

The Wimbledon Meeting.

From the *Volunteer Service Gazette* of the 20th July, to hand this week, we extract further interesting particulars of the Wimbledon meeting, and particularly of the Canadian successes there.

The completed lists of the Windmill and Martins cup matches show that the Canadians took no prizes further than those reported in last issue.

In the Tyro match, the prizes in which are awarded to the highest hundred in the first stage of the Queen's who never won a prize at a previous meeting of the N. R. A., these Canadians came in :

24th, Lieut. Jamieson, 43rd... 86 £2 66th, Sergt. Mumford, 63rd.. 83 £1
Fifteen 81's were counted out.

FRIDAY, JULY 13th.—Some heavy rain fell in the early morning, but by gun-fire it had ceased, and the Common soon dried up. The whole day was an admirable shooting day—the light good, with hardly any sunshine, and the wind, what there was of it, steady. The result of this state of things was that the scores were of what is termed the very "hottest" character, as will be seen elsewhere. The day had its disadvantages, though. The atmosphere was extremely sultry and stifling till nearly four o'clock, when there was one loud clap of thunder. After that the air was pleasanter.

The shooting in the St. George's was, as might have been expected, something wonderful. No less than ten men made the h. p. s., and the winner of the cup, Sergt. Lawson, 1st Lanark R.V., scored three more bulls in his tie shots, thus making ten consecutive bull's-eyes at 500 yards in military position with the M.H. An eleventh competitor who made 35 was ignorant or careless enough to adopt the back position, and he was of course disqualified. Last year eleven 34's tied for first place. Although the list of the St. George's is this year increased by fifty prizes, forty-nine out of one hundred and forty-two 32's are counted out of the prize list of 205 names, whilst last year about seventy 31's came in. The Canadian prize winners and their places on the list were :

17th, Capt. Rogers, 43rd..... 34 £9 129th, Staff-Sgt. Ashall, Q.O.R.. 32 £2
19th, Major Weston, 66th..... 34 9 150th, Sgt. Mumford, 63rd..... 32 2
67th, Pte. Armstrong, G.G.F.G. 33 4 199th, Staff-Sgt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A. 32 2
110th, Staff-Sgt. McVittie, 10th.. 33 2

For the *Daily Telegraph* cup, seven shots at 500 yards, thirteen made the h.p.s., against two last year. Then thirty-six 32's came into the list of 113 prizes, whilst this year twenty-seven 33's were counted out.

43rd, Corp. Crowe, 1st B.F.A... 34 £2 60th, Lieut. Wilson, 33rd..... 33 2
59th, Capt. Rogers, 43rd..... 33 2

SATURDAY, 13th.—This day was bright and sultry, with very little wind, and a good light. The great event was the second stage of the Queen's prize, which was finished before the luncheon gun-fire, the winner of the Silver Medal proving to be that well-known Wimbledon shot, Wattleworth, of the 2nd V. B. Liverpool, better known in old times as the Liverpool Rifle Brigade, who counted up 205 points as his record for the two stages. Though Wattleworth is four points ahead of last year's winner, the scores of the Hundred go lower than they did then, for sixteen 185's had to shoot off for ten places. The Silver Medal, for the aggregate of the two stages, was won last year with 201 points, and three out of twelve 187's were counted out of the "Hundred."

There were four Canadians who had won the right to shoot in the second stage of the Queen's, and this is how they acquitted themselves :

	1st stg.	2nd stg.		Gd. total.
		500	600	
17th. Pte. Armstrong, G.G.F.G.....	88	44	61	193
56th. Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A....	86	46	56	188
106th. Sergt. Rolston, 20th.....	93		92	185
260th. Lieut. Jamieson, 43rd.....	86		84	170

Rolston got £4, and Jamieson £3, on retiring from the contest. Armstrong and Ogg being in the first hundred, shot in the third stage.

The Prince of Wales' Match, seven shots at 200 yards and fifteen at 600, was fired this day. Entry is restricted to winners of N. R. A. medals, and there were but 98 competitors. Though probably ten or twelve Canadians were eligible, only one figures in the list of nineteen prize winners :

11th. Lieut. Wilson, 33rd..... 33 61 94 £3

The top score was 99 and there was one 92 counted out.

MONDAY, 15th.—This day was of an April character as to weather. There were rapid changes from brightness to gloom, accompanied by short and heavy showers, one or two of them falling in the midst of brilliant sunshine. At times the wind was strong, and at all times variable between west and south. The great competition was that between the English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh twenties for the National Challenge

Trophy, which did not begin till after luncheon. The English team led all through the match, and Scotland stood second at the first two ranges ; but at the third range, Ireland, which had previously been at the bottom of the list, shot into second place. At 200 yards England had 601 points, Scotland 595, Wales 590, and Ireland 585. At 500 yards the scores were—England 602, Scotland 597, Wales 590, and Ireland 571 ; at 600 yards—England 545, Ireland 522, Scotland 517, and Wales 501. The team totals last year were—Scotland, 1,774 ; England, 1,756 ; Ireland, 1,726 ; and Wales 1,686. Scotland led through the 200 and 500 yards, making 610 and 627 ; but at 600 yards took third place, with 537, England making 560, and Ireland 538.

The Wilmot match, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots, was taken with 64 points for the first, and 57 for the last of the sixty prize winners. Seventeen 57's were counted out :

17th. Stf.-Sergt. McVittie, 10th.. 61 £ 5 38th. Major Weston, 66th..... 59 £ 3
33rd. Stf.-Sergt. Curzon, 10th .. 59 3 56th. Stf. Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A. 58 3

TUESDAY, 16th.—This day was one of great interest all through. With the exception of a single shower, the weather was bright and not too hot. The light for shooting was good, but the wind, from the left front, a little troublesome. The visitors were much more numerous than on any previous day of this meeting, especially in the afternoon, to see the last stage of the Queen's fired, and the fringe of people at the firing points, three or four deep at the commencement of the 800 yards range, had become much deeper as the last rounds were being fired. In the afternoon, the Duke of Cambridge arrived, and made an inspection of the Canadian team, commending the loyal feelings which had brought the members to Wimbledon, and congratulating them upon the success which had attended their members. Later, His Royal Highness spent some time at the 900 yards firing point, watching the shooting of the competitors.

Two competitors, Sergt. Reid of the 1st Lanark, and Major Pearse of the 4th Devon (a former winner), had towards the end of the match a decided lead over the rest of the field. They finished within a point each of other, Reid's 281 being a point better than the record, which was topped last year also. The details of the scores of these two were :

	1st stg.	2nd stg.	Ttl.	800	900	Ttl.	Gd. Ttl.
Sergt. Reid, 1st Lanark ...	87	110	197	5553534255-42	5533545543-42	84	281
Major Pearse, 4th Devon ..	91	104	195	5355555555-48	3343354543-37	85	280

The first man gets the Queen's prize of £250, a gold medal, and the gold badge of the N. R. A. The second gets £60. The two Canadians in the Hundred thus acquitted themselves :

	1st stg.	2nd stg.	Ttl.	800	900	Ttl.	Gd. Ttl.	prize
29th. Stf.-Sgt. Ogg... 86	102	188	3234423534-33	5050542535-34	67	255	£12	
30th. Pte. Armstrong. 88	105	193	4000335544-28	0344433553-34	62	255	12	

WEDNESDAY, 17TH, was stormy and wet, with just a few bursts of sunshine. The morning began well, but it was not long before thunder was heard, and besides several smaller showers and periods of gloom, a heavy storm twice burst over the common—once between one and two and a second time shortly before five. The rain and hail came down in torrents, and put the ground in a very muddy condition.

The Kolapore Cup, shot for in the morning, brought up four teams—the Mother Country, Canada, Jersey and Guernsey. The match was a very exciting one, so far as the two first-named teams were concerned. Canada finished only three points ahead of the home team—687 to 684. Canada led at the 200 yards and 500 yards, making 245 and 238 to the Mother Country's 242 and 230, an aggregate difference of 11. But at the last range the Mother Country made 212 to Canada's 204, thus wiping off 8 points of the 200 and 500 yards' difference. Guernsey led Jersey by a point at 200 yards—239 to 238; but at 500 Jersey went ahead, with 227 to Guernsey's 210. At the last range both the Channel Islands teams made 183, their respective totals at the finish being 648 and 632. Last year the Mother Country won by exactly the same aggregate (687) as Canada has made now. Canada then made 674, ten less than the Mother Country this year, for second place; Jersey 655, and Guernsey 609. With the cups, if won by a colonial team, there goes £80 cash :

	CANADA.			
	200	500	600	Ttl.
Armstrong, Pte.....	5554534 31	2555554 31	5424554 29	91
Ogg, S.-Sergt.....	4545444 30	3455455 31	4454335 28	89
Ashall, S.-Sergt.....	4544454 30	5545455 33	3453253 25	88
Rogers, Capt.....	4455454 31	5333555 29	5555322 27	87
Wilson, Lieut.....	4454444 29	5553535 31	3435552 27	87
Weston, Major.....	3555455 32	4423554 27	4525225 25	84
Mitchell, S.-Sergt.....	5345545 31	4543535 29	0435255 24	84
McVittie, S.-Sergt.....	5454544 31	4444245 27	3023245 19	77
Totals.....	245	238	204	687