

Canada at Bisley.

[FROM THE MILITARY GAZETTE Special Correspondent.]

BISLEY, July 21, 1894.

Up to mid-day to-day it looked as though the Bisley meeting would close in rain and mist and other discomfort. Every tent was dripping, as it had been dripping nearly the whole fortnight through with short intervals of sunshine; the grass of the camp was and still is sodden and in places forms the bottom of small lakelets; and the cart tracks which run here and there through the enclosure are covered with an inch of sloppy mass of about the quality, though lighter in color, than the far-famed Winnipeg mud. "Ah," said a Canadian lady to me last Thursday, "we manage these things better in Canada." She was thinking of the Rideau Ranges at Ottawa, and when I watched her decked out in all the finery befitting the garden party at the Canadian camp, crouching beneath the station-shed to get out of the drenching rain and then scurrying through mud and drizzle I could quite believe all she said. Happily, since mid-day things have improved. We may have to bid Bisley good-bye in the fitful sunshine. Despite the rain and discomfort, Major Ibbotson's "at home" on Thursday must be declared a success. It is doubtful if any "at home" in the camp in recent years has attracted quite such a well dressed crowd. The major himself looked very gay in the full dress of the Royal Scots; the Adjutant, Lieut. Kirkpatrick, was very quietly attired in the uniform of the 14th battalion of Kingston; the members of the team in their varying uniforms lent plenty of color to the camp as they stood in formal array and the band of the 1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire, did not let the rain damp their musical ardor. Of visitors I can only name a few. Sir Charles and Lady Tupper, and Mr. and Mrs. Christian Grey; Sir Donald and Lady Smith and Dr. and Mrs. Howard, Baroness Macdonald, Senator Dickey, Lieut. Geo. Kirkpatrick, R. E., the Hon. W. V. Vail, the Hon. Mrs. Herbert, Mr. John Ogilvie, of Montreal, Dr. H. S. Birkett, Madame Dr. Turgeon, Mrs. P. M., Miss and Mr. W. E. Christie, Miss Hutchins, Mr. P. Larmouth, of Ottawa, and some members of the Larmouth family from Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Caverhill; Mr. Douglas Brymner, the Dominion architect, who returns to Canada next week; Col. and Mrs. Denison, of Toronto; Mr. Staveley Hill, Q. C., M. P., Major Buchan, and many more.

The event of the "at home," apart from the social function, was the presentation of the handsome cup given by the Canada Club. Sir Charles Tupper made the presentation on behalf of the club, and in handing it to Major Ibbotson referred to the distinguished services which both the Ibbotson and Kirkpatrick families had rendered to Canada and Europe on the field in years past, and complimented the team upon their acquisition of the Ranelagh cup that day. Major Ibbotson made a suitable little speech in reply and accepted the cup, to be handed

to the winner when the shooting had been concluded and the aggregate made up. The Ranelagh cup was, he said, a feather in the cap of the 12th York Rangers of Toronto.

Of course everyone regrets that the Canadians once again return to Canada without carrying the quaint old Kolapore cups with them, but apart from that they have done fairly well, and it is probably quite safe to say that no Canadian team of recent years has had so trying an experience in the matter of wind and light and rain. The conditions, speaking generally, must have been particularly troublesome to those accustomed to the far more even and accountable Canadian climate. Remembering that, Major Ibbotson and his men may feel satisfied with the general results of their visit. They had, it was estimated on Thursday evening, won £549, so that the Canadians return to the Dominion with substantial consolation in the way of cash. Canada's victory in the St. George's is very popular, not only in the Canadian camp, but everywhere, for no one denies that the courage of the Canadians year after year coming so far to join in the contests merits the heartiest applause, and I must say receives it.

The prizes were distributed this afternoon at a late hour by the Duchess of Connaught, and the popularity of the "plucky Canadians," as they are called, was well attested when S. Sgt. King came forward to receive the St. George's vase, and when Major Ibbotson led his men up to receive the £80 prize in the Kolapore. The Canadians were in fact kept pretty busy receiving their various honors, among which may be named the following, with the scores attached from to-day's official test:

| QUEEN'S—800 AND 900 YARDS. | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------|
| | 2nd stage. | 800 yds. | 900 yds. | Total. |
| Lt. T. Mitchell | 192 | 37 | 40 | 269 |
| S. Sgt. Davidson | 195 | 29 | 52 | 256 |
| S. Sgt. Bell | 192 | 33 | 24 | 248 |
| Q. T. S. Ogg | 190 | 24 | 24 | 238 |

| QUEEN'S—2ND STAGE. | | | |
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| Place. | | £ | Total. |
| 138—S. Sgt. Simpson | | 4 | 186 |
| 143—Sgt. Barlis | | 4 | 186 |
| 284—Pte. Turnbull | | 3 | 168 |

| QUEEN'S—1ST STAGE—200, 500 AND 600 YARDS. | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--|
| | Prize. | Score. | |
| S. Sgt. King | £2 | 83 | |
| Lt. Curran | 2 | 83 | |
| Pte. Kamberry | 1 | 83 | |
| Sgt. Milligan | 1 | 82 | |

| QUEEN'S TYROS. | | | |
|----------------|-------|---|----|
| | | | |
| Lt. Ross | | 1 | 79 |
| Capt. Moore | | 1 | 78 |

At one time during the shooting at the 900 yards range it was hoped among the Canadians that Lieut. Tom Mitchell, who hails from Toronto, might possibly make a running for the blue ribbon of the meeting, and as it was his total for the 900 yards range did great credit to his marksmanship. But the Scotchmen were too much for him, and came in easy winners, the total being 283 or 14 above the highest Canadian total. Last year Canada had only one in the last stage; this year she had four and they all won substantial prizes.

| ST. GEORGE'S—2ND STAGE. | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--|
| | Prize. | Total. | |
| 1. S. Sgt. King—The vase, gold cross, Dragon cup, and | £30 | 77 | |
| 16. Pte. Kamberry | 9 | 68 | |
| 109. Pte. Hayhurst 1st stage | 2 | 29 | |
| 126. Sgt. Baylis | 2 | 29 | |
| 154. Sgt. Milligan | 2 | 28 | |

| DAILY GRAPHIC. | | | |
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| Place. | | | |
| 95. (tie) Pte. Ralston | | 2 | 31 |

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| 103. S. Sgt. Simpson | | 2 | 31 |
| 126. Capt. Moore | | 2 | 31 |

| MARTINS. | | | |
|-------------------|-------|---|----|
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| 91. Sgt. Milligan | | 2 | 30 |
| 97. S. Sgt. King | | 2 | 30 |

RANELAGH MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP.

Each battalion sending up a sufficient contingent to compete for the Queen's prize is allowed to name beforehand six men as its representatives in the Ranelagh and the aggregate of these six in the first stage of the Queen's decides the destination of the cup. Canada fortunately had six men from the 12th York Rangers in the Queen's contest, and their average being above 86 points per man they won the cup, though not without a close run by the Highlanders.

| CANADA (WINNER OF CUP AND £9). | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | | | |
| Davidson, S.-Sergt | | 29 | 33 | 29 | 91 |
| Bayles, Sergt | | 30 | 33 | 27 | 90 |
| Bell, Staff-Sergt | | 25 | 30 | 32 | 87 |
| Mitchell, Lieut | | 30 | 29 | 27 | 86 |
| Simpson, S.-Sergt | | 29 | 30 | 27 | 86 |
| Curran, Lieut | | 26 | 28 | 29 | 83 |
| | | 169 | 183 | 171 | 523 |

| 3RD V. B. HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY (WINNERS OF £6,150). | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | | | |
| Geddes, Pte | | 29 | 33 | 29 | 91 |
| Rodger, Pte | | 32 | 32 | 26 | 90 |
| Bain, Pte | | 28 | 31 | 30 | 89 |
| Comery, Col.-Sergt | | 28 | 32 | 28 | 88 |
| Munro-Don, Sergt | | 31 | 28 | 27 | 86 |
| Wallace, Sergt | | 28 | 32 | 19 | 79 |
| | | 176 | 188 | 159 | 523 |

There were eleven other English and Scottish battalions competing, with scores ranging from 513, the total of the 3rd Lark, to 448, the total of the 2nd V. B., west riding of Yorkshire.

| THE MACKINNON. | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|------|-----|
| Winners of the Cup. | | | | | |
| | Pts. for Shooting. | Pts. for Drill. | Pts. deducted. | Tot. | |
| England | | 124 | 9 | .. | 133 |
| Next in order of merit. | | | | | |
| Scotland | | 122 | 6 | .. | 128 |
| Canada | | 104 | 10 | .. | 114 |
| Wales | | 85 | 4 | 4 | 85 |

| DAILY TELEGRAPH. | | | |
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| Place. | Prize. | Score. | |
| 12. Sgt. Baylis | | 5 | 33 |
| 23. Pte. Hayhurst | | 3 | 32 |
| 81. Pte. Kamberry | | 2 | 31 |

| WEEKLY GRAPHIC. | | | |
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| | | | |
| 67. Corpl. McNaughton | | 2 | 65 |
| 148. S.-Sgt. Mitchell | | 2 | 64 |
| 172. Sgt. Milligan | | 2 | 63 |

| PRINCE OF WALES. | | | |
|----------------------|-------|----|----|
| | | | |
| 27. Sgt. D. Mitchell | | £3 | 89 |
| 42. S.-Sgt. Davidson | | 3 | 88 |
| 45. Sgt. Bertram | | 3 | 88 |

| CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION PRIZES. | | | |
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| Canada won 14 out of the 15 prizes. | | | |
| ALEXANDRA. | | | |
| | | | |
| 71. S.-Sgt. Davidson | | 3 | 50 |
| 112. Gunner Turnbull | | 3 | 58 |
| 139. Corpl. McNaughton | | 3 | 58 |
| 234. Lieut. Ross | | 2 | 56 |
| 237. Pte. Rolston | | 2 | 56 |
| 203. Sgt. Bertram | | 2 | 56 |

| FIELD RIFLE CO.'S PRIZE. | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|----|
| | | | |
| 2. Sgt. Bertram | | 5 | 34 |
| 3. Sgt. Milligan | | £2 10s. | 34 |

| MARS DEN. | | | |
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| | | | |
| 3. (Tie) Q. M. S. Ogg | | £7 13s. 4d. | 34 |
| 7. S.-Sgt. King | | 2 | 33 |

| APSLBY PELLATT. | | | |
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| | | | |
| 8. S.-Sgt. King | | 1, 14, 3 | 34 |
| 12. Lieut. Ross | | 1, 14, 3 | 34 |
| 16. Q. M. S. Ogg | | 1 | 34 |

| JEFFREY. | | | |
|------------------------|-------|---------|----|
| | | | |
| 1. (Tie) Sgt. Milligan | | Rifle | 35 |
| 3. Pte. Hayhurst | | 3, 6, 8 | 35 |
| 14. Pte. Kamberry | | 1 | 34 |
| 15. Lt. T. Mitchell | | 1 | 34 |
| 18. Cpl. McNaughton | | 1 | 34 |

| KOLAPORE. | | | |
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| 2. Canada | | £80 | 677 |

A private letter from Ceylon mentions incidentally that Arabi, who is no longer entitled to the meagre honour of being called Pasha, is in very delicate health, and he will probably soon follow Fehmy and Abdal, who have already died in the beautiful but not very healthy island to which the Egyptian leaders of the revolt of 1882 were exiled.