

18. REVOLVER MATCH.

\$7 Major Bedson, 91st.....	30	\$3 Capt Harris, Moosomin, R A ...	24
6 M C Clarke.....	29	3 Dr Sutherland, retired.....	21
5 Major W R Bell, retired.....	27	2 Major Forrest.....	18
4 Capt W H Bruce, 95th.....	26	2 Major Buchan, S M I.....	18
4 Lt-Col Houghton, D A G	25	2 Thos Kean, M R A.....	17

The prize lists for matches 13 to 17, all extra series, have not come to hand in time for insertion in this issue.

Quebec's Annual Rifle Matches.

THE results of the first day's shooting in the nineteenth annual matches of the Quebec provincial rifle association were published in our issue of last week, with the exception of the military competitions, the scores of which were made up too late for insertion, and consequently appear below in conjunction with those of the matches fired subsequently:

Tuesday.

3RD MATCH—MILITARY.

Great interest was taken in the military matches, for which the entries reached the high total of fifteen teams, of five men each. That is the teams were all supposed to comprise that number. But the 43rd Batt., whose entry had been made in the expectation of having the full complement of men upon the ground, found themselves with only four present, and not to be done out of the afternoon's practice, these four had the intrepidity to enter. And they shot to some purpose, too, taking fourth place in the skirmishing match, with only seven points less than the first prize winner. The four deserve honorable mention. They were: Major W. P. Anderson, Capt. J. Wright, Staff-Sergt. W. A. Jamieson, and Color-Sergt. Jas. Fairbairn.

First Series—Skirmishing.

The rounds, fired advancing and retiring at distances between 500 and 200 yards. Targets, 4 ft. by 2 ft. 6 in., exposed 15 seconds at a time.

\$30 Fifth Royal Scots.....	72
25 Eighth Royal Rifles, first team	71
20 Third V. R. C.....	70
15 Forty-third Batt.....	65

Second Series—Volley Firing.

Five rounds at 300 yards, kneeling.

\$20 Fifth Royal Scots.....	54
15 Sixth Fusiliers, first team	52
10 Sixth Fusiliers, second team	50

Wednesday, 10th August.

To the uninitiated the weather on Wednesday appeared delightful. True it was a bit warm, but then there was a freshening breeze. The riflemen, however, were anything but grateful for the breeze. As on the previous day, it blew from the rear, and was of the fishtail variety, the most trying of all. No ordinary skill could accurately gauge it, and the windage allowance which gave a bull's eye for one shot, would place the next bullet in the outer edge, or perhaps cause the dust to be observed at one side, while the target remained upright. There was but one match timed for this day, besides the extra series, which went on as usual. This one was the Active Militia and Battalion, for teams and individuals, seven shots each range, at 200, 500 and 600 yards. By special invitation a squad of twelve marines from the French warship Minerve attended under Lieut. Boudreau, and took part in the match, entering two teams. Great attention was paid to the visitors, and their rifle was also examined with much interest. This is a magazine rifle, the Wrendl. Its barrel and every portion of the metal is polished, in marked contrast to the smoked barrels and sights adopted in the British service. Some blackened the sights before firing, but others took a pride in polishing up every part until it shone like a mirror. The rifles are repeaters, carrying altogether in the stock and chambers nine rounds. The rifling is heavy and the bullet about the size of the Martini-Henry. The charge is a trifle smaller. The rifle is considerably heavier than the British weapons, and the breach much more complicated. Peep sights are used and windage allowance is made by canting. The Frenchmen's shooting was, on the whole, poor. One, Doll, managed to put in 33 out of 35 at 500 yards, and was very heartily cheered for his performance by the large number of spectators who had gathered about the visitors.

The Frenchmen take great stock in the facilities for rapid firing supposed to be afforded by reason of the adoption of the magazine principle. Their officers having expressed a desire to have a test in this respect, Seaman Doll and Capt. Harkom of the 54th were chosen to compete against each other to demonstrate the rapid firing capabilities of the arms. Doll to use a Wrendl, fully loaded, at the commencement, with nine cartridges, and Harkom to use the Martini. The competition was to last three minutes, the number of shots fired and points recorded on the target both to count. The result was that Captain Harkom fired 35 shots, making 39 points, while Seaman Doll fired 31 shots, and made only 16 points. The details of the scores were:

Capt. Harkom, 35 shots.		Seaman Doll, 31 shots.	
Two bull's eyes.....	10	Two inners.....	8
One inner.....	4	Two magpies.....	6
Three magpies.....	9	One outer.....	2
Eight outers.....	16		
Total.....	39	Total.....	16

4. ACTIVE MILITIA AND BATTALION MATCH.

200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots, with Snider rifles.

Team Prizes.

1. 6th Fusiliers, \$30.				2. 60th Battalion, \$25.			
Pte. Lavers.....	26	27	25	78	Pte. Stanton.....	29	25
Pte. Riddle.....	26	26	24	76	Capt. Jameson.....	29	21
Pte. Ward.....	28	26	21	75	Lieut. Beattie.....	25	20
Sergt. Marks.....	29	24	21	74	Sergt. Sweet.....	24	26
Sergt. D. Currie.....	39	24	18	72	Pte. Russell.....	30	25
Pte. T. Scott.....	19	18	20	57	Capt. Whitman.....	27	18
Totals.....	157	145	129	431	Totals.....	164	135

3. Montreal Garrison Artillery, \$15.

Sergt. Wilson.....	28	30	22	80
Gr. Drysdale.....	33	26	26	75
Sergt. Bell.....	28	14	22	64
Staff-Sergt. Cooper.....	24	19	19	62
Gr. Sharpe.....	29	23	10	62
Sergt. Dowker.....	18	23	19	60
Totals.....	150	135	118	403

Other team scores were as follows:

Victoria Rifles.....	161	118	117	396	54th Battalion.....	152	110	87	349
Fifth Royal Scots.....	142	127	104	393	Minerve First Team.....				291
Gov.-Gen's Foot Guards.....	162	136	76	374	Minerve Second Team.....				189
Eighth Royal Rifles.....	162	123	77	362					

4. Prince of Wales Rifles, \$10.

Lieut. Abbott.....	27	23	24	74
Pte. Kough.....	29	25	18	72
Pte. McAfee.....	27	20	22	69
Staff-Sergt. Ross.....	28	20	20	68
Color-Sergt. McCrae.....	29	21	15	65
Capt. Henshaw.....	26	13	16	55
Totals.....	166	122	115	403

By their score in the above competition, the Sixth Fusiliers secured the custody of the City of Montreal Jubilee Challenge Trophy, presented by the corporation, on the occasion of Her Majesty's jubilee, to the Montreal brigade of active militia, for annual competition at the matches of the P.Q.R.A. The trophy to be awarded to the Montreal corps whose team made the highest score in the Active Militia Match, and to be held by the commanding officer for the year, and returned to the association in good order before the 1st August following.

In the shooting between the first and second teams of La Minerve for the cup offered by the association, the former won the prize by 102 points. The special individual prize winners, being the six highest scorers amongst the twelve visitors competing, were as follows:

\$10 Doll.....	65	\$4 Bugron.....	45
7 Hoc.....	56	3 Bataille.....	41
5 Joassim.....	54	2 Manuel.....	30

Individual Prizes.

\$30 Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, Guards..	30	22	29	81	\$4 Pte. Ward, 6th.....	28	26	21	75
25 Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A..	28	26	27	81	4 Pte. Kimmerly, 49th.....	29	26	20	75
*Dolan cup and \$20, Sergt. Wilson,					4 Lieut. Abbott, 1st.....	27	23	24	74
M.G.A.....	28	30	22	80	4 Capt. Newton, 5th.....	25	27	22	74
\$15 Sergt. Doyle, 53rd.....	27	25	26	78	4 Sergt. Marks, 6th.....	29	24	21	74
10 Pte. Lavers, 6th.....	26	27	25	78	4 Col.-Sergt. Fairbairn, 43rd.....	27	27	10	74
8 Sergt. Johnson, 85th.....	27	25	25	77	4 Corpl. Pratt, Mon Eng.....				73
8 Pte. O. S. Stanton, 60th.....	29	25	23	77	4 Lt.-Col. Miller, 8th.....	27	26	20	73
5 Capt. Wright, 43rd.....	28	30	19	77	4 Capt. Thomas, 54th.....	29	26	18	73
5 Pte. Morrison, Guards.....	27	22	27	76	4 Major Anderson, 43rd.....	28	20	24	72
5 Pte. Holtby.....	26	24	26	76	4 Pte. Waters, 6th.....	29	20	23	72
5 Pte. J. Riddle, 6th.....	26	26	24	76	4 Major Todd, Guards.....	28	25	19	72
5 Pte. T. Robert, 60th.....	23	26	26	75	4 S.-Sergt. Jamieson, 43rd.....	25	29	18	72
5 Gr. Drysdale, M.G.A.....	23	26	26	75	4 Pte. R. Kough, 1st.....	29	25	18	72
5 S.-Sergt. Brocklesby, 3rd.....	29	20	26	75	4 Sergt. Currie, 6th.....	29	24	18	71
5 Pte. D. Smith, 5th.....	29	20	26	75	4 Lieut. Spearing, 53rd.....	27	27	17	71
5 Capt. Hood, 5th.....	27	25	23	75	4 Pte. J. Scott, 6th.....	25	26	19	70
5 Pte. Clarke, 53rd.....	27	25	23	75	4 Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	29	24	17	70

* The Dolan cup, which if won twice in five years becomes the property of the person so winning it, is open only to competitors who are members of the active militia of the province of Quebec. Col.-Sergt. Mailleue and Staff-Sergt. Ogg being Ontario men, could not therefore take it.

THE MEMBERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the competitors had been set down to take place at 10.30 on Wednesday morning, in the shade tent, but as the targets were at that hour all open for extra series, the competitors preferred to be at the firing points, and gave the shade tent a wide berth. There was consequently no meeting.

The annual business meeting of the members opened at eleven o'clock. Lieut.-Col. McEachern, C.M.G., was in the chair, and amongst others present were Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, C.M.G., Lieut.-Cols. VanStraubenzie, Fraser, and Brosseau, Majors Bond and Blaiklock, Capts. Hood, Newton, Ibbotson, Sims and Starke, Lieuts. Vaughan and Chambers.

The election of officers being proceeded with the president, Hon. Sir A. P. Caron was re-elected, as were also the following vice-presidents: Lieut.-Cols. McEachern, Ouimet and Miller, and Capt. Trenholme. The elective members of the council were chosen as follows: Lt.-Cols. Brosseau, Martin and Kowe; Majors Bond, Moorehouse and Blaiklock; Capts. Sims and Busteed.

THE PROPOSED NEW RANGES.

Lieut.-Col. Fraser said that as the levee now being built as a protection against the annual floods was to extend across the Point St. Charles rifle ranges and render them useless as such, it would be interesting to hear what had been done in the way of providing new ranges.

Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzie thereupon explained that a great deal of correspondence had been going on with the government at Ottawa on this subject. The committee entrusted with looking out for a site, had reported a suitable one at Cote St. Paul. The present proprietor would not rent the property, but offered to sell it, fixing \$18,000 as his price. It was a question if the government would make the purchase. If not then it would be for the association to decide whether it could form a syndicate to buy the range. As for the distance, he had no doubt that a line of busses would connect at the termination of the street railway service, so that the competitors would be nearly as well off as at present.

Lt.-Col. Fraser said the committee had viewed a great number of proposed sites, both below and above Montreal, and that at Cote St. Paul had been found preferable to all the rest.

Capt. Hood pointed out that at this place there could, if desired, be provided a range as long as 1,200 yards, or certainly 1,000 yards clear, a matter of great importance.

THE UNSYMPATHETIC PUBLIC.

Major Bond introduced the subject of the interest shown by the public in the matches, the gradual lessening of which he said caused a good deal of anxiety to the council. It had been a question whether the public presentations should take the form of a field day, in the afternoon, or take place at night. But whatever time was fixed upon, it only needed the hearty co-operation of the members to make the affair a success. He hoped this would be given, as without thus arousing the interest of the public the necessary funds to carry on the prize meetings could not be got.

LONDON MERCHANTS' CUP BADGES.

Lt.-Col. Miller, 8th R.R., inquired if anything had been done about the presentation of badges to the London Merchants Cup team.

Major Blaiklock, the secretary, answered in the negative. At Ottawa last season an effort had been made to get them, but it was unsuccessful, and he supposed that Quebec would now have to provide the badges.

Lt.-Col. Fraser said the province had done this four years ago.