

## CANADIAN MILITARY NEWS.

In the rifle contest at Bedford, Nova Scotia, between ten sergeants of the 4th, and a like number of the 47th Regt., the latter were victorious. There was a good deal of interest manifested in the match.

**THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.**—It is confidently expected that his Excellency the Governor and family will leave Quebec for Ottawa early in October next, where he will occupy the now vice regal residence in the capital of the Dominion.

**THE RUSSIAN ARMY.**—Since the termination of the Crimean War the Russian Army has been increased by 220,000 men. Its effective strength at the present time is 1,100,000 comprising 360,000 irregular troops. The military organization of the Empire is so complete that in case of war the fighting force of the country could be raised in a few days' time to 1,500,000 men.

**RECRUITING.**—The statement which was copied into the *Pall Mall Gazette* and other papers respecting the condition of the recruiting of the Army is without foundation. In fact, recruiting has not been so flourishing for years, at the London office such a busy "July" has never been known. Gunners for the Royal Artillery are wanting, but with that exception recruiting goes on most satisfactorily, and the 2d. pay has done its work effectually.—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

**BETROTHED.**—Notwithstanding the misfortunes which befel the first Napoleon through his Austrian marriage, it seems that the prospective fourth French Emperor of that name is to marry a princess of the house of Hapsburg. It is reported that the object and aim of the meeting of the Emperors of Salzburg was a marriage between the Prince Imperial of France and the Princess Gisela of Austria, a charming little creature of 11 years of age, who bids fair to be one of the most amiable and intelligent princesses of Europe, being at present a sort of good fairy to all around her, yet full of simplicity and tenderness.

**GRAND RIFLE MATCH AT TORONTO.**—The Toronto Rifle Club are making arrangements to hold a grand rifle match in that city, between the 14th and 20th of October next. The prizes are to be open to all comers, and the design is to institute a Canadian Wimbledon, where the Riflemen of the Dominion will meet in friendly contest, and from amongst the best shots at these meetings, it is proposed to select a team to represent Canada at the great National Rifle Association meeting. His Excellency Major-Gen. Stisted, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, has consented to become the Patron of the association.—*Hamilton Times*.

**CANADA AHEAD OF THE WORLD.** We think the title of champion marksman of the world may with perfect safety be conferred upon Mr. C. D. Murray, since his recent feat at the Victoria Range, Hamilton. In thirty shots (five respect fully at 500 yards 600, 700, 800, 900, and 1000), he made twenty-five bull's-eyes and five centres—in all one hundred and fifteen points, being only five less than the full number possible. The rifle used was manufactured by Mr. Grammer, of Toronto, the projectile Elys 442 cylindrical bullet, and the powder made by the Hamilton Powder Company. No sighting shots were fired. We believe this score under similar circumstances has never been equalled.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—The wife and daughter of the venerable Archdeacon Sandys met with an accident yesterday afternoon, which might have resulted in much more serious consequences than, we are glad to say, it really did. Mrs. and Miss Sandys had driven down to Thornbury cottage, to pay a visit to the family of G. W. Foote, Esq. On their return, the horse became restive, threatening to run away, and a soldier of the Rifles, who was walking along the road, caught hold of his head to endeavor to quiet him. The horse, however, broke loose from the soldier and threw him down, cutting a gash in his thigh with his forefoot, and again made off, with Miss Sandys alone in the carriage, and she very soon either jumped out or was thrown out, alighting on her head and receiving a severe concussion. On inquiry to day, we are glad to learn that Miss Sandys has greatly recovered from the effects of her accident, and hope that she will be perfectly convalescent in a few days. The soldier, whose name we did not learn, is also, we are glad to say, getting on well.—*Chatham Planet*, 13th.

**TROOPS FOR TORONTO.**—By referring to the Town Council proceedings published in this issue, it will be seen that our Council have voted the sum of \$1000 for the purpose of paying rent of buildings to accommodate four hundred of Her Majesty's troops; but should the number of troops be reduced, then the amount provided by the Council shall be proportionately reduced. We are in a position to state that the arrangements are nearly completed, and that the troops will arrive here as soon as the buildings for their accommodation have been properly fitted up to receive them. Smith's building on the corner of King and Division streets, McConnell's building on Division street, and the foundry building near the wharf, have been leased by Brigade Major Patterson for the privates, and the Wiggins residences, near the factory, for the officers. There will be 280 privates and twelve officers from the 17th regiment stationed here. Lieut. Gale, of the Engineer's staff, arrived in town on Thursday last, who will superintend the fitting up of the quarters. Capt. Thompson, of the Quartermaster's department, and two other officers from Ottawa or Kingston, are expected here immediately, and under whose supervision all the necessary arrangements will be made. In accordance with the resolution passed by the Council the amount voted to pay accommodation for the troops will be \$750 per annum for the number to be stationed here.—*Sentinel*.

**THE ANNUAL RIFLE MATCHES OF THE 22ND BATTALION.**—The preliminaries for the annual matches of the 22nd Battalion are so far completed that no indiscretion is committed in giving particulars. In addition to the Welstead prizes of £5stg., to youths under twenty, at ranges of 100 and 200 yards, and the £10, open to the non-commissioned officers and men, we have a really handsome collection of domestic valuables, the special gift of Mrs. Chas. Welstead. To these will be added the customary gifts of the county members, and the quota to be supplied from each company. Then it is only proper to expect from the public a liberal contribution, both in money and valuables. The matches are to be popularized by the admission of the public in several cases, and acting on English practice,

a match is set down specially for ladies.

It is not expected that our fair friends, will as Pat would say, "shoot themselves," but they will have the privilege of selecting each a champion, who stimulated by the patriotic glance of lovely woman's eye will exert his utmost to carry off the palm. Already the ladies are looking around for "crack shots," from whom to select, and if filthily lucre could influence a member of the 22nd, we know more than one who might pocket a few "dubs" by throwing up his commission. Indeed this match bids fair to be the most interesting of the programme, because of the interest which the ladies bestow, and the known gallantry of the 22nd. Another match of interest, at least to the force, will be contested between a given number of men of each company, for a fixed sum, to go to the company having the highest score; and the match between youths under twenty will prove a very interesting feature. The days of the match are set down for the 29th 30th and 31st of October, and of course each captain will do his best to assist his men in acquiring knowledge of the use of the new arm, and will afford them all the practice permissible. It is expected that each company will be represented by ten men including officers, if preferred, so that the competition may be extended to every corps, and the prizes to every section of the country. In our next we expect to be in a position to give the programme. In the meantime those disposed to the prize fund, in money, or otherwise may signify their intention to any officer of the force.—*Woodstock Times*.

**THE CAVALRY RACE.**—The Quebec Volunteer Cavalry Races commenced on the 24th inst., on the St. Charles Course, under the most favorable auspices. The weather was delightful, and the track in the highest order of condition. There could not have been less than two thousand persons present, and it is much to the credit of our citizens that everything passed over quiet and orderly. The first race of the day was a hurdle, mile and a half over six leaps stiff timber, for which there were three entries, Mr. Bedard's *Shamrock*, Mr. Rickaby's *Lightfoot*, and Mr. J. Connor's *Montcalm Baby*. The *Baby* was the favorite in the betting. There was a very good start, *Shamrock* leading the first start round, the *Baby* and *Lightfoot* a considerable distance behind. At the third hurdle Connor's *Baby* run up and lapped *Shamrock*, taking the leap together in splendid style, and immediately showing in front on passing the judge's stand. The mare had the race now all her own way and won easily by three lengths. *Lightfoot* fell over the third hurdle, throwing her rider, Mr. Rickaby, heavily on his head, causing him such internal injuries that he was taken up in an insensible condition, and remained so for some hours. For the second race, mile heats, there were four entries, but the accident to Mr. Rickaby compelled the withdrawal of *Lightfoot*. The contest lay between Mr. Bedard's *Shamrock*, Mr. Villier's *Swichtail*, and Mr. Connor's *Montcalm Baby*, which was won by the latter, notwithstanding that she came in dead lame after the first heat. The third race was won by Mr. F. Gilchen's *Irish Girl*, beating Mr. Derry's *Arabian*. The fifth race a consolation stake was won by *Lightfoot*. To-day, the sport will be excellent, and the greatest interest is manifested to witness the contest between *Reporter* and *Sunshine*. Those who wish to see this race must be on the ground at one o'clock precisely. In the second race the horses are to be ridden by officers of the Volunteer Force.—*Quebec Daily News*.