

NOVA SCOTIA VICTORIOUS.

Determined Struggle for the Coveted Rifle Trophy.

"Nova Scotia wins!" This was good news to many in Halifax last night when it was known that the inter-maritime rifle match had been won by the Nova Scotians. They captured the £100 challenge cup handsomely; but New Brunswick followed closely on their trail and came in a good second. As the subjoined scores will show the New Brunswick representatives beat Nova Scotia in the 200 yards range by one point.

IT WAS KEEN FIRING.

Down went the targets in quick succession and the little white flag revealed itself denoting bull's eye after bull's eye. It was exceedingly close and exciting, and the competitions were watched with great interest. In the 500 yards competition the Nova Scotians by exceptionally clever shooting worked their way to the front and won after one of the best competitions that was ever shot in the Dominion. New Brunswick would lead, then Nova Scotia. McRobbie, of St. John, would score a "white." Burns, of Halifax, would follow "suit," and bang the target would go with similar result. Major Bishop following closely on his rival's heels would add another to Burns' and this was the way.

THE GRAND SHOOTING WAS DONE.

What is the matter with McEachern? Nothing! Bang goes his rifle and down goes the target and the white flag indicates five. A New Brunswicker would get in a good shot, and then Nova Scotia would retaliate. Bulls eyes came fast, and when the smoke of the last shot had cleared away it was seen that Nova Scotia had won the 500 yards event and was leading. It was, however, any team's victory when the teams entered upon the 600 yards competition, as the scores were so close. The Nova Scotians continued to shoot superbly, while their rivals gradually fell into second place. P. E. Island were making a game and plucky fight, but they were in too hot company. For such a limited number to choose from this team made a very fine showing, and would have done much better had not one of the best shots "gone to pieces" in the 600 range. He made only five points out of a possible 35.

The following are the scores:

GRAND TOTAL NOVA SCOTIA TEAM.

	200	500	600
Trooper Webster.....	30	31	22-84
Gunner McEachern.....	31	30	31-92
Major Weston.....	27	29	27-83
Captain Flowers.....	28	31	29-88
Lieut. Cribb.....	30	32	31-93
Captain Blackburn.....	31	28	28-87
Major Bishop.....	27	33	31-91
Private Burns.....	31	28	31-90
Total.....	236	243	229 718

NEW BRUNSWICK TEAM'S GRAND TOTAL.

	200	500	600
Lieutenant Ryder.....	30	29	24-83
Lieutenant Wetmore.....	28	29	28-83
Captain Sullivan.....	29	32	27-88
Sergeant W. Lordly.....	30	30	23-83
Major Hart.....	31	29	26-86
Captain Manning.....	29	31	28-86
Captain McRobbie.....	28	31	33-92
Sergeant Henderson.....	32	28	31-91
Total.....	237	239	215 691

P. E. ISLAND GRAND TOTAL

	200	500	600
Sergeant Longworth.....	29	25	5-59
Sergeant Davison.....	30	22	23-75
Major Longworth.....	30	30	30-91
Captain Baird.....	31	29	31-91
Gunner B. Stewart.....	24	31	25-80
Lieutenant E. Stewart.....	30	31	24-85
Captain Crocket.....	27	29	24-80
Sergeant Crocket.....	27	32	23-82
Total.....	228	229	185 642

SUMMARY OF SHOOTING.

Nova Scotia team.....	718
New Brunswick team.....	691
P. E. Island team.....	642
Nova Scotia over New Brunswick.....	17
Nova Scotia over P. E. Island.....	66
New Brunswick over P. E. Island.....	49
Nova Scotia team average.....	88 1/3
New Brunswick average.....	88 1/3
P. E. Island team average.....	82 1/3

BEST INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING.

Nova Scotia Team.

- 1st. Lieutenant Cribb with 93 points.
2nd. Gunner McEachern with 92 points.
3rd. Major Bishop with 91 points.

New Brunswick Team.

- 1st. Captain McRobbie with 92 points.
2nd. Sergeant Henderson with 91 points.
3rd. Corporal Sullivan with 88 points.

P. E. Island Team.

- 1st. Captain Baird with 91 points.
2nd. Major Longworth with 90 points.
3rd. Lieutenant Stewart with 85 points.

Best individual shot—Lieutenant Cribb 93 points.

Second best individual shot—Gunner McEachern, 92 points.

Second best individual shot—Captain McRobbie, 92 points.

Weather—favorable; wind—little fluky at times.

Umpire and range officer—Captain Brown 60th.

The home team and visitors and a number of others sat down to an excellent spread at Wilson's at the conclusion of the match. One of the visitors remarked that the dinner was one of the best he ever attended. Host Wilson did all in his power to please, and he undoubtedly succeeded. Among those who were at the banquet were Premier Fielding, Attorney-General Longley, Lieut.-Col. Curren, Lieut.-Col. Humphrey. A number of toasts were honored and some excellent speeches made. Capt. McRobbie of the New Brunswick team, although he was sorry that his men had not retained the much coveted trophy yet deemed it right to congratulate the Nova Scotians on

THEIR EXCELLENT VICTORY,

a victory that they have every reason to be proud of. The team they wrested the laurels from was a good one, and the winners need not be afraid to face the best teams in the Dominion. It was the finest shooting for the past nine years. He closed his speech by thanking the home team for the kind treatment received.

Captain Crocket, of P. E. Island, also gave a good speech. He expressed regret at his team not winning. They did their best, but their opponents proved their superiors. He was much pleased with the kindness shown by the home team.

Premier Fielding and Attorney-General Longley expressed great pleasure at being present. They were of the opinion that such gatherings tended to bring the people of the maritime provinces closer together. They were glad to see it. The teams were congratulated on their excellent shooting. Colonel Irving, D.A.G., said he regretted the defeat of his countrymen—the P. E. Islanders. He admired their pluck. They had a small field to choose from and had much to contend

with. Some of them find it difficult to leave their places for practice and it is hard to get them together. He was glad to see such good fellowship existing between riflemen of the maritime provinces. Addresses were also delivered by Major Garrison, Lieut.-Colonels Curren, Humphrey and others.

At the conclusion of the match, and before leaving the range, Capt. McRobbie, of the New Brunswick team, proposed

THREE CHEERS FOR THE VICTORS

and congratulated them on their fine work. Three rousing cheers were given for the Nova Scotians, the New Brunswickers and the Islanders, and the inter-maritime rifle match was over and victory rested with our boys.—Halifax Mail, June 15.

SNIDER SERIES.

Curiously enough, although in the Martini series the second League match showed a notable improvement in the scoring, the Snider teams, shooting on the same day, did not do nearly as well as in the first match.

We give below the scores made and the present standing of the teams:

	2nd Match	1st Match	Total
13th Batt., Hamilton, 1st team...	824	855	1679
13th Batt., Hamilton, 2nd team...	794	871	1665
13th Batt., Hamilton, 3rd team...	738	819	1557
Co. Perth Rifle Assn, 1st team...	699	810	1509
30th Batt., Erin, 3rd team.....	708	751	1462
57th Batt., Erin, 2nd team.....	658	769	1454
13th Batt., 4th team.....	686	718	1404
Temiscouata Rifle Assn.	648	753	1401
Saskatchewan Rifle Assn.	651	746	1397
Grand Trunk R.A., Montreal...	698	688	1386
77th Batt., 3rd team.....	639	741	1371
8th Batt., Quebec, 2nd team,...	698	661	1359
13th Batt., 5th team.....	617	714	1331
Levis Rifle Assn, 1st team.....	608	705	1313
13th Batt., 6th team.....	618	693	1311
Alberta Rifle Assn.....	596	711	1307
Coburg Rifle Assn.....	635	635	1270
10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, 2nd team.....	656	607	1263
Campbellford Rifle Assn, 1st t'm	568	691	1259
19th Batt., St. Catharines.....	636	608	1244
7th Batt., London, 2nd team....	537	704	1241
38th Batt., Brantford.....	593	635	1228
45th Batt., 2nd team.....	615	599	1214
43rd Batt., Ottawa, 5th team...	638	640	1184
13th Batt., Hamilton, 7th team...	553	616	1169
60th Battalion, 2nd team.....	569	599	1168
Montreal Batt. Gar. Artillery, No. 1 Company, 2nd team...	511	580	1091
6th Batt., Montreal, 2nd team...	477	603	1080
Co. Perth Rifle Assn, 2nd team...	393	672	1065
Montreal Garrison Artillery, No. 3 Company, 4th team.....	481	575	1054
43rd Batt., Ottawa, 6th team....	413	553	969
Montreal Garrison Artillery, No. 2 Company, 3rd team.....	487	575	962
Campbellford Rifle Assn 2nd t'm	411	477	888
G. G. F. G., Ottawa, 3rd team...	255	564	819
G. G. F. G., Ottawa, 4th team...	338	467	805
62nd Battalion, 2nd team.....	399	388	787
New Brunswick B.G.A.	372	400	772
Levis Rifle Assn, 2nd team....	336	434	770
B.C.B.G.A., 3rd team.....	252	412	664
Rimouski Rifle Association.....	287	358	645
B.C.B.G.A., 4th team.....	227	395	622
43rd Batt., Ottawa, 7th team....	259	359	618
B.C.B.G.A., 7th team.....	338	279	617
B.C.B.G.A., 6th team.....	261	946	507
77th Battalion, 4th team.....	363		363
16th P.W.R., Montreal, 4th t'm	344		344
77th Battalion, 1st team.....	747		747

Leading individual scores in second match were as follows:

Private George Margetts, 13th Battalion...	93
Lieutenant A. Paia, 13th Battalion.....	90
Lieutenant W. Conboy, 30th Battalion.....	89
Private H. Lee, 77th Battalion.....	89
Sergeant D. Mitchell, 13th Battalion.....	88

The largest of the Italian battleships, the *Tardegna*, has completed all her steam trials, and has succeeded in attaining a speed of 19 knots. She is of 14,000 tons displacement, while her machinery is of 22,800 horse power.