

the rod to the base of the bullet itself. This idea was developed and improved upon by making the scraper double, and by introducing between the metal plates a thin layer of some lubricating substance. The Whitworth bullets used in the late competition for the Queen's Prize all had, when issued to the marksmen, this solid base, half-scraper, half-wad, attached to them; and the intention, of course, was that all should load and fire under conditions of equality. At best, in a mechanically fitting cartridge of this kind the lubricating power could be but small, and naturally the great heat tended to dry and harden the wad between these two pieces of metal. A real lubricating wad, on the other hand, would certainly improve the shooting of the very same weapon. This being the state of things, witnesses to all appearances perfectly unimpeachable—one of them the Master of Lovat and another himself a former Queen's Prizeman—came forward to state that they had seen Corporal Peake in more than one instance, when in the act of loading, detach what may be called the solid wad from the base of the cartridge, and use a lubricating wad instead. Their statements were severely tested in every way, but, unless the idea of a deliberate conspiracy were entertained, it was plain that they had seen what they stated, and that Corporal Peake having loaded in the manner described had shot at the target, and that the result of his shot had been recorded. Corporal Peake, when applied to for his version of the transaction, did not deny that a lubricating wad had been occasionally used by him, but stated that he had only done this when about to clean out his rifle by discharging it into the pit. He called ten witnesses in support of his statement, who all denied that they had seen him use a lubricating wad when about to fire at the target; but one, who claimed to have seen Corporal Peake load every time, went further, and denied that he had ever used a lubricating wad at all! There were grounds, also, for believing that some of the other witnesses were not aware of the difference in point of shooting value between the two wads. There was another circumstance, which, of course, formed no evidence against Corporal Peake, though the Council could not wholly exclude it from their view, which was, that when search was made some hours later with lanterns at the range where Corporal Peake had fired, underneath and beside the chairs on which he and his friend sat during the day wads were picked up which had been cut off the base of Whitworth cartridges. Under all these circumstances, and placed in the painful position of having to choose between conflicting statements, the Council, it is understood, intimated to Corporal Peake that he had not succeeded in refuting to their satisfaction the positive statements made upon the other side, and hence could not be regarded as entitled to the position of winner of a match shot upon equal conditions."

The Annual Rifle Match of the 33rd Huron Battalion takes place at Seaforth, O., on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th and 9th September. There are seven matches in all, and the prizes are of sufficient value to claim the attention of the crack shots of the district.

We have received an account of a presentation to Capt. Thomson, Goderich Artillery Company, of a sword and accoutrements, which account we will give next week.

The promotion of the Medical Officers of the Volunteer Force to relative rank is a matter which we hope will not be neglected by the Militia Authorities; and if the expected step be granted on the 1st of October to other officers we expect to see old Medical Officers who have served more than once at the front receive that consideration which their services merit.

COUNTY OF ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—This brave old portion of the Dominion displays its usual spirit this season, for we see by a prize list which has been forwarded to us by the Secretary of the above Association that they have succeeded in getting up one of the best County Battalion Rifle Matches of the season. The value of the prizes amount to upwards of \$500. The meeting will take place on the first September, and we have no doubt will be all its promoters can desire.

CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 21st August, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

No. 1.

Captain C. W. Gauthier, of No. 3 Company, 23rd Battalion, having been found guilty, before a Court of Enquiry, of disobedience of the orders of his Commanding Officer, as well as of setting a bad example by the use of insubordinate expressions, is removed from the list of officers of the Volunteer Militia.

Ensign John Gray, of No. 3 Company, 23rd Battalion, having been found guilty, before the same Court of Enquiry, of refusing to drill a squad of his Company when ordered, on the ground that he was Orderly Officer, and of only obeying the order to drill his squad after repeated admonition; and further, Ensign John Gray, when arraigned before a Court of Enquiry for the offence, having conducted himself in a manner highly disrespectful to the President and Members, is removed from the list of officers of the Volunteer Militia.

The Commander in Chief regrets to observe that the two officers above mentioned have obtained Military School Certificates, a fact which aggravates their offence by depriving it of all excuse on the score of ignorance of the rules of discipline; and in order to mark still further his disapprobation of their conduct, the Commander in Chief directs that the Military School Certificates of Captain C. W. Gauthier and Ensign John Gray, be cancelled, so far as concerns any privileges and immunities appertaining thereto, and their Certificates are hereby cancelled accordingly.

It having been further reported that the non-commissioned officers and men of No. 3 Company of the 23rd Battalion behaved in a very insubordinate manner, when marching from Windsor to their Company Head Quarters, at Sandwich, the Commander in Chief directs that No. 3 Company of the 23rd Battalion be disbanded.

Although Sandwich, a frontier town, becomes thereby destitute of any Volunteer organization, the Commander in Chief feels that a Company which could behave as the Sandwich Company has done, would be a source of weakness and embarrassment, rather than of defence, in the event of an invasion of Canadian soil.

The Commander in Chief is however happy to make an exception in the cases of Lieutenant Wells, of Colour Sergeant Reeves and Sergeant Cressey of No. 3 Company, who behaved in a proper and soldier-like manner in endeavoring, though in vain, to bring the men to a sense of their misconduct. Lieutenant Wells and Sergeants Reeves and Cressey will therefore be attached as supernumeraries to the 23rd battalion till further orders.

No. 2.

The following Regulations for the meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association at Laprairie, near Montreal, on the 15th September, are published for general information:

In order to avoid irregularities which may possibly occur from Volunteers in large numbers assembling at one spot with arms, and not as an organized Military body,—

All Volunteer Militiamen, or Militiamen, intending to compete, or being present in uniform with arms at the ensuing meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, at Laprairie, should immediately on arrival at that place report and become enrolled in a Volunteer Camp, which will be formed there; and no Volunteer Militiaman, or Militiaman, will be allowed to appear in uniform or to fire with any Government weapon or ammunition, unless he is so enrolled, under the following regulation, viz: Orders for enrolling in camp and general regulations, the *Detail* of which will be ordered by the officer commanding the camp.

1st. Every Volunteer Militiaman, or Militiaman, attending as a competitor at the Rifle meeting is to come in proper dress or undress uniform, with accoutrements, great coat, knapsack and mess-tin complete (when furnished.)

2nd. On arrival at camp, every Volunteer Militiaman, or Militiaman, is at once to proceed to the Camp Brigade Office, where his name will be enrolled, and quarters told off for him, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the officer commanding the camp.

Each officer and man then enrolled will have the use of a straw stuffed palliasso, and