

desired) the perusal of the Canada Militia Act, in order that they may understand the nature of the Constitutional Force which is sometimes called upon to co-operate with the Imperial Troops."

An ex-president of the Ontario Rifle Association, and a good friend to rifle shooting, has passed away in the person of Lieut.-Col. Walker, of London. He was in command of the Seventh Fusiliers, London, in the palmy days of that corps. It is for him the "Walker" match, annually on the programme of the O.R.A., is named. Col. Walker was fatally stricken with paralysis whilst fishing at Grand River, Quebec, and his end came in a manner just such as he had on more than one occasion expressed his desire for. He was in his sixty-seventh year.

Here is a pleasant paragraph from an Amherst, N.S., paper: "Militia officers and n. c. o's should, when at Halifax, inspect the armouries and n. c. o's rooms at militia headquarters. To those who have known them only in years past, the neatness and order which they evince will be a revelation. It is not that they are in form just now for Gen. Middleton's inspection, which took place yesterday, and elicited high commendation, for they were equally ready for inspection when we saw them weeks ago. The fact is, that this is only one illustration of the spirit of improvement which has been evident throughout the force in this district under the regime of Col. Worsley, D. A. G., and Col. MacShane, B. M."

The Rifle.

THE SNIDER SIGHT MATTER.

The following is the report made by the sub-committee of the D.R.A. executive to whom was referred the matter of framing a regulation respecting Snider sights. This report has been adopted:

OTTAWA, Aug. 17.

The Secretary, D.R.A.:

Sir,—We beg leave to report that we have ascertained the standard width of opening in the leaf of the backsight of a Snider rifle of government issue is twenty-one hundredths of an inch, and that the height of the foresight above the block is ten one-hundredths, and its width at the block, seven one-hundredths.

We have also ascertained that the width of opening in the leaves of backsights of rifles by private makers, ranges up to twenty six-hundredths of an inch, and also that the majority of rifles in the hands of marksmen will vary in width to the extent mentioned.

We have also found that many of the "leaves" have been "cut down" to permit the 400-yards range being shot "over the bar."

In view of the existence of these differences from the standard, we beg leave to advise that the use of rifles having a width of opening of the leaf not exceeding twenty-six one-hundredths of an inch, and cut down to permit the use of the "bar" at 400 yards, be sanctioned.

We cannot advise as to the "foresight," as we find that they are but seldom tampered with, but would suggest that if it be found that a foresight has been materially altered by filing or otherwise, the rifle be condemned.

THE P. Q. R. A. MEETING.

This is from the *Witness* of Monday, 19th inst.: "With reference to the final scores in the aggregate (third series—teams) in connection with the recent meeting at Cote St. Luc, it is right to state that although the 6th Fusiliers were adjudged the winners, the Victoria Rifle team of Hamilton really came in first as a matter of scoring, but, owing to an inaccuracy in their returns, were ruled out, according to the law in this matter, which is very strict. They have the right of appeal, however, and it is probable that they will exercise it. The Executive, who hear and decide such appeals, permitted the Victoria Rifles' team to amend their return in the battalion match; this would otherwise have gone to the Governor-General's Foot Guards, but Capt. Gray generously refused to accept victory by a fluke, and the award was made to the Vics. The Executive also permitted Staff-Sergt. McAdam in the match for the Governor-General's medals to amend his return. Two years ago the Guards' team was ruled out in the aggregate series for inaccurate returns. The liberal disposition of the Executive this year will probably induce the Hamilton team to appeal for rehabilitation."

British Columbia Rifle Association.

The sixteenth annual prize meeting took place at New Westminster on the 6th August, 1889, and three following days. The long Snider rifle was used in matches restricted to that weapon, and the scores made are an improvement over those of former years, when the short Snider was the only rifle available. The following is the result of the competition:

No. 1. Opening match—200 yards, seven shots, any position, head to target:

\$ 10 00	Pte. T. J. Trapp, N.W.R.	33	\$ 2 50	Br. Winsby, B.C.G.A.	31
8 00	Pte. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	32	2 50	Gr. Langley, B.C.G.A.	31
7 00	Gr. J. L. Beckwith, B.C.G.A.	32	2 50	Gr. F. Wolfenden, B.C.G.A.	31
5 00	Gr. Fleming, B.C.G.A.	32	2 50	Sergt. Newbury, B.C.G.A.	30
4 00	Pte. Proud, N.W.R.	31	2 50	Mr. N. McColl, B.C.G.A.	30

No. 2. Nanaimo Corporation prize—Ranges, 200 and 400 yards, five shots at each range:

Cup and \$10 00	Br. Winsby, B.C.G.A.	21	25	46
\$7 50	Mr. P. A. Grant, B.C.G.A.	21	24	25
5 00	Pte. Proud, N.W.R.	22	23	45
2 50	Pte. H. C. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	23	22	45
2 50	Lieut. Cotton, N.W.R.	19	25	44
2 50	Mr. H. Collins	20	24	44
2 50	Capt. Woollacott	20	23	43
2 50	Pte. Fletcher, N.W.R.	21	22	43
2 50	Mr. W. H. Forrest	21	22	43

No. 3. Lieutenant-Governor's Challenge Cup—Restricted to members of the Active Militia of the province and officers retired retaining rank. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each range:

Cup and \$10 00	Pte. Proud, N.W.R.	33	33	26	92
\$7 50	Br. Winsby, B.C.G.A.	31	29	31	91
5 00	Pte. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	30	29	30	89
2 50	Pte. H. C. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	31	31	26	88
2 50	Pte. F. Fooks, N.W.R.	30	26	30	86
2 50	Lieut. Cotton, N.W.R.	29	30	25	84
2 50	Gr. Newbury, B.C.G.A.	30	30	22	82
2 20	Pte. J. S. C. Fraser, N.W.R.	26	28	25	79
2 50	Master Gunner Cornish, "C" Battery	28	27	23	78

No. 4. New Westminster Stakes—Ranges, 200 and 400 yards, five shots at each range:

Cup and \$10 00	Pte. J. S. C. Fraser, N.W.R.	23	24	47
Cup and \$7 50	Mr. W. H. Forrest	24	23	47
\$5 00	Lieut. Cotton, N.W.R.	21	25	46
2 50	Pte. Fletcher, N.W.R.	21	25	46
2 50	Pte. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	22	22	44
2 50	Gr. Langley, B.C.G.A.	21	22	43
2 50	Gr. Cullin, B.C.G.A.	19	23	42
2 50	Mr. P. A. Grant	19	23	42
2 50	Gr. F. Wolfenden	20	22	42

No. 5. Victoria Corporation Match—Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each range:

Cup and \$10 00	Mr. P. A. Grant	29	29	29	87
\$7 50	Pte. Proud, N.W.R.	26	31	28	85
5 00	Gr. Newbury, B.C.G.A.	29	32	24	85
5 00	Pte. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	31	23	30	84
5 00	Pte. H. C. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	30	27	26	83
5 00	Br. Winsby, B.C.G.A.	28	30	25	83
2 50	Sergt. Williams, B.C.G.A.	26	27	28	81
2 50	Gr. Sargison, B.C.G.A.	30	26	24	80
2 50	Pte. Fooks, N.W.R.	28	28	24	80
2 50	Gr. Beckwith, B.C.G.A.	29	28	23	80
2 50	Capt. Scoullar, N.W.R.	30	28	21	79
2 50	Pte. Trapp, N.W.R.	28	31	20	79

No. 6. Chapleau Challenge Cup—Ranges, 200, 400 and 600 yards, five shots at each range:

Cup and \$10 00	Mr. W. Wolfenden	21	21	22	64
\$8 00	Pte. Fletcher, N.W.R.	19	22	22	63
7 00	Br. Winsby, B.C.G.A.	22	23	18	63
5 00	Pte. Proud, N.W.R.	22	25	15	62
2 50	Pte. H. C. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	20	23	18	61
2 50	Gr. Langley, B.C.G.A.	20	23	18	61
2 50	Gr. Newbury, B.C.G.A.	19	22	19	60
2 50	Mr. W. H. Forrest	20	23	17	60
2 50	Capt. Scoullar, N.W.R.	22	19	18	59
2 50	Capt. Woollacott	19	22	17	58
2 50	Gr. Sargison	21	20	17	58

No. 7. Association Stakes—Ranges, 500 and 600 yards, five shots at each range, Martini-Henry rifles:

\$10	Pte. Sharpe, N.W.R.	22	24	46
8	Mr. N. McColl	25	17	42
5	Lieut. Cotton, N.W.R.	20	20	40
2	Pte. H. C. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	22	18	40
2	Pte. Chamberlin, N.W.R.	24	16	40
2	Gr. Sargison, B.C.G.A.	24	16	40
2	Gr. Langley, B.C.G.A.	25	15	40
2	Br. Winsby, B.C.G.A.	21	18	39