

The so-called volley firing (five shots at 300 yards) was as usual about as unsatisfactory as it well could be, and not only were there very few decent volleys, but the scoring was ridiculously low. The teams were cautioned that the rule providing for a deduction of from 1 to 3 points for each shot fired out of time would be enforced, but they seem to have regarded this caution as a mere threat, and the published result indicates that they were not far astray. The match was won by the first team of the Guards, who not only scored well, but formed an exception to the rule in that they fired almost perfect volleys. The winners of the three prizes were:—

\$ 20. Gov.-Gen's. Foot Guards (1st team).....	73
15. 43rd Battalion (1st team).....	52
10. Victoria Rifles.....	32

The fact that the third out of the thirteen teams could only score 32 out of a possible 125 points shows that the competitors as a rule take no interest in the match and do not practice for it. The contest is regarded pretty much as a lottery. One corps having entered two teams about equally matched, tried a very interesting experiment. One of its teams went in for points, the members making no effort to fire in volleys unless they happened to have the exact aim desired when word was given to fire. They thus secured good hits, and so trifling were the deduction for the bad volleys that they took a good prize. The other team determined to fire good volleys, at whatever loss in the aim; they fired about perfect volleys, but failed to get into the prize list. All of which goes to show that the easiest way to win the volley match is to refrain altogether from firing volleys.

The challenge cup presented this year by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and awarded to the team making the highest aggregate in the two matches—skirmishing and volley firing—went out of the district, the first winners being the Governor General's Foot Guards, who with 182 points were far out of reach of the rest of the field.

After the military matches the range was thrown open for extra series practice at 600 yards, giving an opportunity for sighting at that distance, and of trying experiments to overcome the difficulty peculiar to this range caused by the evening sun, which shining through the target from behind almost obscures all but the bull's eye, and also burns into the competitors' eyes in a most uncomfortable manner. At the same time a "competitors' meeting" was in progress with a very slim attendance, for with the limited time at their disposal for shooting the riflemen will not give any of it up to talk. Some one advanced the strange theory that the object of the association is to develop individual rather than team shooting, and had it resolved accordingly that the council should be recommended to no longer have the same competitors squadded together throughout the meeting, but to intermingle the corps so that each competitor will be thrown entirely upon his own resources. For a pleasant wind-up, Col. Anderson of Ottawa and Capt. Knifton of Toronto congratulated the association on the improvements noticeable this year in the range and arrangements, and also for the kind treatment accorded the Ontario riflemen.

Wednesday, 13th August.

The second day opened with the commencement of the Active Militia and Battalion Match, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots. The new third class target was used, and in consequence there was a noticeable drop in the scoring at 200 yards. This, combined with a very troublesome wind at the longer ranges, made the totals much below those of last year, when one 79 was counted out, though the highest man was only one point above Col. Anderson's score. The Dolan cup being restricted to the militia of Quebec province, went to the second scorer:—

\$25 Lt.-Col. Anderson, 43rd.....	91	\$4 Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd.....	76
Cup and \$20. Col.-Sgt. Marks, 6th..	89	4 Capt. O'Grady, 43rd.....	76
\$15 Gr. T. Pugh, B Bat. R. C. A..	85	4 Sgt. Clarke, 53rd.....	76
10 Sgt. J. Riddle, 6th Fus.....	85	4 Sgt. Lavers, 6th Fus.....	76
10 Capt. MacMicking, 44th.....	84	4 Staff-Sgt. Mitchell, 13th.....	76
8 Pte. R. Tink, G.G.F.G.....	84	4 Sgt. Brown, Vics.....	76
8 Sgt. F. Bartlett, 47th.....	83	4 Col.-Sgt. Mailleue, G.G.F.G....	76
5 Staff-Sgt. T. Mitchell, 10th....	82	4 Sgt. Douglass, 8th.....	75
5 Sgt. Pratt, 6th Fus.....	81	4 Staff-Sgt. Simpson, 12th.....	75
5 Pte. McMartin, Vics.....	80	4 Pte. McJanet, 43rd.....	75
5 Col.-Sgt. Boville, 43rd.....	79	4 Pte. W. Hilton, 47th.....	74
5 Lieut. Pope, Vics.....	79	4 Pte. D. Smith, Royal Scots.....	74
5 Capt. Rogers, 43rd.....	79	4 Corp. Marris, 13th.....	73
5 Lieut. Hora, 14th.....	78	4 Pte. T. Gardner, Royal Scots....	73
5 Sgt. Short, G.G.F.G.....	78	4 Sgt. Agnew, Q.O.R.....	72
5 Sgt. Crooks, Q.O.R.....	78	4 Capt. Macdonald, Toronto.....	72
4 Sgt. J. Waters, 6th Fus.....	77	4 Sgt. Sanson, Q.O.R.....	72
4 Lt. Davidson, 8th.....	77		

There were four team prizes offered for scores made by battalion teams of six in the above match, with this result:—

\$24. 6th Fusiliers.....	477
18. 43rd Battalion.....	466
12. 3rd Victoria Rifles.....	426
9. 5th Royal Scots.....	407

The next in order were the Governor-General's Foot Guards, 406; Montreal Garrison Artillery, 390, and Queen's Own Rifles, 387. The Corporation Challenge Cup, awarded to the Montreal team making the highest score, was won by the 6th Fusiliers, who also won the trophy the first year contested for, in 1887. Last year and the year before the Fifth Royal Scots were the winners.

The first range of the Association match was fired in the afternoon, but the unexpected delays in the shooting made it necessary to put off the second range until the following morning.

THE MEMBERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Association was held in the forenoon while the firing was in progress. There was a very small attendance, and the non-shooting members predominated. Lt.-Col. McEachern, C.M.G., presided.

The president, Sir Adolphe Caron, and the vice-presidents, Lt.-Cols. McEachern, Ouimet and Miller, and Capt. Trenholme were re-elected, and the following elective members of council were named: Lt. Cols. Brosseau, Martin and Gilmour, Majors Bond and Blaiklock, Capts. Sims and Busted and Lieut. Spearing; the only change being the replacing of Lt.-Col. Rowe by Lt.-Col. Gilmour, who has succeeded him in the command of the 60th Bn.

The secretary, Major Blaiklock, introduced the question of affiliation fees, suggesting that the amount be reduced from \$10 to \$5 for each association, but that no individual membership should be granted in consideration of this fee. It was explained that difficulty had arisen through competitors from various military associations, in excess of the ten necessary to secure affiliation by payment of \$1 each, affiliating in the name of civilian associations to which they belonged, and claiming the right to shoot in military as well as civilian matches, by virtue of such affiliated membership. The funds of the P. Q. R. A. thereby suffered. Major Blaiklock's suggestion was favourably received, and the requisite notice having been given a motion to give effect to it will be introduced at next meeting.

Major Bond reported the result of the meeting of competitors called for the previous afternoon, and referred with special pleasure to the complimentary remarks of Ontario representatives on that occasion.

Mr. J. D. Taylor suggested that a change should be made in the time of holding the competitors' meeting, and also the meeting of members. He said the competitors had not failed to note the many improvements made in connection with the range and its appointments, and duly appreciated the unselfish efforts made by those responsible for the management of the association, but at the same time there were many suggestions they desired to make with a view to further improvement. They did not wish to bring forward grievances, but rather through open discussion to remove any possible source of discontent. They would not, however, attend meetings held while shooting—even if only in the extra series—was in progress. The same objection applied to the time of holding the members' meeting, which was to-day in progress while one of the most important matches was being fired; and not being able to attend for more than a few minutes he was unable to present or explain resolutions which he had intended to lay before this meeting on several subjects in which many of the competitors felt a very keen interest. These included the new shooting qualification clause applied to those entering the militia matches, and which discriminated in favour of the inefficient and unqualified officer as against the really efficient non-commissioned officer or man who perhaps has been accidentally prevented from performing his last annual drill. Another source of discontent was the clause permitting the cancellation of a team or individual aggregate because a man who had shot well enough to win a prize was not an expert arithmetician or practised copying clerk, and made a blunder in transferring the score from the register board to his ticket. The forfeiture clause had been dropped at Toronto and Ottawa, and the Quebec association should follow suit. He considered it would be of advantage to the association to have the competitors generally take more interest in its management, and that this could not be hoped for until the meetings were held at a time more suited to their convenience.

Major Bond, Lt.-Col. Martin, Major Blaiklock and others agreed that it was desirable to interest the members to as large a degree as possible and to secure their attendance at the meetings, and it was promised that attention would be given to the suggestion of a change in the time of holding the meetings, and, if found practicable, such a change would probably be made.

THE "AT HOME."

A large number of visitors from Montreal attended the "at home" held in the Council tent in the afternoon. The visitors were received by Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. E. L. Bond. Among those present were Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Houghton, Major and Mrs. E. L. Bond, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Massey, Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Lieut.-Col. Count d'Orsonnens, Lieut.-Col. Lyman, Major Geddes, Mr. and Mrs. Bin's, Mrs. James McDougall, and Mr. Crean, of Toronto. The Vics' ban l, under the leader-