

FROM TORONTO.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The Provincial Rifle Tournament as anticipated did not, in consequence of the large number of entries, conclude until Monday night, taking six days to get through, and I am happy to report that the best of good fellowship has existed from beginning to end and that no accident or misconduct been reported, except one disgraceful affair which has, it seems, brought to light a mode of cheating systematically carried on by Pvt. May of the 19th Battalion, St. Catherines. As he had been making exceptionally good shooting more than ordinary attention was bestowed on him and it was noticed that he held very steady, and moreover his rifle and arm always steadily maintained their position after firing. This together with his seclusion from the body of competitors awakened the suspicion of several, and when in reply to one he said he was not taking more advantage than others suspicion grew stronger and was finally proved by an officer who in an offhand manner clasped his arm and congratulated him on his success. Imagine this party's surprise on feeling an extra muscle, a fact that was at once reported to the Executive Officer who after patiently watching his time seized Pvt. May by the arm while in the act of firing and felt distinctly a band of some description and challenged him with using an artificial rest. Mr. May then had the opportunity of showing what he used and clearing himself but did not do so. He was shortly after summoned to the Council tent and his tunic removed, but as he had already visited his own tent and passed several with whom he may have deposited his patent dodge, it is not surprising that only an old stocking drawn over his arm was discovered. Suffice it to say that the council, who are far too honorable to do an injustice to any man, gave him five minutes to leave the ground and the following was posted on the notice board "Pvt. May, 19th Batt., having been found guilty of unfair conduct is debarred from further competition and forfeits all prizes he may have won in any match.

This ruling produced no little commotion among the competitors as the St. Catherines men had won the Association, Battalion and Company prize and consequently lost them all through the treachery of one; losing, I believe besides the credit of being first, about \$200 in money.

Pvt. May appeared on the range the next morning but was immediately expelled. He speaks defiantly and says the Council cannot prove anything, and that he will institute action of damages.

In consequence of the change the first match now stands as follows:—

1ST MATCH.

	Pts.
1st Pte. William Stanley, Q. O. R.	48
2nd Lt. Bailey, 47th.	47
3rd Sergt. Wilkinson.	46
4th Pte. Tearman, 37th.	46

5th Gunr. A. L. Russell, Toronto Gar. Bat	46
6th Corp'l. English, 57th.	45
7th Sergt. A. T. Cole, 42nd.	45
8th Joseph Mason, Hamilton.	44

2ND MATCH.

The second match for affiliated Association was won by Hamilton by one point over Toronto.

HAMILTON.

Rifle.	300 yds.	500 yds.	T ¹
McKelcan, Whitworth	19	18	37
Nicholson, Henry	17	17	34
Hilton, Kerr	17	17	34

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Russell, Rigby	16	20	36
Gibson, Maiston	18	17	35
Bell, do	16	17	33

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One of the most exciting scenes during the whole tournament took place here. Mr. McKelcan of Hamilton, had to make a Bulls Eye on his last shot or the Club prize of \$50 would fall to Toronto as well as the first prize to Mr. Russell. Amid breathless suspense the shot was fired, and Capt McKelcan proved himself worthy of being President of the "Victorias." The individual prizes were as follows:—

The 1st prize—a Snider-Enfield and \$5—was won by F. McKelcan, who made 37 points.

The 2nd prize—a Snider Enfield—was won by A. L. Russell, who made 36 points.

3 Private J. Disher, St. Catherines	36
3 Captain Thompson, do	35
5 Lieut. Gibson, T. G. B.	35
6 Private Nicholson	34
7 Lieut-Col. Jackson	34
8 Sergt. J. Hilton	34
9 Capt. McLean	33
10 Private Bell	33
11 Private J. B. Disher	33
12 F. Freeborn	33
13 Private Wartio	32
14 Gunner C. Thom T. G. B.	32

MAJOR GENERAL STISTED'S PRIZES.
(200 and 400 yards. Position—Hythe.)

\$50 PRIZE.	
1 Sergt. Brass, 13 Bat.	35
\$20 PRIZE.	
2 Sergt. Fearman, 34 Batt	35
3 Pvt. Hill, Q. O. R.	33
4 Gunner Thompson	33
5 Pvt. J. Thompson, 36th Batt	33
6 Private Lindsay	33
7 Oronhyateka, 49th.	33
8 Corpl. White	32
9 Col Sergt. Barr	31
10 Gunner Barrie	32
11 Private Klein	32
12 Private Bell	32
13 Private Wastio	32
14 Private Jennings	32
15 Private Allen	32
16 Sergt-Major McDonald	32
17 Private Lindsay, M. D.	31
18 Sergt. Gardner, Q. O. R.	31
19 Corp Griffith, 37th.	31
20 Sergt. Hay	31
21 Corp. Shaw, Q. O. R.	31
22 Sergt. Pidgeon	31

Some dissatisfaction was expressed because several competitors were ruled out for not having waist belts. The ruling appears severe as I'm sure it will be admitted uniform does not include accoutrements.

BATTALION MATCH.

To be competed for by five officers, non-commissioned officers, or men from any battalion or corps of volunteer militia in Ontario.

First Prize, \$75. Second Prize, \$50. Third Prize, \$25. Fourth Prize, \$20. Fifth Prize, \$10. *Draw of Rifle—Snider Enfield, or Spencer carbine, Government issue. Ranges—200, 300, and 400 yds. Number of rounds at each range—Five. Position—200 yards standing, 300 and 400 yards any position. Entrance Fee—\$2 per battalion or corps.*

1ST PRIZE—QUEEN'S OWN, TORONTO.

Sergeant Bailey	39
Private Bell	36
" Stanley	43
" Jennings	41
" Birch	42

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2ND PRIZE—42ND BAT., BROCKVILLE.

Captain McLean	38
Sergeant Cole	37
Ensign McEwan	36
Private Abbott	46
Lieutenant Williamson	42

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3RD PRIZE—37th BAT., HALDIMAND.

Captain Stewart	37
Dr. Aiken	41
Sergeant Major Tuck	41
Sergeant Fearman	39
Sergeant Ketts	40

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4TH PRIZE, 20TH BAT., HALTON.

Captain Johnston	47
Sergeant Tost	36
Sergeant MacKay	31
Sergeant Morrow	39
Corporal Cooper	40

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5TH PRIZE, TORONTO GARRISON ARTILLERY

Captain McLean	40
Lieut. D. Gibson	47
Gunner A. L. Russell	32
Gunner Thom	33
Gunner Thomson	40

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The following are the total scores of the other battalions competing:—

34th Ontario	70	57	60	187
13th Hamilton	65	68	54	187
36th Peel	76	62	46	184
Ottawa Garrison Artillery	64	69	50	183
12th York	72	52	51	175
10th Royals	71	74	29	174
22nd Woodstock	67	55	47	169
30th Wellington	64	51	50	165
2nd G. T. R. Rifles	61	66	36	163
40th Northumberland	69	52	38	159
47th Frontenac	68	49	39	155
35th Simcoe	64	56	31	151
46th West Durham	69	47	33	149
59th Peterboro	60	53	32	145
7th London	59	54	18	131
2nd Brigade G. T. R.	64	30	10	104

COMPANY MATCH.

To be competed for by five officers, non-commissioned officers or men from any company, troop or battery of volunteer militia in Ontario.

First Prize, \$50. Second Prize, \$40. Third Prize, \$30. Fourth Prize, \$20. Fifth Prize, \$10. *Draw of Rifle—Snider Enfield, or Spencer carbine, Government issue. Ranges—200, 300, and 400 yds. Number of rounds at each range—Five. Position—200 yards standing, 300 and 400 yards kneeling. Entrance Fee—\$1 per company or corps.*

1st PRIZE—No. 2 Co., Q. O. R.

Ensign Morrison	46
Private Bell	45
Private Shppard	44
Private Stanley	40
Captain Tarleton	44

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