

STADACONA RIFLE MEETING—
SECOND MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The second meeting of the Stadacona Rifle Association commenced on the 10th inst. at the Beauport Flats, and the firing kept up without intermission until three were disposed of. One grave mistake made by the Association this year, was the selection of ground. One of the most objectionable features in the Beauport beach is the great difficulty one has to experience before reaching it. The drive from the Dorchester Bridge is certainly anything but romantic, and we would strongly advise any of our readers who are now under medical directions to be well shaken before taking their physic, a jaunt—not on a low-back car—but a Peter street caleche to the Flats, and the doctor's orders will be imeratrively obeyed. It was the topic of general conversation yesterday at the firing ground, and many expressed a hope that the Association would, if possible complete the matches on the Island of Orleans. We were glad to see, however, our old friends of last year, the Danville Rifles, each man wearing upon his breast a badge of distinction for past services. Although so far, Dame Fortune has not favored them with first prizes, it is to be hoped that she will smile pleasantly on the country lads before they leave the city. The attendance was very meagre and the few who did condescend to be present at the show sat quietly on the top of a convenient fence, looking more like Quakers at church than lovers of good shooting. The same dullness and inactivity appeared everywhere, even in the refreshment tent, where the jolly souls most do congregate. Tom Carr, who presided over this branch of the service, was never before known to present so sad a countenance as yesterday, and he was distinctly heard to say to one of his customers, that unless business was more lively to-day he would up stakes and travel. We noticed a large number of officers of the regular army on the ground, many of whom took part in the contest, and did remarkable good firing.

FIRST MATCH.

The first match fired was that of the Association, and the first prize of which was \$15 and a Medal of the N. R. A. of England; 2nd prize, \$10; 3rd, \$9; 4th, \$8; 5th, \$7; 6th, \$6; 7th, \$5, and 8th, \$4.

Ranges—200, 500 and 600 yards; 3 shots at each of the first two and 4 shots at the last range; Government Pattern Rifles open to members of the Association. Entrance, 25 cents.

The following was the result of this match:

200 500 600
yds. yds. yds. T'l

1st prize, Capt. W. J. Barrett... 10 11 12—33
2nd " Lieut. E. G. Scott... 9 9 12—30
3rd " Capt. Jas. Morgan... 10 8 10—28
4th " Sgt. Jos. Ferguson... 10 8 10—28
5th " J. S. Ferguson, Fire I... 8 10 10—28
6th " Sgt. E. Trudel... 7 12 8—27
7th " Qr.-M. McDonnell... 8 10 7—25
8th " Pte. J. Lent... 9 11 5—25

A tie between Sergeant Ferguson, Garrison Artillery, and J. S. Ferguson, Fire Inspector, having been fired off it was decided in favor of the former.

Captain Barrett, of the Victoria Rifles, by winning the first prize in this match has gained for himself the privilege of contending for the Prince of Wales Cup, at the next, Wimbledon meeting in England. The Captains's numerous friends will, no doubt join in saying that the honor is well merited. He has persevered steadily in his

practice for a number of years past, and if he has succeeded in gaining a distinguished position amongst our Volunteer marksmen it is entirely due to his own exertions.

II. SWEEPSTAKES.

First prize—Half the sum subscribed; Second prize three-fifths of remainder; Third prize, The remaining two-fifths, minus 15 per cent, for Association.

Range—500 yards 5 shots; Government Pattern Rifles; open to all comers. Entrance \$1: members of the Association, 75 cents.

RESULT

1st. prize, Sergt. A. Frew, 8th Batt.... 19
2nd " Sergt. J. Ferguson, Gar. Artill'ry 17
3rd " Corpl. T. P. Cleveland, 54th Bat 17

A tie between the two latter was decided by firing off a shot each, Ferguson making a centre and Cleveland an outer.

III. ALL COMERS MATCH.

1st Prize, \$30 presented by W. H. Her-ring, Esq.

2nd. " 20 " by Association
3rd " 15 " "
4th " 10 " "
5th " 8 " "

Ranges—600, 700, and 800 yards firing at these ranges were at 2nd class targets, as the Association have no 1st class target at their disposal; 3 shots at each of the first two and 4 shots at the last range; any Rifle. Entrance, \$1; members of the Association, 50 cents.

RESULT.

1st prize, Lt. F. C. Wurtele, 29
2nd " Sgt. J. Ferguson, 26
3rd " Pte. H. Lent, 54th Batt. 21
4th " Lt. D. R. Irwin, R. A. 20
5th " Capt. Jas. Morgan, 8th Batt. 18

It is to be hoped that our citizens will, to-day, visit the firing ground and encourage, if only by their presence, so commendable a meeting. Before concluding, we must return thanks to Capt. Forrest, the Secretary-Treasurer, for so promptly placing at our disposal the firing score at the termination of each match. It is pleasing under any circumstances, to meet a gentleman, but more so when one is brought into such close relationship as to require a favor. Captain Forrest has an exceedingly difficult duty to perform, and one and all will, no doubt, readily agree with us in saying that he is in every respect fitted for his office.

SECOND DAY.

The sun completely recovered from the recent eclipse, shone out yesterday with all his brilliancy and power, to greet the rifle men in their second day's contest. The road—to which we have already drawn attention—to the firing ground, has improved a little since Tuesday, under the influence of "Old Sol," and the jolting is not so bad. We adhere, however to our first opinion upon the subject, that there is great room for improvement. The attendance, yesterday was not more numerous than on the first day, but it was evident that a greater interest was taken in the firing more particularly when the contest for the Battalion prize came round. This prize may looked upon as the most important of the meeting and it is therefore not surprising that more excitement should accompanys it. The 8th Battalion has again been victorious, winning the match with 21 points to spare over the next in rank—the Danville team—who scored 231 points. The first match fired was the

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S.

1st Prize—\$20, presented by His Excellency Sir N. F. Belleau.

2nd " 10, " by the Association.
2rd " 8, " "
4th " 7, " "
5th " 6, " "
6th " 5, " "
7th " 4, " "
8th " 3, " "

Ranges—200 and 300 yards; 3 shots at each range; Government Pattern Rifles; open to members of the Association. Entrance 25 cents. The following is the

RESULT.

200 300
yds. yds. T'l
Prize.
1. Adj. W. O'Neill, 8th Batt. 11 9—20
2. Sergt. Jos. Ferguson, V. G. A. 10 8—18
3. Lt. C. McNab, Ottawa V. G. A. 9 8—17
4. Sergt. T. Norris, 8th Batt. V.M.R. 9 8—17
5. Sergt. Barnfield, 69th Regt. 8 8—16
6. " F. Hawkins, 8th Batt. 9 7—16
7. C.F. Smith, President Rifle Club 9 7—16
8. Sergt. A. Frew, 9 7—16

The next match taken up was for the prize presented by J. Gilmour, Esq., and fired with the following.

RESULT.

300 yds.
1st prize, Sert. J. Ferguson, V.G.A. 21
2nd " Sergt. Perry, 69th Regt. 18
3rd " C.F. Smith, Esq, Pres. A.R.C. 18
4th " W. Cassels, Esq. 18
5th " Sergt. T. Norris, 18
6th " Lt. C. McNab, Ottawa, V.G.A. 17
7th " F. Christie, Esq. 17
8th " R. H. Hunter, 8th Batt. 17

V. BATTALION MATCH.

1st Prize—Winning Battalion, Silver Cup, presented by Robert Hamilton, Esq.
2nd " \$10, highest individual score by Association

3rd " \$8, 2nd " " " "
4th " 6, 3rd " " " "
5th " 5, 4th " " " "
6th " 4, 5th " " " "

Ranges—200, 300, 400 and 500 yards; 3 shots at the first two ranges, 4 shots at 400, and 5 shots at 500 yards; open to six men from each Battalion of Regulars and Volunteers in Canada, and from the Quebec Rifle Club; Government Pattern Rifles. Entrance, \$5.

RESULT.

200 300 400 500
yds. yds. yds. yds. T'l
Prize.
1. 8th Batt. V. M. Rifles... 47 42 77 86 252
2. Sgt. A. Frew, 8th Batt... 8 8 13 15 44
3. H. Wainwright, Esq... 8 9 14 13 43
4. Sergt. Clarke, R.E. 10 10 10 13 43
5. Adj. O'Neill, 8th Bat... 8 8 14 13 43
6. Pvt. J. Leet, 54th Bat... 7 6 15 15 43

The other competing battalions scored respectively:—54th Batt., Danville, 231; Royal Engineers, 195; Quebec Rifle Club, 185; 9th Batt., 124.

Our city has always proved itself able and willing to take part in all the popular sports of the day, and more particularly in the use of the Snider have our young men proved themselves a match for "all comers," no matter from what quarter they came. There is such a thing, however, as being too confident of ones powers, and it is generally when we feel most certain of being successful that the wreath of victory is wrested from our grasp. The firing, we are told, did not approach even the score of two years ago, and this is to be regretted. But again, Volunteers, with a great deal of reason, say, "Why should we toil and slave to protect the property of other citizens while the Government refuse to grant us any special advantage?" "All we ask," says the young Volunteer, "is that the ordinary expenses incurred in keeping a company to-