

RIFLE COMPETITION.

(Special to the Volunteer Review.)

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The sixth Annual Prize Meeting of this Association opened on Tuesday 11th inst. and has been continuing throughout the week.

The Ranges were as usual in very fine order; ten second and third class targets were used during the meeting and three first class.

The side system of markers butts is still retained and gives general satisfaction: the marking was very rapid and as a general rule very accurately performed.

The platforms are all raised from the ground and made of wood, mats being used to cover them and add to the comfort of the competitors.

The total number of competitors was almost as large as last year and the distances from which they come is surprising. we find competitors from all parts of Canada, Ontario and New Brunswick as well as Quebec, besides several from the American Association of Creedmoor.

It is interesting to observe the steady improvement in shooting which these matches show, the high average in many of the competitions being quite remarkable. In a match at 500 yards, we find three men making 27 points out of a possible 28; in another at 600 yards, the first prize is carried off by 26 points out of a possible 28; at 400 yards no less than three men make 25 points, the highest possible. In the first match, where last year 48 points carried off the first prize, this year Ensign Wright scored 51 points of a possible 60, and was closely followed by two others each 50.

It is very satisfactory to find our Canadian Riflemen have attained such proficiency.

The weather was not very favorable for high scores, as the heat was intense at the beginning of the week, culminating in the great thunder storm on Wednesday night, and in the rest of the week the wind was very strong and perplexing.

We find however that the high average of former years has been kept up and in many cases surpassed: this progress we are glad to note.

It was also satisfactory to find the competitors were well pleased with the arrangements: it would be an advantage if the matches could be got through more rapidly, as five days is a long time to spend over one meeting in this country when the busy season is so short.

The presence of competitors from Creedmoor was a new feature in the meeting: we think they deserve credit for having come to test their skill among such a formidable set of competitors as gather at the Point St Charles Ranges. They expressed much admiration at the manner in which the Canadian Volunteers handle their rifles, and can now understand that their reputation is well deserved.

Two of these gentlemen have shown themselves to be no mean antagonists, and may well be considered first class shots.

This first visit may pave the way for a more frequent exchange of courtesies, and some of our men may find time to attend the Creedmoor meeting in the end of September.

Lt.-Col. Fletcher and the other executive officers were assiduous in their efforts to make the contest pass off pleasantly. A few of the Wimbledon Team were present, and we recognize some of their names in the prize list.

We see the "old" Wimbledon Targets were used at this meeting: we understand some difficulty was formed in the working of the "new" Wimbledon system, and as our country corps are not accustomed to the "new" system, it was considered best to adhere to the old plan.

The 51th Batt. have to be congratulated on winning the Battalion Cup; for six years they have contended for this honor and usually been one of the first three; at last they have succeeded with a fine exhibition of team shooting.

The Brydges challenge cup has been won this year by Ensign Wright, a well known crack shot of the 50th or Huntingdon Borderers: this cup has previously been held by Thomas of 51th; Ferguson, 2nd Gt. Rifles; and Whitman, 60th: the winners will probably compete next year for final position, and we may expect to see an interesting contest.

The annual meetings seem to produce so much cordiality amongst Volunteers that we are glad to find them so generally attended, and that at the same time there is so much progress made in skill and training.

The New Brunswick Volunteers were represented by Messrs. Johnson and Logie, and Ontario, by the Metropolitan, Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, and other Associations.

The Rifle season continues with the New Brunswick meeting in September, afterwards the Ontario Meeting at Toronto, and the Dominion meeting at Ottawa in middle of September, from all of which we hope to hear as good results. The following is the list of the scores:—

MATCH No. 1, BRYDGES CUP—1st STAGE.

No.		Pts.	Am't
1.	Ensign Wright, 50th Batt....	51	\$30
2.	Pte. Ferguson, G T R.....	50	30
3.	Sergt Major Jameson, 60th Batt	50	25
4.	Pte. McLeod 1st Batt P W R.	49	20
5.	Sergt Turnbull, G T R.....	48	15
6.	Lt. Andrews, V V R.....	48	10
7.	" Whitman, 60th Batt.....	47	10
8.	Lt. Col. Manning, 54th Batt..	47	10
9.	Capt. Thomas, ".....	46	10
10.	Sergt Wilson, M G A.....	46	10
11.	Sergt McCartney, 50th Batt..	46	5
12.	Adj. Kelly, G T R.....	46	5
13.	Lt. Campbell, V V R.....	46	5
14.	Capt. Wall, G T R.....	36	5
15.	Gunner Imrie, G T A.....	46	5
16.	Gunner Riddell, M G A.....	45	5
17.	Sergt Hill, P W R.....	44	5
18.	Sergt Iverson, G T R.....	44	5
19.	Pte. Mills, 50th Batt.....	44	5
20.	Corp'l Wilson, G T A.....	44	5
21.	Pte. Westlake, 53rd Batt....	44	4
22.	Capt. Sharpe, 3 R Batt.....	43	4
23.	Pte. Saw, 54th Batt.....	43	4
24.	Lt. Col. Worsley, B M, G T R..	43	4
25.	Sergt Baxter, 8th Batt.....	43	4

2ND STAGE.

1.	Capt. Boyd, 51th Batt.....	21	40
2.	Sergt Baxter, 8th Batt.....	18	25
3.	Mr. Stenhouse, M R C.....	18	15

MATCH No. 2—FRONTIER STAKES.

1.	Pte. Wilson, G T R.....	27	30
2.	Sergt Cruik, T R A.....	27	25
3.	G. A. Goodhue, 54th Batt....	27	20
4.	Ensign Wright, 50th Batt....	26	15
5.	Capt. Gibson, T G A.....	26	10
6.	Col. Gildersleeve, A R C, N Y	26	5
7.	Lt. M. Nachman, C G A.....	25	5
8.	Pte. Dade, G T R.....	25	5
9.	Capt. Boyd, 51th Batt.....	25	5
10.	Lt. Whitman, 60th Batt.....	25	5

11.	Adj. Kelly, G T R.....	25	4
12.	Capt. Thomas, 54th Batt....	25	4
13.	Pte. D. Mitchell, 15th Batt....	25	4
14.	Sergt Maj. Sauter, 18th Batt	25	4
15.	Corp'l Wilson, G T A.....	25	4
16.	W. M. Bailey, K R A.....	24	4
17.	Pte. Steele, G T R.....	24	4
18.	Sergt Wardill, M G A.....	24	4
19.	Pte. Edwards, 58th Batt.....	24	4
20.	Sergt Canton, 3 R Batt.....	24	4

MATCH No. 3—CITY STAKES

1.	Lt. Col. Gildersleeve, A R C, NY	26	30
2.	Corp'l G. Copping, 3 R Batt..	25	25
3.	Capt. Boyd, 54th Batt.....	22	20
4.	Lt. Campbell, V V R.....	22	15
5.	Sergt Mitchell, 13th Batt.....	22	10
6.	Adj. Kelly, G T R.....	22	5
7.	Corp'l T. Copping, 3 R Batt..	22	5
8.	Lt. Harris, Met R A.....	21	5
9.	Ensign Vaughan, 60th Batt..	21	5
10.	" Tribbey, G T R.....	21	5
11.	Pte. Boll, 10th Royals.....	21	4
12.	Sergt Wilson, M G A.....	20	4
13.	Sergt Porteous, P W R.....	20	4
14.	Capt. De Boucherville, Ottawa	20	4
15.	Pte. Wilson, 1st Batt.....	20	4
16.	" T. Johnston, R R A.....	20	4
17.	W. W. Bailey, K R A.....	20	4
18.	Lt. Mason, 3 R Batt.....	20	4
19.	Pte. Brazeau, V V R.....	19	4
20.	" Mitchell, 13th Batt.....	19	4

MATCH No. 4—BATTALION MATCH.

1.	54th Battalion.....	215	\$40
2.	1st Prince of Wales.....	204	30
3.	Three Rivers Battalion.....	202	15

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

1.	Pte. Jas. Ferguson, G T R....	49	15
2.	Sergt. Hawkins, 8th Batt....	46	10

THE BATTALION MATCH—INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

	Pts.	Am't	Points
1.	Corp'l Black, 1st Batt., G T R	29	29
2.	Pte. Blair, ".....	41	41
3.	" May, ".....	31	31
4.	Corp'l Anthony, ".....	29	29
5.	Pte. Steele, ".....	41	41
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1.	Sergt Turnbull, 2nd Batt, G T R....	31	31
2.	Capt. Wall, ".....	41	41
3.	Adj. Kelly, ".....	33	33
4.	Pte. Joseph Johnson, ".....	49	49
5.	Ensign Tribbey, ".....	43	43
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1.	Capt. Henderson, 50th Batt.....	35	35
2.	Pte. W. Mills, ".....	42	42
3.	" Ross, ".....	22	22
4.	Ensign Wright, ".....	45	45
5.	Sergt McCartney, ".....	31	31
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1.	Sergt. Holtby, M G A.....	36	36
2.	" Wardill, ".....	30	30
3.	Sergt Maj. Pennington, ".....	31	31
4.	" Riddell, ".....	29	29
5.	" Wilson, ".....	59	59

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1.	Capt. Boyd, 54th Batt.....	43	43
2.	Lt. Col. Manning, ".....	44	44
3.	Qr. Master Cleaveland, 54th Batt...	45	45
4.	Sergt Shaw, ".....	42	42
5.	Capt. Thomas, ".....	41	41
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1.	Drum'r Donaldson, 6th Batt.....	21	21
2.	Pte. Hough, ".....	35	35
3.	Corp'l Maye, ".....	3	3
4.	Pte. Courtney, ".....	15	15
5.	Qr. Master Logat, ".....	20	20
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