

time being about 2 or 3 minutes left, changing to the same from the right, and dropping altogether.

Many of the contestants had to fire the 500 yards range after 7.30, and the smoke hanging over the range make the task of finding the foresight somewhat difficult. The following Toronto shots scored 90 points or over.

Sergt. Westman, Q.O.R., 95. Capt. Rennie, Q.O.R., 94. Pte. Matthews, Q.O.R., 92. Lieut. Crean, Q.O.R., 92. Lieut. Davison, Q.O.R., 91. Sergt. Langton, Q.O.R., 90. Capt. Bruce, R.G., 95. Col. Sergt. Fowler, R.G., 93. Staff Sgt. McVittie, R.G., 92. Sergt. Alexander, R.G., 90. Corp Hamon, 12th, 91.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH RIFLES.

The inspection of the 65th Battalion "Mount Royal Rifles" was made on Saturday last by Lieut.-Colonel Houghton. St. Peter and St. Paul's day had been originally named as the day but owing to the detention of the D. A. G. at Compton a postponement had to be made and as a consequence the muster was below what it otherwise would have been, and certain officers having previously made business engagements, were absent. The field state showed a total of 236 non-commissioned officers and men. Had the delay in the inspection not occurred the ranks would probably have showed more than three hundred. The following officers were present: Lieut.-Col. Prevost, Majors Labelle and Hebert, Captain and Adjutant Desnoyers, Captains Roy, Gravel, Labelle, Mousseau, Pelletier, Lafromboise, Quarter-master Larocque, and Lieutenants Tarte, Normandeau, Piche, Parent, Prevost, Mathieu, Thibaudeau, Desjardins, Danse-reau, Gelin, Loranger, Trudel, Dugas, Dr. Archambault and Paymaster Ostell. The regiment has put in a large amount of drill this year and showed a high degree of efficiency in battalion and arm drill. Major Labelle put the regiment through the manual and firing exercises, and Major Hebert through a number of battalion movements, all of which were steadily done. As the companies were of less strength than 16 files, drill was done in single rank; it was rather a poor showing, and evidenced that the men had been practised but little in this work. Making due allowance for this, however, the inspection as a whole reflected credit on the regiment. The proceedings were rather long drawn out and the men were on duty from the afternoon till nearly nine at night. The muster taking an unusually long time. The 65th has taken great pains with its musketry this year and has spent \$2.50 on its practice. As the Government Grant is only \$75 this and other outlay has weighed heavily on the regimental finances.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MATCHES 1892.

The following are some of the principal changes in the programme for this year, viz:

The Ranges will open on Tuesday, 9th August, at 9 a. m., the forenoon being devoted to Extra Series at 500 and 600 yards, and Pool Shooting at 800 and 900 yards.

The Nursery opens at 1 p. m., followed by the Frontier at 1.30. All matches will be fired commencing at the shortest Range.

The teams in the Carslake have been reduced to 8 men, and unlimited team entries will be allowed in the Carslake and Active Militia Matches.

The Association Match will be fired with M. H. rifles, and team entries are limited to one team from each Association.

There will be a long Range match at 800 and 900 yards, open to the 12 highest aggregate Scores in the Martini Matches.

There will be Pool at 800 and 900 yards.

Ties for first place in the aggregate, will be decided by firing 5 rounds at the longest range with M. H. Rifle.

In all cases where a possible is made, 3 Extra Shots must be at once fired.



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No definite news has been received since the first reports conveying the intelligence that Captain W. G. Stairs had died in Africa, and hope is still entertained that the reports will eventually prove without foundation.

Communications with the Baring Brothers, of London, and the Belgian Government serve to show that neither of the above parties have been in any way officially informed of his death.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* of the 25th ultimo, states that letters received by mail contain the information that Captain Stairs was seized with an attack of fever some months ago during the march to Karema, on the eastern side of Lake Tanganyika, and would have succumbed but for the careful nursing and skill of the medical officer.

The telegram of the 14th June, from Mozambique, was the first news received of the party since December last, when, in a letter dated October 14, from Karema, it was stated that they hoped to reach Katanga by Christmas.

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SHOOTING IN THE ARMY.

The Executive Committee have just issued the programme of the 13th Army Rifle meeting, at which the championship of the army is shot for, and which is to be held at the great Ash Ranges, near Aldershot, on Wednesday, July 6, and four following days immediately preceding the Bisley meeting. The value of the prizes offered approaches £1,000 and the meeting is open to the regular troops,—Navy, Marines, Militia, and Yeomanry, with some special prizes for the regular troops of the Southern District. The Magazine rifle Martini-Henry, carbine and revolver are all provided for in the programme; the competitions for the regulars include series for officers, trained men, young soldiers and recruits, while there are special contests in night-firing, infantry running and firing, and with range-finders both for Infantry and for Cavalry, Artillery and Mounted Infantry. One of the most important competitions is that for the Connaught Cup, given by the Duke of Connaught, for teams of four men in field-firing; and other prominent matches are those for the Bowyers' Company's volley prize, the Stewart Cup (the regimental trophy) for battalion teams of eight at 200, 500 and 600 yards; the Goldsmiths' and Silver Smiths' prizes at 800 and 1,000 yards with the magazine rifle; the Martini-Henry aggregate at 600 and 800; the South-Eastern plate for firing at disappearing targets; the London and South-Western mounted competition in section firing, and the preliminary contest for the Evelyn Wood prize, which will be completed at Bisley on July 12. In all there will be forty series open, and the Duchess of Connaught has consented to present the prizes on the last day of the meeting.—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

The Canadian Gazette, of London, (Eng.), repeats the story that "Colonel Cole, of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, has called on General Knapp, U.S. Consul-General, and apologised for the ordering down of U.S. flag by members of his corps."

This is absurd; Lieut.-Col. Cole neither apologised nor had any intention of apologising; he merely expressed his regret at the occurrence. Anything in the shape of apology for such a trivial affair would have been totally uncalled for.