

The Wimbledon Meeting.

English service papers of the 13th July, to hand this week, furnish detailed information of the proceedings of the opening days of the great tournament at Wimbledon, and bring to Canada very satisfactory news of our team, who have scarce been heard of by cable, though it would appear that they have been even more than usually successful. In addition to the twenty-two sent by the Dominion Rifle Association, there appears in the list of Canadians encamped the name of Capt. Dow of the 91st Battalion, Winnipeg, in England on a private mission.

In the Alexandra match, seven shots at 500 and seven at 600 yards, fired on the first day of the meeting, Monday 8th July, the Canadians opened out in excellent style, no less than nine finding places on the prize list. The general shooting was much above that of last year. Then the top score was 64; this time it was 68; and some 53's came in last year, while on this occasion 57 was the lowest to take a prize. The Canadians came in this order:

	500	600	Total.	Prize.
31st. Staff.-Sergt. McVittie, 10th R.G.....	33	30	63	£5
32nd. Staff.-Sergt. Mitchell, 10th R.G.....	33	30	63	5
79th. Staff.-Sergt. Ashall, Q.O.R.....	29	32	61	3
83rd. Major Weston, 66th.....	30	31	61	3
116th. Pte. Armstrong, G.G.F.G.....	34	27	61	3
169th. Sergt. Horsey, 45th.....	27	32	59	2
229th. Capt. Hood, 5th R.S.....	26	32	58	2
237th. Lieut. Wilson, 33rd.....	28	30	58	2
258th. Staff.-Sergt. Curzon, 10th R. G.....	29	29	58	2

The 325th and last prize was taken with 27, 30—57, and there were seventy-nine 57's counted out. It will be noticed that Capt. Hood, the Adjutant of the Canadian team, figures in the above list of prize winners, the temptation to participate being too strong for such an enthusiastic shooting man to resist.

The weather of the first day is thus described: "There was a little rain in the morning, but up to luncheon time the day was quite an ideal one for shooting, there being practically no wind, and just that grey light that riflemen like. But about 1 p.m. the rain came down heavily, and lasted for about a couple of hours. Then it left off, and matters seemed to mend, the more that the barometer was reported as being steady, with a slight tendency to rise. On the other hand, the wind, which had been east and north-east in the morning, was now west, and tending towards south. Almost immediately after gun fire, rain began to fall again, continuing all night."

Tuesday the 9th, opened fine, the forenoon being unusually bright, but too breezy for most of the competitors. There were heavy clouds about in the afternoon, but the rain did not fall until night.

The Alfred, seven shots standing at 200 yards, was fired this day. The shooting this year was about the same as last, 33 being top, and a large number of 29's being counted out of the 124 prizes. Only one Canadian got in.

75th. Sergt. Rolston, 20th.....	30	£2
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The forte of the Massachusetts riflemen now visiting in England is off-shoulder shooting, and four of them came into the prize list in the Alfred with scores of 32, 31, 31, 30 and 30. The 32 put its maker sixth, and gave him £5; the 31's also took £5 and the 30's £2.

Wednesday morning there was some rain, and a sharp shower soon after lunch. The wind was very trying, being strong and very gusty in the afternoon. Within an hour it varied from 18 to 48 miles an hour, the latter necessitating an aim of seven feet off the target. The second range of the Queen's first stage was finished.

Thursday was the first really pleasant day, but the wind was still very baffling. In the afternoon the first stage of the Queen's was completed. The bronze medal, going to the highest scorer in this stage, was thus taken:

	200	500	600	Tl.
Pte. Rippon, 2nd V. B. Essex Regt.	45	45	45	32
	54	55	55	34
	55	53	55	33
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The top score in this stage last year was 96, but the average of the ten highest was then 95.1 against 94.7 this time. Four Canadians found places in the three hundred allowed to shoot in the second stage, their scores and positions being:

7th. Sergt. Rolston, 20th.....	30	32	31	93
92nd. Pte. Armstrong, G.G.F.G.....	28	33	27	88
171st. Lieut. Jamieson, 43rd.....	31	27	28	86
189th. Staff.-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.....	32	28	26	86

There were forty-three 84's in and thirty-five counted out of the 300. Fifteen 86's were counted out last year. Nearly all the 84's were counted out of the fourth hundred last year, while sixty-five 83's come in this. The fourth hundred retire from the Queen's competition with £2 each. There was one Canadian in the list:

368th. Sergt. Mumford, 63rd.....	29	28	26	83	£2
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The scores of the Windmill and the Martins had not all been made up when the *Volunteer Service Gazette*, from which our information is extracted, went to press, but the highest are given. In the Windmill the conditions are seven shots at 200 yards and seven at 500. There are 186 prizes, but only the first eighty names are given in the list before us. There is only one Canadian in the list, but he is at the top:

1st. Staff.-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.....	34	34	68	£25
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There is one other 68—35, 33; and next come four 66's. The eightieth man has 63.

The Martins Cup, seven shots at 600 yards, was won with the h.p.s., 35. There are three 34's, three 33's and then a Canadian:

8th. Staff.-Sergt. Mitchell, 10th R.G.....	33	£5
22nd. Staff.-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.....	32	3
49th. Capt. Rogers, 43rd.....	31	2
58th. Lieut. Wilson, 33rd.....	31	2

There are but sixty given out of the 111 prize winners. These high scores in unfinished extra series are published: Graphic, 200 yards, seven shots—Staff.-Sergt. Mitchell 34, Staff.-Sergt. Ashall 34, Capt. Rogers 34.

Bertram, 500 yards, seven shots—Pte. Armstrong, 33.

Secretary of State for War, 900 yards, seven shots—Staff.-Sergt. McVittie, 30.

Steward, 200 yards, seven shots, standing—Staff.-Sergt. Mitchell, 32.

Next week, when later papers have arrived, we will continue the list of Canadian winnings. It will be noticed from the particulars given above that in the few matches completed in the first four days our men took 16 prizes, aggregating in value £68, while all the high scores mentioned in the unfinished extra series matches are likely to take prizes.

THE MASSACHUSETTS TEAM.

The following is from the *Volunteer Service Gazette*:—"The Americans were greatly impressed by the magnitude of the Wimbledon meeting. At Creedmoor the competitors run up to about 1,000 or 1,100 all told, but not more than 150 encamp. The targets there do not number more than forty. So that from every point of view Wimbledon is far ahead of the American meeting. The courtesy and attention shown the visitors since they have been on the Common has been universal, and following upon the receptions given them by the teams they met previous to Wimbledon, has given the New Englanders a very pleasant impression concerning Old England and her people. Several of the team entered for the competitions included in the Martini Aggregate, but the rifle being new to them winning scores could hardly be expected. The team as a whole, however, shot fairly, and Major Hinman worked his way into the Alexandra prize list, notwithstanding the fact that he put his first shot at 600 yards on the wrong target, making a bull's-eye on the target corresponding with his own on the next butt. The visitors were hopeful of doing something in the Alfred, and shooting with the Martini from the shoulder Sergt. Johnston scored 32 and won £5. Major Hinman had a similar prize for 31, as did Corpl. Huddleston, whilst Sergt. Bull won £2 with 30. Lieut. Hussey and Pte. Farrow were two of those who made 29 and were counted out. The Hon. Sec. of the team got in with 30 and took £2. During Tuesday, Lord Wantage, Sir Henry Fletcher, Captain Mildmay, Captain Prixley, Colonel Eaton, Col. Ferres, Major Carter, Surgeon-Major Watson, Major Archdale, and others connected with the Association, called on the team and congratulated them on their fortune in having such excellent accommodation provided for them by the Ducker Portable House Company. Lieut.-Colonel Robins of the Jersey Camp, Major Davison of Liverpool, Major Alexander of the London Scottish, Major Drinkwater, Inns of Court, Major Dwyer, Anglesea Militia, Colonel Bacon of the Canadian Team, were among the other callers, and a considerable number showed much interest in the Springfield rifle. On Wednesday evening the team were entertained at dinner at Blanchard's in Regent street, by Major Baker and the members of the Light Cavalry Troop of the H.A.C., who went to America last year. The dinner was a sumptuous one, splendidly served. After dinner, Major Baker referred to the