

The markers gave general satisfaction. They were in charge of "the old reliable" gunner J. Bramax, "A" battery.

A signal corps from the R.M.C. sent results to the college by means of the Morse alphabet.

The Martini-Henry rifle came into general use during the matches, very few of the competitors using the Snider. All the riflemen here unite in the plea for the Martini in the league next year.

Treasurer (Major) King was kept busy after the programme was completed paying out the prizes to the winners. After all expenses were paid there was left a good surplus in the treasury.

"A" BATTERY'S SPORTS.

Monday, October the 31st, was a great field day for the members of "A" Battery, it being the occasion of their annual sports. The prize list amounted to about \$150.00, fifty of it being contributed by the Rathbun company of Desoronto, for services rendered by the Battery at a fire in their Kingston establishment some time ago, the balance of the amount was made up by subscriptions from citizens and others. In addition to the cash prizes there were two trophy cups to go to the men in the garrison and field sections who made the greatest amount of points in their respective aggregates. The winners are Gr. Geo. Kennedy, Garrison, Driver Fawcett, Field. Their names and the number of points they obtained will be engraved upon them. The cups will be held until the sports next year. The results of the morning programme :

Kicking football—Gr. McKinnon, 198 ft. ; S.S. Boutillier, 178 ft.

Putting twenty-five pound shot—Gr. Kennedy, 30 ft. 9 in. ; S.S. Boutillier, 28 ft. 2 in. ; Br. Bramah, 25 ft. 11 in.

Running broad jump, garrison division—Gr. Kennedy, 16 ft. 7 in. ; Gr. McKinnon, 16 ft. 6 in. ; Br. Robinson, 16 ft. 4 in.

Running broad jump, field section—Driver Fawcett, 15 ft. 6 in. ; Driver Burk, 15 ft. 3 in. ; Driver Bowdith, 15 ft. 1 in.

100 yards dash, garrison division—S.S. Boutillier, Gr. McKinnon, Gr. Kennedy. Time, 10 2-5 sec.

100 yards dash, field section—Dr. Pateman, Driver Kurley, Driver Bowditch. Time, 10 1-2 sec.

Hop, step and jump—Br. Robinson, 35 ft. ; Gr. McKinnon, 34 ft. ; Gr. Kennedy, 33 ft.

Quarter mile race, garrison division—Gr. Kennedy, Br. Robinson, S.S. Boutillier. Time, 1.01, on sod track.

Half mile race, field section—Drvs. Turner, Kerley, Fawcett. Time, 2.38, on sod track.

Throwing 16 lb hammer—Gr. Kennedy, 72 ft. ; S.S. Boutillier, 66 ft. ; Gr. Reynolds, 64 ft.

The above events were run through on Barrielfield commons.

The sports were continued in the afternoon at the fair grounds, with the second half of the programme, embracing principally mounted competitions. About 250 of the soldiers and their friends were present. The backward and mounted hurdle races were very exciting, while the egg and spoon, the Victoria cross and rolling gun wheel races were very amusing.

The results of the races and the order in which they occurred were :

Head and Posts. Possible number of points, 24 ; 18 entries.

Driver Burke..... 22

Driver Fawcett..... 20

Br. Clifford..... 18

Tent pegging—Two trips each with the cavalry lance ; possible score 6 points. Driver Bernier, 6 points ; Driver Ruttan, 5 points ; Br. Guster, 5 points.

Three legged race—Sergt. Kelly and S. S. Boutillier ; Grs. Kennedy and Bramah ; Grs. Brown and Skeddon.

Backward race, mounted—This race was a very fast one considering that the riders rode the horses backward. It was won by Bmdr. Henderson on Actress ; Driver Fawcett on Astracken ; Bmdr. Guster on Appollo ; Actress ridden by Bmdr. Henderson came in as fast as in an ordinary flat race.

Egg and spoon race—Rode backwards with an egg in a large spoon, the latter being held in the mouth of the rider. Br. Clifford ; Dr. Fawcett ; Br. Henderson.

Royal Military College race, quarter mile—Cadet Harris, Cadet Gordon.

Half mile handicap, three hurdless, eighteen starters—Major Drury, at scratch, with Ambo, won first place ; Driver Bernier, on Aurora, twenty yards, second, and Driver Fawcett, on Astrachan, fifteen yards, third.

120 yards hurdle race, six hurdles—Gr. Kennedy, S. S. Boutillier, Br. Robinson.

Rolling Gun wheel—Driver Fannon, 1st ; Driver Fawcett, 2nd.

Potato race—S. S. Boutillier, Tpr. Beckett, Tpr. Porter.

The Victoria cross race was only open to mounted men, who had to ride up to a barrier which concealed several soldiers armed with carbines and plenty of blank ammunition which they fired through the apertures. When the horsemen arrived at this point each competitor had to dismount and rescue a dummy soldier weighing 153 lbs., put it on his horse and ride back to the starting point 150 yards distant. While Br. Gustar, the fifth man to compete, was bringing in the dummy it broke, putting an end to the competition. The time of the best three was : Driver Burke, 1.28 mins. ; Br. Gustar, 2.05 mins. ; Driver Ruttan, 2.15 mins. Those who did not compete will be given a chance later.

The tug of war was won by the garrison section in two straight heats, they being nearly twice the weight of the drivers' team.

Consolation race, 120 yards dash—Sergt. Kelly ; Gr. Bramah ; Sergt. Pierson.

The staff at the sports was : Mounted, Capt. Hudon, riding master Gimblett ; dismounted, Lt. Burstall, S. S. Boutillier ; starter, Capt. V. B. Rivers ; judge, Lt. Moren, R.A., R.M.C. ; time keeper, Capt. Gaudet.

Items of the sports ; S. S. Boutillier came a close second for the Garrison trophy with 84 points against the winner 91.

This is the first time since Boutellier has been a member of the Battery, that he has failed to win the trophy.

In practising for the sports in the morning, Sergt. Frank Kelly came in violent contact with a sixty-four pound gun, giving his shoulder a very bad wrench. He was not up to his usual form, and unable to compete in many of the events.

The sergeant's mess concluded the day's entertainment with an enjoyable smoking concert at which many of their citizen friends were present. Songs, recitations and other light amusements kept the company amused until a late hour. Those who rendered recitations and songs were : Messrs. Swain, MacIntosh, McLaren, Jacobs, Wooten, Kelly, and Sergeant Cruse of the 14th, the latter being particularly happy in his song of "Rocked in the Cradle of the deep." It was loudly encored, Mr. McLaren also gave an exhibition of the Highland Fling and other Scotch dances.

LOCAL MILITARY NOTES.

Robert Hewton chief keeper at the penitentiary, has been appointed adjutant of the 47th Batt.

The Amherst Island company of the 47th will be removed to Moscow under command of Capt. J. A. Amey, Moscow.

The Sydenham high school boys will be given physical and military drill by officers of the 47th Batt., in that vicinity. The drilling starts next week.

The *Army and Navy Gazette*, of Oct. 22nd, tells us that a marriage has been arranged and will take place early in January between Major Farrer, of the Dorsetshire regiment, second son of the late Oliver Farrer, of Binnigar Hall, Wareham, Dorset, and Eleanor Clare, third daughter of Maj.Gen. Hewitt, C.M.G., R.E., late commandant Royal Military College.

Cadet F. F. Duffus has been appointed to a 2nd Lieutenancy in the Cheshire Reg't. and cadet Herbert W. Clinch to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Dominion Inspector of Artillery, paid Kingston a flying visit a few days ago. While here he inspected all the war implements in store, in the different artillery departments, preparatory to his annual report.

The strength of Catarqui bridge was well tested, when a party of men from "A" Battery took a 64 pr. gun, weighing over six tons, to Fort Frederick, where it will be used for the annual heavy ordnance practice which starts next week, at a target to be placed somewhere near the Myles shoal. In taking the cannon over the bridge it was thought advisable to take the horses off and draw it by hand, as the planking is pretty well worn out.