comedy running through it and a ro-mantic story of strong hearty interest. In the construction of this play Mr. Varney has followed history so closely that he has quoted from Gen. Gordon's journal and the last message the General sent to the British troops : "Advance by the left and speedily," plays an important part in the drama. The play was recently read by Mr. Varney before the club and all the members are most enthusiastic over it. The big benefit will take place in the Queen's Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17th, 18th and 19th. Such a noble object move as the establishment of a free coal fund will certainly meet with generous recognition by the public. About 225 people, three horses, three mules and several cannon will be used in the production, which will be given with correct costumesand elabo-rate scenic embellishments. The club has a board of directors composed of business men, who intend to make this event successful. Mr. Edwin Varney says the production of "Gordon's Relief" will be the best entertainment ever at-tempted by amateurs. The purpose of the club is certainly a good one.