

will remind us of the hearths and homes of which we are proud, and over which the example of our noble Queen has for half a century shed a radiant influence.

Not many here present can make the retrospect of half a century's volunteering, and I may be permitted to remind you that on an occasion similar to the present, about twenty years ago, we were guests of the 53rd Battalion, whom we most gladly welcome among us to-day both as neighbours and friendly rivals.

I fully appreciate the high compliment that you have paid me, in selecting for the design of these regimental colours, the coat-of-arms and motto of my family. That family has, uninterruptedly, since the days of Edward the First, sent representatives into the British service, and some of England's most distinguished officers, both in army and navy, have borne the name of Aylmer. I am proud of my descent and of my armorial bearings, and I should not for a moment have entertained the idea of allowing my coat-of-arms to be used in this way did I not know, from long experience, the 54th Batt. would fully maintain its honour and integrity, and would only add to its lustre if called upon to rally round their banner in the field. The Canadian volunteers have more than once had the eyes of the world upon them; but I, my friends have for a long life-time shared with them a struggle in which they daily engage, namely, the building up of a young country, and I know that we, who have constantly to face difficulties that we may subdue the forces of nature and bring them under man's dominion, need fear no foe in an open field, since we are already trained to see quickly and strike boldly. In this peaceful daily warfare, the ladies do a great deal of the fighting, we very well know, and if we can once get them into Parliament, I am sure there will be no more grumbling complaints about "the country not appreciating our services." But that day will not be for me to see, and I am old-fashioned enough to like the ladies as they are, feeling also assured that those at any rate who are with us to-day, could ill be spared from the spheres which they already so ably fill. I call upon you officers and men, to give three cheers for Mrs. Gawne, Mrs. Brown and the ladies who are associated with them in the kindly effort they have made in our behalf.

Queries and Replies.

"ANY RIFLES" COMPARED WITH THE SNIDER.

Q. Supposing two teams of 8 men each are shooting a match of 7 shots each at 200, 400 and 500 or 200, 500 and 600 yards. One team uses the Snider only, and the other uses Martinis, Express, Match and Ballard rifles, etc. Will the latter kinds of rifles give the team using them any advantage over the team using Sniders, and if so, about how much; i. e., can better scores be made with "any" rifle than the Snider, taking other things as equal?—REGINA.

A. Without doubt better scores can and should be made with the other rifles mentioned than with the Snider. But whether or not a team using "any rifles" would have an advantage over another using the Snider, is another question. It would depend largely upon the skill of the team. Were the members expert marksmen, the possession of the finer weapons would be a great advantage; a Martini giving over a Snider probably 3 or 4 points per man advantage at 200, 400 and 500 yards, and 6 or 8 points per man at 200, 500 and 600. But the class of shots who average between 60 and 70 out of 105 points, firing with the Snider at Queen's ranges, would probably not make any more with the Martini. A badly fired shot that from a Martini would only give an outer, would be quite apt to score a magpie or inner if fired from the less exact Snider. In one club we could name the Snider practices for a roll of between 30 and 40 members show higher average scores than the Martinis, because the Snider is more familiar to the riflemen.—ED.

The Rifle.

ASSINIBOIA PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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The first of the inter-association matches arranged for the season came off on Friday last in the presence of a large number of spectators, among whom were a number of our fair residents. It was a beautiful day, but the glare of the sun and a strong mirage made good scores almost an impossibility. The match was against a team of the Edmonton Rifle Association, seven shots each, Snider rifles, any position, head to target. No sighting shots. The following are the names and scores of the Regina team:—

R. Sweet.....	2	5	6	tl.	R. J. Steel.....	2	5	6	tl.
J. T. Stemshorn.....	30	22	27	79	F. Nash.....	21	20	9	50
Major D. Mowat.....	27	24	14	65	C. F. James.....	26	17	5	48
J. F. Mowat.....	28	18	11	57	H. A. Carruthers.....	14	24	5	43
	21	20	13	54		28	4	10	42

Total 438, against a total made by the Edmonton team of 568.

In a spoon competition on Friday afternoon, the tablespoon was won by Major D. Mowat, and the teaspoon by R. Sweet.

The match against Alberta (Calgary) Provincial Rifle Association team was shot on Saturday. The weather was rather cloudy with a light gusty wind from the west. Seven shots each, Snider rifles only. Scores of the Regina team:

Major D. Mowat.....	2	4	5	tl.	J. F. Mowat.....	2	4	5	tl.
R. Sweet.....	30	23	17	70	H. A. Carruthers.....	20	21	13	54
J. T. Stemshorn.....	27	22	14	63	R. J. Steel.....	25	18	11	54
F. Nash.....	20	23	18	61	C. F. James.....	15	25	7	47
	26	19	12	57		20	10	12	42

The Regina team's total score was therefore 448, against a score of 654 made by the Calgary team. A match was also shot against a team of the Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association (Prince Albert), five shots each, when Regina made:—

Major D. Mowat.....	2	4	5	tl.	J. F. Mowat.....	2	4	5	tl.
J. T. Stemshorn.....	22	16	15	53	H. A. Carruthers.....	12	14	13	39
R. Sweet.....	15	17	16	48	R. J. Steel.....	17	11	8	36
F. Nash.....	20	18	10	48	C. F. James.....	11	18	7	36
	18	14	12	44		13	8	8	29

Regina team's score 333, against 446 made by Prince Albert. In spite of defeat our Regina marksmen need not despair. Shooters, like Rome, are not built in a day. Let them practise and we prophesy better luck next time. We advise more members to turn out and thus provoke a keener competition for places on the match teams. We have a number of excellent shots who, however, have only turned out once or twice thus far in the season. They should compete and keep up the honour of the youngest provincial association in the Dominion.

There was also a spoon competition on Saturday in addition to the above matches, when the following members took part in addition to the members of the teams above mentioned, S. S. Philippe, J. W. Jowett, W. M. Williamson, A. J. Fraser and Dr. Willoughby. Major D. Mowat won the tablespoon for the third time this season with his score of 70, and J. T. Stemshorn the teaspoon with 61.

COBOURG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Cobourg Rifle Association, the following officers were elected for 1889-80: Lady patroness, Mrs. J. Vance Graveley; president, Lt.-Col. J. Vance Graveley; vice-president, Lieut. David McNaughton; secretary-treasurer, E. A. Macnachten; council, Capt. H. J. Snelgrove, Capt. John McCaughey, Sergt. Geo. Archer and Corpl. R. Lunn. Arrangements were made for target practice at the rifle range, east of the town, every Saturday afternoon.

The secretary-treasurer, in presenting the twenty-first annual report, congratulated the association upon the successful operations of the past year, more especially upon the great improvement in shooting, and the large number of young marksmen who have taken part in the matches. "This improvement," Mr. Macnachten said, "is attributable to the encouragement given and the facilities offered by the association for holding regular and systematic practice on the ranges one day in the week. An interesting feature of last year's work was the 'extra series' and 'revolver matches,'—of which many members took advantage. Through the kindness of Col. Rogers and Capts. Snelgrove and McCaughey, for the first time in its history the association has been able to secure the use of the Martini-Henry rifle upon the range. It is hoped that this or some other improved arm may soon become general in the service. The thanks of the association are due to the citizens of Cobourg for their continued liberality in donating numerous prizes, without which the association would have difficulty in extending the prize list. As the targets are now in position at the butts, it is hoped that no time will be lost in going into regular practice, and that by dint of practice some of our sharpshooters will avail themselves of the high prizes offered by the Dominion and Ontario Rifle Associations, at whose grand matches several members of the Cobourg Rifle Association have won honourable renown in the past."

THE HARSTON RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Harston Rifle Association in connection with "E" Co., Royal Grenadiers, on Saturday fired the first stage of a match extending through the whole season's practice. The light being changeable and the wind variable, no very high scores were made. Below is a list of the prizes and the scores made in the first stage:

Harston match—Six prizes, value \$21. First prize, \$6; second prize, \$5; third prize, \$4; fourth prize, \$3; fifth prize, \$2; sixth prize, \$1. To be won by the members making the six highest aggregates of all the scores on Saturdays from June 1 till the annual regimental match in the fall.

Vernier match—Prize, a vernier; to be won by the highest aggregate of any three scores on Saturday afternoons between June 1 and date of regimental match, the highest scorer each Saturday to hold the vernier for one week. Here are the scores in the first day's shooting: Corp. Brooks, 58; Pte. Irvine, 48; Pte. Suter, 46; Sergt. Spence, 46;