

Some of the uniforms have arrived, and the remainder will arrive some time this week.

When the school is fairly started, it is the intention to get up cricket, football, baseball, and other teams, and the soldier-boys will give some of our local clubs a good game occasionally.

It is the intention to gravel the street or boulevard running through the centre of the Fort, and add ornamentation as the occasion presents itself. No doubt when the band once gets fairly started, Main street, Fort Osborne, will become a fashionable promenade.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### SKIRMISHING MATCHES.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR.—I, with many others, would like to see a change in the skirmishing matches, for, taken all round, there is nothing in them at present, as far as a test of marksmanship goes, and I think that any one who was at Ottawa this year will admit that the General Middleton match capped the climax, it being the greatest farce that a lot of riflemen ever took part in—the idea of keeping men at the double from start to finish and then expect them to hit a target shown for a few seconds, which, in a great number of cases, went down before they could align their sights, was something ridiculous. Now, I have an idea which I think would be an improvement and bring out the shooting qualities of the different teams. Of course every rifleman knows what will make him expert as a skirmisher—viz.: coolness and judgment, and where can you get a chance to use either of these two requisites in a match of the present style.

My idea is—let the different teams be told off to their respective targets, say starting at 600 yards (of course targets will be down), extend in skirmishing order and advance at the *quick*, then the officer in charge of the telephone calls up targets at any distance he may see fit, let them remain up *one minute*, then let every man get his work in and fire as many shots as he can with *effect*, and this is where the judgment will come in. A man may fire his first shot and see if he is *low* or *high*, he can then put in a couple that would *tell* the same as if an enemy were in reality down at the butts. As soon as the minute expires the officer in charge at the butts orders targets down, the men are again advanced and targets shown and so on to the conclusion of the match.

I think by this arrangement there would be quite a change in the scores, and not so many shots wasted, as *one effective* shot is worth a gross that skip round altogether. Also, I would suggest to do away, at once and for ever, with the knapsack, and in fact with everything that encumbers a man while fighting. I would like to ask those who arrange these matches if they ever got into a little racket did they at once look round for their overcoat, muffler, gloves, or anything they could crowd on before they started to defend themselves? No, sir, on the contrary they would quick as lightning pull off their coat and vest and if time admitted roll up their sleeves and then wire in. Now why should not a man with a rifle in his hands feel just as free?

I have written this as a suggestion to start riflemen thinking, which usually results in a change, and often a very decided one.

Trusting this will have the desired effect and bring out other views on the subject,

I remain, &c.,  
G. M. DONNELLY.

## REGIMENTAL NOTES.

MONTREAL.—Our Canadian Highland Regiment, the "5th Royal Scots of Canada," under command of Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, paraded at the drill hall on Tuesday, 27th ult., for annual inspection and roll-call. The regiment mustered in full strength, so that when in line No 6 company had to be wheeled across the end of the hall at right angles to the remainder. The inspecting officer, Lieut.-Col. Worsley, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, Capt. Clapham of the cavalry, and Lieut. Marquis of the 13th Battalion, arrived shortly after the battalion was formed up in line, and were received with a general salute. He then passed along the ranks and minutely inspected every man, and expressed himself well pleased with their appearance. The battalion was put through the manual exercise by Major McCorkill; the firing exercise by Major Lyman; battalion movements by Capt. Hood, and company drill by Major (Lieut.) Blaiklock, all of which were correctly and smartly performed. After roll-call the battalion formed three sides of a square facing the platform, on which was a table covered with some forty valuable prizes in kind, including a Martini rifle, a sporting rifle, eight medals and fifty-six money prizes. In the centre of all stood the Accident Insurance Company's silver cup, a handsome piece of plate, presented by the company some six or seven years ago to the corps of the Province for team competition; won this year for the second time in succession by the "Royals," and now their sole property. Capt. Hood, Secretary of the Association and captain of the winning team, presented the cup to the commanding officer. Lieut.-Col. Worsley assisted by Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, then presented the prizes to the successful competitors at the regimental annual matches. The whole proceedings passed off in a manner pleasing and satisfactory to all ranks; the different companies vying with each other in cheering their various representatives on their being called to the front to receive their prizes. We are pleased to learn from Capt. Hood that four of the six companies of the battalion are members *en bloc* of the rifle association, and it is expected that the remaining two companies will join before the opening of next shooting season.

On Friday evening, 23rd Oct., the Montreal Engineers were inspected by Major Raban, R.E., of the Royal Military College staff. They were put through infantry movements at their armory, which were executed in a most commendable manner, bringing forth favorable comments from those present at the

inspection. They looked particularly neat, having been served with new uniforms lately, and every man bore the appearance of a thoroughly trained soldier. The knowledge displayed in infantry drill deserves special mention, when it is considered that the men had also to do the regular routine work of an engineer company. On Saturday morning they marched to a field above Hochelaga, and there underwent an inspection of several hours' duration in field works, etc. Their achievements throughout were highly spoken of by the inspecting officer. At the close, Lt.-Col. Kennedy said that of the two prizes offered for competition among the engineer corps of Canada, they had certainly won one. The fife and drum band of the corps was present at both inspections.

Another court of enquiry has been ordered from headquarters, to investigate charges of insubordination made against Capt. Forbes, Quartermaster of the Garrison Artillery, by Lt.-Col. Oswald. Lt.-Col. Straubenzee, D.A.G., Worsley and Hughes have been appointed as the court.

At the annual meeting of the Prince of Wales Rifles' sergeants' mess the following officers were elected:—President, Sergt.-Major J. Porteous; secretary-treasurer, Color-Sergt. G. Lefebvre; committee, Color-Sergt. D. McRae (chairman), Color-Sergt. Ferguson, Sergt. Dugan, Sergt. Pinget and Sergt. Middleton; auditors, Quartermaster-Sergt. T. C. Elliott and Color-Sergt. Benton. The birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (9th November) will be celebrated by a grand social in the sergeants' mess room, Ottawa Buildings, St. James street.

## THE TARGET.

### KING'S COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

The annual matches of the above association were held on the Stockton Ranges, Sussex, N.B., on the 21st October. The attendance was about the same as last year, but the shooting was not nearly so good, owing partly to a "fishtail" wind, but in a much greater degree to poor ammunition; none but Dominion manufacture of 1885 being obtainable. In the Battalion Match, for instance, the score of the winning team was 56 points below that of last year. The winners in the different matches were as follows:

COUNTY CUP MATCH—200, 500 AND 600 YARDS, 7 ROUNDS AT EACH.	
\$ 8 Cup and medal, Lt. Kinnear, 74th Batt. 72	\$ 2 Lieut. W. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 60
8 Capt. Arnold, 74th Batt. .... 72	2 Sergt. Weyman, 74th Batt. .... 60
6 Corp. Fowler, 8th Cav. .... 71	2 Lieut. McRobbie, 8th Cav. .... 60
5 Sergt. Gray, 74th Batt. .... 71	2 Tr. A. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 58
5 Sergt. G. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 68	1 Tr. Beatty, 8th Cav. .... 57
4 Lieut. S. Langstroth, 74th Batt. .... 62	1 Major Arnold, 74th Batt. .... 57
4 Corp. W. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 61	

DOMVILLE CUP—500 AND 600 YARDS, 7 ROUNDS AT EACH.	
\$ 6 and cup, Lt. W. Langstroth, 8th Cav. 48	\$ 3 Corp. Fowler, 8th Cav. .... 34
5 Sergt. G. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 44	3 Capt. Arnold, 74th Batt. .... 34
4 Sergt. W. Parler, 8th Cav. .... 44	2 Tr. Beatty, 8th Cav. .... 33
4 Lieut. Kinnear, 74th Batt. .... 43	2 Tr. A. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 32
4 Sergt. Gray, 74th Batt. .... 42	2 Capt. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 31
4 Lieut. McRobbie, 8th Cav. .... 41	2 Lieut. Fairweather, 74th Batt. .... 29
4 Corp. W. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 40	1 Sergt. Weyman, 74th Batt. .... 28
3 Lieut. S. Langstroth, 74th Batt. .... 40	1 Major Arnold, 74th Batt. .... 26

BATTALION MATCH—ELDER CUP, AND \$7.50 IN CASH TO INDIVIDUALS.	
Elder cup, 8th Cavalry. .... 321	74th Battalion. .... 312

Individual Prizes.	
\$ 3 00 Lieut. Kinnear, 74th Batt. .... 71	\$ 1 50 Sergt. G. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 68
2 00 Lieut. McRobbie, 8th Cav. .... 68	1 00 Capt. Arnold, 74th Batt. .... 65

GRAND AGGREGATE.	
\$ 2 00 and Jones' cup, Lieut. Kinnear, 74th Batt. .... 115	1 00 Sergt. G. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 112
1 50 Sergt. Gray, 74th Batt. .... 113	0 50 Lieut. W. Langstroth, 8th Cav. .... 108

### 85TH BATTALION ANNUAL OPEN MATCH.

MONTREAL.—The annual open match of the 85th Battalion Rifle Association took place at the Point St. Charles ranges on Saturday afternoon under very favorable circumstances. There was scarcely a breath of wind, and the scores were in consequence high. The match was open to all comers for individual prizes, and to teams of five *bona fide* members of any rifle association; ranges, 600 and 600 yards, with seven shots at each range.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.	
\$ 1 <sup>00</sup> Capt. Hood, 5th R.S. .... 57	\$ 2 Pte. Kamerry, 5th R.S. .... 52
8 Lieut. Marks, 6th Fusileers .... 56	2 Mr. J. Walton, G.T.R. .... 51
6 Capt. Ibbotson, 5th R.S. .... 55	1 Pte. Scott, 5th Fusileers .... 50
5 Col.-Sergt. Dalrymple, 5th R.S. .... 56	1 Pte. Desbarrats, 3rd V.R.C. .... 50
4 Mr. J. Wilson, G.T.R. .... 55	1 Pte. Riddle, 6th Fusileers .... 50
2 Capt. Patterson, 85th ..... 55	1 Pte. Cook, 8th R.S. .... 49
2 Sergt. Currie, 6th Fusileers .... 54	1 Pte. R. Allan, 5th R.S. .... 49
2 Pte. Currie, 6th Fusileers .... 54	

TEAM PRIZES.	
\$ 15 00 6th Fusileers ..... 257	\$ 7 50 5th R.S., second team. .... 237
10 00 5th R.S., first team. .... 256	5 00 G.T.R.A. .... 229

### THE 60TH BATT. AND MISSISQUOI RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

The 60th Battalion and Missisquoi Rifle Association Matches for 1885 were held at Stanbridge on the 16th and 17th October. The following are the scores:

TRIAL MATCH.	
Open to all members; 200 yards, standing or kneeling; 5 shots; 15 prizes, value \$35.	
F. Laroock. .... 23	Sergt. Newell, 52nd Batt. .... 18
Sergt. Sweet. .... 21	M. Kennedy. .... 18
Lieut. Whitman. .... 21	Dr. Crothers. .... 18
W. Wright. .... 20	T. Robert. .... 18
Pte. Stanton. .... 20	A. Soule. .... 17
Lieut. Hall, 52nd Batt. .... 19	R. A. Crothers. .... 17
Lieut. Tucker. .... 18	M. Palmer. .... 17
Lieut. Jameson. .... 18	