

PETERBORO' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

This interesting and usually keenly contested match began on the 31st ultimo, and was finished early on the 1st inst. It took place on the Ashburnham ground. Almost in every particular the match was inferior to that of last year; the shooting on the whole was not so good—the highest points gained at two ranges last year being 45, this year 37; the number competing was not so large, and the public interest even less than formerly. It will be seen by the accompanying prize list that Capt James Rogers was the most successful competitor, having won the rifle presented by the Ontario R. A., and become the holder of a Gold Medal given by Peterboro' men resident in New York. Capt. Rogers seemed to be a favourite all round judging from the great applause expressed while he received the rewards of his excellence. The names of Ensign Johnston and Corporal English, appear again more than once on the prize list as they did last year. It was generally believed from the marks made by Private Griffith, that should he practice he would become one of the best marksmen in the Association—he did well.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Shortly after eight o'clock, a most interesting occasion took place in the Music Hall during the Floral Exhibition, which was being there held on that evening Wednesday. The President of the County Association called the assembly to order and proceeded to offer a few remarks prior to the pleasant duty of distributing to the various competitors the prizes they had won.

The President on rising said that the match being over it became his duty as President of the Association to distribute the prizes. He regretted he had not been able to be on the ground for a longer time than he was and he regretted still more to see how exceedingly few there were as spectators. It was of great consequence to the competitors to see the community interested in their Association and in the match; and to see the lamentable apathy evinced by the public of Peterboro', was discouraging to the members of the Association. (Hear, Hear from the Riflemen.) If ever the time should come when wars would cease and universal peace should reign, he should be exceedingly happy, yet that time to all appearance was far distant, and hence it was of the utmost importance that our defenders be trained to arms. If the militia were ever called on to fight, the men should use arms efficiently. Regarding the Volunteers he was sorry that their shooting was not better than it was, when he was present, but he had been told it was better that day—the second. The first day was very unfavourable for rifle shooting in consequence of the irregular gusts of wind blowing. He feared there was not sufficient practice; this he thought, accounted for the fact that our men did not do so well as the Provincial Match in Toronto as they might have done. He had taken occasion recently to advocate strongly the importance of diligent practice in the *Review*. It was, he said, with Rifle Matches as with everything else—like that international boat match which took place last week in England, there must be practice to ensure efficiency. Take the four strongest men to be found anywhere in the country and place them against the Oxford crew, and the former, to use a common expression, the latter would be nowhere. The

County Rifle Association was not composed exclusively of Volunteers, and for this reason that if ever we were called to defend ourselves from a foreign foe, then every man must present himself in the field. And he was quite sure that in Canada that none would fail in his duty in this respect. (Applause.) His—the speaker's—duty as a Minister of the Gospel, was to preach peace, and he did preach it, but when peace can no longer be kept—and he was of opinion that it could sometimes be maintained at too great expense—then our Volunteers will come forward trained for defence. After referring to the desirableness of a friendly rifle competition with the Americans, in the same manner as the boat race before adverted to, he proceeded to distribute the prizes of the first match.

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Ranges, 300 and 500 yards.

1st prize, Rifle, presented by the Ontario Rifle Association, Capt. Jas. Z. Rogers, No. 4 Co., 26 points. 2nd prize, \$10 presented by the Patron Judge Dennistoun, Sgt. E. Green, No. 1 Co., 24 points. 3rd prize, \$7, Private Jas. Griffith, No. 1 Co., 24 points. 4th prize, \$6, presented by Messrs. Nicholls & Hall, Private Samuel English, No. 1 Co., 23 points. 5th prize, a Bride and Martingale, presented by W. Waddle, Esq., Corpl. W. English, No. 1 Co. 23 points. 6th prize, Album, presented by T. Menzies, Esq., Private John Gow, No. 4 Co., 22 points. 7th prize, Silver Cup, presented by J. Clarke, Esq., Private Charman, No. 1 Co., 22 points. 8th prize, \$1, Ensign Johnston, No. 1 Company, 21 points. 9th prize, \$1, Capt. Dunnett, 20 points. 10th prize, \$1, Sgt. Irwin, No. 1 Co., 19 points. 11th prize, \$1, Sergt. Campbell, No. 3 Co., 19 points. 12th prize, \$1, Capt. Smith, No. 3 Co., 18 points. 13th prize, 50c. Private Nesbitt, No. 1 Co., 17 points. 14th prize, 50c., Sgt. Brown, No. 4 Co., 16 points. 15th prize, 50c., Sgt. Leslie, No. 3 Company, 15 points. 16th prize, 50c., Sgt. McIntyre, No. 2 Co., 13 points. 17th prize, 50c., Quarter Master Sergt Green, 13 points. 18th prize, 50c., Sgt. Armstrong, No. 3 Co., 11 points. 19th prize, 50c., Lt. Kennedy, No. 2 Company, 11 points.

VOLUNTEER MATCH.

Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards.

Prizes distributed by A. H. Campbell, Esq. 1st prize, Watch, presented by George Edmison, Esq., \$25, Sgt. Campbell, No. 4 Co., 39 points. 2nd prize, cash \$10, presented by the President, Rev. V. Clementi, Pte. Griffith, No. 1 Co., 37 points. 3rd prize, Silver Cup, presented by R. Hamilton, Esq., \$8, Corp. English, No. 1 Co., 27 points. 4th prize cash \$5, Ensign Johnston, No. 1 Co., 36 points. 5th prize, cash \$4, presented by Lt.-Col. Poole, Capt. J. Z. Rogers, No. 4 Co. 35 points. 6th prize, Watch stand, presented by A. B. Kidd, Esq., Capt. Dannett, 34 points. 7th prize, \$2, Private Nesbitt, No. 1 Co., 33 points. 8th prize, \$2, Sergt. Leslie, No. 3 Co. 32 points. 9th prize, \$2, Pte. Gow, No. 4 Co., 32 points. 10th prize, \$1, Sgt. E. Green, No. 1 Co., 31 points. 11th prize, \$1 Sgt. Irwin, No. 1 Co., 30 points. 12th prize \$1, Sgt. Brown, No. 4 Co., 30 points. 13th prize, \$1, Private S. English, No. 1 Co., 30 points. 14th prize, \$1, Sgt. McIntyre, No. 2 Co., 29 points. 15th prize, 50c., Corp. Ainslie, No. 4 Co., 36 points. 16th prize, 50c., Quarter Master Sergt. Green, 26 points. 17th prize, 50c., Adj. Kennedy, 21 points. 13th prize, 50c., Lt. Kennedy, No. 2 Co., 17 pts. 19th prize, 50c., Capt. Smith, No. 3 Co., 16 points. 20th prize, 50c., Private, McDonald No. 2 Co., 16 points.

It was decided that the member of any of the Companies Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, making

the highest aggregate scores in the two first matches, should have the Gold Medal presented to those companies for competition, by a party of young men from Peterborough, residing in New York. Capt. J. Z. Rogers, having made 61 points, became entitled to wear it for the present year. To become the owner of this medal a man must win it three years in succession.

ALL COMERS MATCH.

Ranges 50 and 100 yards. Mr. Carnegie presented the remainder.

Open to sporting rifles only.

1st prize, cash \$6, Corporal W. English, No. 1 Co., 28 points. 2nd prize, cash \$3, Private J. Chambers, No. 2 Co. 28 points. 3rd prize, cash \$2, Private Jas. Griffith, No. 1 Co., 26 points. 4th prize, cash \$1, Capt. Smith, No. 3 Co., 23 points.

COMPANY MATCH.

Ranges 300 and 500 yards.

1st prize, presented by A. H. Campbell, Esq., \$10, No. 1 Co., 111 points. 2nd prize, \$5, No. 2 Co., 90 points. 3rd prize, 2, 50, No. 3 Co., 78 points.

As the persons entitled to fire in the Consolation Match had retired, and none but winners of prizes remained on the ground, it was decided by the members of the Council present, that the prizes intended for that match should be open for competition to all members of the Association wishing to enter. The following are the winners:

Range 400 yards.

1st prize, a Garden Vase, presented by Mr. Helm, Private S. Chambers. 2nd prize, a barrel of flour, presented by Col. Rogers, Lt.-Col. Poole. 3rd prize, a stuffed duck, presented by Mr. John Kennedy, Ensign Johnston. 4th prize, a carriage whip, presented by Mr. W. H. Mitchell, Private Gow. 5th prize, album, Corp. English.—*Peterboro' Review*.

The *London Scotsman* of the 7th inst., contains a letter from a correspondent on the New Zealand difficulty which thoroughly explodes the fallacy of the *Times* and Sir Charles Dilke, that the English settlers ought to have no difficulty in dealing with the rebellious Maories, because the former are to the latter as seven to one. The reply he gives to this absurd argument is a statement of the difficulties which the American Government has had in dealing with the aborigines under its charge from the foundation of the Republic down to the present day. After quoting a passage from General Jackson's Message to Congress in 1836, relating to the Florida Indian war, the writer in the *London Scotsman* shows that "a wealthy and powerful State, "with 12,000,000 of inhabitants, was obliged to employ, not "merely a large force of Militia and Volunteers, but the whole "United States Army in a regular war with some two or three "thousand Indians, and yet our Philo-American journalists and "politicians profess to be surprised because 218,000 New Zealand "colonists find that they need help to keep 38,000 Maories in "check!" According to the best authorities the Indian war in Florida alone, without speaking of various other Indian wars which have taken place subsequently, cost the American Government £10,000,000. Would it not be well for Lord Granville to study this important branch of the Colonial question a little more fully than he has yet done before next February?

Lemberg and Warsaw are to be made first class fortresses. General Todleben, the hero of the defense of Sebastopol, will execute the work.