

RIFLE MATCHES.

PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

(By our Montreal Correspondent).

The third annual prize meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was opened on Tuesday at the Rifle Ranges, Point St. Charles. There are eight targets arranged as on previous meetings. The grounds appear in good condition and everything has been well attended to by the Executive Officers of the Association. The targets accommodate 96 men at a time, two of them when required being used as first class targets.

The marking is done by a squad of the 60th Rifles, under Mr. Toole. Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, C.M.G., acts as Secretary. The President, Mr. Brydges, has had a large marquee erected for the accommodation of himself and friends; amount offered in prizes and cups amounts to \$3,457.50.

The following are the Executive Committee:—

Lt.-Col. Brydges, President; Lieut.-Cols. Williams (60th Rifles), Grant, Bacon, Bethune, Fletcher, C.M.G., Mackay, D'Orsonnens and Rowe; Major Alleyne, A. F. MacPherson, Esq., James Esdaile, Esq., Captains Johnson, Rutherford, Quarter-Master Thomas; Secretary—Lieut.-Colonel Fletcher; Treasurer—G. MacDougall, Esq., Executive Officers—Major, Worsley, James Esdaile, Esq; Surgeon—Chas. A. Coats, Esq., M.D., 51st Batt.

At nine o'clock yesterday morning the first shot, making the usual bull's eye, was fired by Mrs. Col. Worsley, and the meeting was duly opened. Firing was immediately begun for

COMPETITION I.—OPENING MATCH.

Open to all members of P. of Q. R. A. whether by direct contribution or through affiliated Associations.

1st Prize....	\$30	4th Prize....	\$15
2d " ....	25	5th " ....	10
3d " ....	20	15 prizes of \$5	75

In all, 20 prizes.....\$175

Snider rifle, Gov. issue; range, 200 yards; number of rounds, seven, entrance, 50c.

In this match there were ninety-two entries. The firing squads were composed of twelve men each.

The weather was very favorable; there were not many spectators on the ground. At half-past twelve o'clock the opening match came to a conclusion with the following result:

SCORES.

Mr. Martin, Waterloo.....	433433	23
Sergt.-Major Saucier, 18th....	343334	23
Pte. Nichols, 51st.....	434333	23
W. Barr, Ottawa.....	344423	23
Ens. Wright 50th.....	334433	23
Pte. Rodger, Brockville.....	324343	23
H. Mundy, G. T. B.....	423334	22
Major Worsley, ".....	243333	22
Col. Sergt. Kelly, 60th Rifles....	434323	22
Pto. Gordon, 51st.....	334243	22
Pte. Jackson, G. T. B.....	435333	22
Sergt. Baxter, 8th.....	324434	22
Private Campbell, 3rd.....	332343	22
Private Goodhue, 54th.....	324433	22

Capt. Johnson, 51st.....	4334233	22
Private Cox, 5th.....	3324424	22
Mr. Bell, Ottawa.....	3434423	22
Sergt. Doudiot, 43d Batt.....	4333333	22
Sergt. Crean, G. T. B.....	3433333	22
Lieut. Hawley, 60th.....	3333334	22

Ensign Wright and Private Rodgers having tied, will shoot off this morning.

SECOND MATCH.

Competition II.—The Brydges Challenge Cup and Snider Championship Match—Open to all bona fide Volunteers (past and present) in the Province of Quebec, and to officers and men of Her Majesty's service stationed in the Province, ex-officers or men who have served for a period of not less than three consecutive years, to count as past Volunteers.

1st Prize Mr. Brydges' Cup, value \$150	
The Medal of the N. R. A. 25	
value \$25 and \$35.....	35
2nd Prize.....	40
3rd Prize.....	30
4th Prize.....	25
5th Prize.....	20
6 Prizes \$10 each.....	60
10 Prizes, \$5 each.....	50

In all, 20 prizes.....\$425

The Brydges' Cup to be won twice in five years, not necessarily consecutively, before becoming the property of the winner, if not in five years to be competed for by the five winners; Snider Rifle, Gov. Issue; Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards. Number of rounds at each range five (5.) Entrance, 50 cents. The forty highest in this competition to compete at 600 yards; 7 shots each for three prizes, viz., 1st prize \$80, 2nd prize \$50, 3rd prize \$20. Entrance, 50 cents.

The firing in this match at the 600 yards was not finished at six o'clock last night, but will be concluded this morning, when the official score will be made out.

TO-DAY,

at the conclusion of the firing during the early morning for the Brydges' Challenge Cup, the Maiden Stakes will be fired for.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the Battalion match will begin. The Band of the Grand Trunk Brigade will be on the ground, and a large attendance of visitors is anticipated.

Previous to the Battalion match, Lieut. Col. Brydges will entertain to luncheon in his marquee, the staff of Militia officers and a number of invited guests.

OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS,

A large number of officers and volunteers are present from different cities and towns in Ontario. Lieut. Bailie and Ensign Pollock, of the 60th Rifles, are also present. The Executive Committee have sent an invitation to Captain Westover to be present during the meeting, and the arrival of that officer is daily expected.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday the contest for the Battalion Prize was to take place. Hon. Sir G. E. Cartier, Hon. Jas. Ferrier, Hon. L. H. Holton and other notables were present.

The President of the Association gave a luncheon in his marquee to a large number of guests.

The Chair was occupied by Mr. Brydges on the right—Sir Geo. E. Cartier, and Hon. Mr. Ferrier on his left—Hon. L. H. Holton Lt.-Col. Grey, and Lt.-Col. W. O. Smith, C. M. G.

After ample justice had been done to the

very choice collation, the Chairman proposed the healths of Her Majesty the Queen and the Governor General, which were most heartily received.

The chairman in calling for the third toast, said that it was one which he was sure they would receive with the greatest possible pleasure. He was happy to see surrounding him so many representatives of the Volunteer Militia of Quebec and Ontario. They had also, he was glad to say, a representative from Nova Scotia with them. The toast which he was now about to ask them to drink was to the Minister of Militia who had done them the honor to be present with them, to testify by his presence the interest he took in all matters connected with the Volunteer Militia of Canada. (Hear, hear.) It would have been unnecessary on his (Mr. Brydges') part to enter into a long account of Sir George Cartier's good works; but this he would say, that he believed Sir George had done all in his power to promote the efficiency of the volunteer force, and the general prosperity of the country. (Cheers.) He proposed the health of Sir George E. Cartier Minister of Militia.

The toast having been received with all honour.

Sir G. E. Cartier said that he would be insincere did he not say that he was delighted to the utmost extent, with the toast which had just been drunk, and with the hearty manner in which it had been received. They had been kind enough to allude in the toast, to his high official duties. He might state here, in the presence of several members of the House of Commons, who would bear him out, that when the portfolios had been given to each member, he had chosen to manage the Militia Department, well knowing that there were difficulties in the way. The fact it was upon the question of a militia system that the government of which he was a minister had been defeated; and not liking over to be beaten, he had determined to take the office, despite the advice of his friends to the contrary. (Cheers.) He had difficult measures to carry, such as the fortifications for instance, unpopular to the utmost degree, and his Militia Bill, but he had carried both. (Cheers.) This Militia Bill people were apt to look at in their own way, and some volunteers feared that they were to be swept away altogether. This, however, was not the case. A militia had to be formed in two ways, first by volunteering, and if the volunteers did not succeed, the principal being recognized that each man owes certain military services to his country, the draft had to be resorted to. This alternative might possibly be resorted to in certain districts but he did not think it would be at all general. He thought too, that those volunteer camps which had been formed during the last summer would create a new era in the training of our men. Men were brought together in large bodies for sixteen days and became acquainted not only with company, but battalion and divisional drill and movements. He thought that next fall, in October or November, when the term of service of our men expired, the best part of them would rejoin their regiments, while in the place of those who went away recruits would come in and that there would not be any necessity for resorting to the draft. But even if the draft should require to be used in certain districts, he had no doubt that it would be responded to by the people with alacrity. (Cheers.) As a proof of the spirit of the volunteers, he might instance the tournament which they had come to witness, besides others in each of the other Provinces of the Dominion. Now all these proved the same thing, that there