

On Tuesday morning, the 1st of July, at 7 a.m., the team landed from the SS. "Prussian," at Liverpool, in good health; marched to the Railway Station, and went by rail at 9.15 to Hightown, a short distance from Liverpool, near the Altcar rifle range, and put up at the Hightown Hotel, where arrangements were made for the accommodation of the team until Saturday the day of leaving for Wimbledon. Major Otter accompanied me to the Altcar rifle range, which was at once placed at our disposal by the non-commissioned officer in charge for practice during all the time of our stay at Hightown.

In the afternoon of the same day the team entered on their competitive practice at 300, 500 and 600 yards. Seven shots at each distance. I gave directions for seven shots at each distance, without sighting shots, because I found that the rules for this year at Wimbledon exclude sighting shots, but provide that seven shots be fired instead of, as formerly, two sighting shots and five shots. The day was bright with light wind from the right, and the average good.

On that evening, leaving Major Otter in charge of the team, I started for London, to communicate with Captain St. John-Mildmay, Secretary of the National Rifle Association, and deliver your letters of introduction. I arrived in London on the morning of Wednesday, the 2nd, but found the office of the National Rifle Association closed there, and that it had been removed temporarily to Wimbledon.

On Thursday Sir Peter Tait went with me to Wimbledon where I was received with the most hearty welcome by Captain St. John-Mildmay, who at once offered to afford me every information, and expressed his great pleasure that a team had arrived from Canada to take part in the Wimbledon competition. Captain Salmond, R.E., the engineer in charge accompanied us to lay out the ground for the Canadian camp. We found the place that was appropriated for the purpose last year—close to the "iron house"—occupied by a large flag staff, erected by the London Scottish Volunteers, whose ordinary practice range is near that part of the Common. Captain Salmond, however staked out a most advantageous and pleasantly situated piece of ground in the immediate neighbourhood; and Sir Peter Tait kindly undertook to visit the grounds again and see that the tents were pitched and in readiness for us on Saturday afternoon, at which time it was arranged that we should come into camp.

On Friday morning I went again to Wimbledon to complete arrangements at Captain Costin's department,—the Executive Range officer—for the entries of the team, and was most courteously afforded all necessary information, no charge being made for "post" entries in any of the competitions.

On the afternoon of Friday I returned to Liverpool, arriving at Hightown at eight o'clock in the evening, and received report from