

Last year the English were victorious, making 1,724 points out of a possible 2,100, as against Scotland's 1,713, Ireland's 1,655, and Wales' 1635. This year's match was the twenty-fifth that has taken place; but as the real contest has always been between the English and Scottish teams, and as in three consecutive years Scotland did not compete, the present may be considered as only the twenty-second match. Of these, Scotland has now won twelve and England ten.

The Elcho Shield match, between the eights of England, Ireland and Scotland, with the delicate and accurate match rifles, was the great event of the 19th July. At the first range, 800 yards, Ireland took the lead with 583 points, Scotland making 566, and England 554. At the 900 yards England made 557, Ireland 539, and Scotland 505. The total scores over the two ranges were then—Ireland 1,122, England 1,111, and Scotland 1,071. At the 1,000 yards range England put on 531, Ireland 530, and Scotland 497. The grand totals were therefore: Ireland, 1,652; England, 1,642; and Scotland, 1,568. Ireland was thus the victor by 10 points over England, and 84 over Scotland. The Irish score was the best ever made under the conditions now existing, which were established in 1874. Hitherto the best has been that of England in 1881, the same (1,642 pts.) as that with which England only came in second on this occasion. Ireland's average was 206.5 pts. per man out of a possible 225; Capt. Barnett beating the famous Elcho Shield record (215 points) of Mr. John Rigby and Major Stamford Young, by making 216. At 800 yards Mr. John Rigby (Ireland) made the h. p. s., Capt. Barnett and Mr. Braithwaite (Ireland), and Lieut. Ferguson and Mr. Love (Scotland) 74 each. At 900 yards the best scores were those of Mr. Smith (Ireland), 73; Sir Henry Halford (England), and Mr. Ganly (Ireland), 72; and Capt. Mellish, Lieut. Dutton-Hunt and Mr. Whitehead (England), 71. At 1,000 yards Capt. Barnett (Ireland) and Lieut. Gibson (Scotland) made 73 each, Mr. Whitehead (England) 70, and Mr. Ganly (Ireland) and Capt. Mellish, Capt. Gibbs, and Major Godsall (England) 69 each. The best aggregate score was Capt. Barnett's magnificent 216 for Ireland. Ganly (Ireland) and Mellish (England) followed with 213 each. Then came Mr. Whitehead (England) with 212, Lieut. Gibson (Scotland) with 211, Major Fenton (Ireland) with 209, Capt. Gibbs (England) and Mr. Smith (Ireland) with 208. This is the twenty-seventh consecutive year of the match. Ireland, however, took no part in the first three competitions. Since 1865, inclusive, when an Irish team first came forward, England has won ten matches, Ireland nine, and Scotland four. Of the whole twenty-seven matches England has won thirteen, Ireland nine, and Scotland five. The existing conditions of the competition have obtained since 1874. Last year the English score was 1,570, that of Scotland 1,559, and of Ireland, 1,556.

The shooting for the United Service Challenge Cup on the 18th July was of the most interesting character. As last year, six teams were entered, for the Royal Navy, the Regular Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Yeomanry, and the Volunteers respectively. The teams are eight in number, and the conditions the same as those for the Kolapore and Chancellor's prizes—viz., 7 rounds at "Queen's ranges" with M. H. rifles. The enormously strong Volunteer team carried all before it, but the shooting throughout was very good, the Yeomanry in particular, who must be heavily handicapped in such a match, making 203 points at the 600 yards, a score only beaten by the Volunteers and by the Marines. The result of the match was that the Volunteers made 724 (an average of 90.5 points per man), the Royal Marines 683, the Regular Army 674, the Royal Navy 651, the Yeomanry 648, and the Militia 592. Last year the Volunteers won by 17 points, the scores being: Volunteers, 682; Regular Army, 665; Marines, 650; Navy, 639; Militia, 604; and Yeomanry, 563. Fourteen matches have now taken place, of which eleven have been won by the Volunteers, who have now been victorious for nine consecutive years.

The Greek Government has ordered 720 steel chromé shells from Uniens, France.

The British Admiralty is arranging for a series of experiments in connection with the *Resistance* with dynamite shells. The trials are to be made near Portsmouth, and the guns from which the shells are to be fired will be placed on board a gunboat. Other experiments are to be made with shells charged with gun cotton and other powerful explosives.

At his first inspection of the 90th Battalion, the crack corps of his new district, Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G., spoke in high praise of the appearance of the corps. He said he had heard a great deal about the 90th in the east from their comrades in arms and from other sources, and, expecting a great deal from them, he had not been disappointed. He must say, from what he had seen, that his expectations were fully realized.

## The Militia Pastime.

The annual general meeting of the Sixth Fusiliers Rifle Association was held on the 25th July at their armoury, Montreal, Lt.-Col. Massey, president, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The financial statement showed the total receipts to have been \$643.58, and the expenses \$235.09, leaving a cash balance of \$408.49. The team report showed that among the individual prizes won by the team were five first prizes and three second. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Lt.-Col. Massey; first-vice president, Major Mooney; second vice-president, Major Burland; honorary presidents, Lt.-Cols. Martin, Gardner, Sinton and Lyman, honorary secretary-treasurer, Capt. G. Denison; captain of team, Captain W. F. Robertson; auditors, Lt. Kemp and Sergt.-Major Street; committee, Capt. J. Riddle, Sergt. Howard, Capt. Morrison, Col.-Sergt. Pettigrew, Sergt. Marks and Corpl. Pratt. The annual matches will probably not take place until the end of next month, owing to the unfinished state of the ranges.

The Fifth Royal Scots Rifle Association held their annual meeting on the 25th July, the President Lt.-Col. Caverhill, occupying the chair. The Secretary, Capt. Ibbotson, read his report, which showed the receipts, including the balance from last year, to be \$803.42. The expenditure amounted to \$751.36, leaving a balance of \$52.06. Capt. Hood read his statement which showed the principal prizes won by the team were: The Carslake Picture, the second prize in the Tait-Brassey Match, the Association Jubilee Trophy; they also took first in the skirmishing and volley firing in the Province of Quebec Association firing competitions. Besides these many other prizes were won by the team, including cups, medals, badges, etc. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill; Vice-Presidents, Major Lyman and Capt. Hood; Secretary-Treasurer, Capt. Ibbotson; Assistant Sec.-Treasurer, Col.-Sergt. Dalrymple; Executive Officer, Capt. Lydon; Captain of Team, Capt. Hood; Auditors, Col.-Sergt. Kennedy, and Corpl. Currie; Committee, Col.-Sergt. R. Allar, Col.-Sergt. Kennedy, Sergt. M. O'Brien, Lieut. Vaughan, Corpl. Clark and Pte. Houston.

The programme for the New Brunswick Provincial Rifle Association's prize meeting of 1888, to be held at Sussex, commencing on the 28th inst., shows nearly \$1,500 to be offered in cash prizes, besides the usual trophies and medals. The regular shooting is confined to the Snider rifle, two extra series matches at 500 and 600 yards respectively being provided for Martini practice. Substantial nursery prizes are offered for battalion teams of four each, as well as individuals. Other team contests are for battalion teams of five and county teams of eight members. The five individual matches besides the Nursery call for two shoots at 200 yards, seven rounds standing and seven kneeling; two at 400 yards; four at 500, and three at 600. The shots included in the grand aggregate are: 7 kneeling at 200 yards, 12 at 400, 26 at 500 and 21 at 600. The thirty men to represent the association at the Dominion matches at Ottawa, will be chosen according to the scores in the grand aggregate, and the provincial government's grant of \$300 will be divided amongst this team.

## The Governor General's Foot Guards.

The Guards' annual matches took place on Saturday last, on Rideau range. The prize list showed a total of \$165 in cash, and \$150 in kind, exclusive of numerous medals, and the weather being propitious the events were well contested. The officers present were Lieut.-Col. J. P. Macpherson, Lieut. C. F. Winter (secretary), and Lieut. J. H. Fairweather (assistant secretary).

The Maiden match brought out 37 Guardsmen who, having never yet won a prize, contested for the fifteen now offered. The top scorers were: Pte. J. Esdale, 17; Pte. R. Milford, 16; Pte. Sleeman, 16; Pte. C. C. Rogers, 15. Three 9's took prizes.

The Nursery, for those only who had never won a prize of \$5 or over, company matches excepted, had 56 entries for the 18 prizes, the chief of which were won as follows: Pte. J. Gooding, 20; Pte. L. Brophy, 18; Pte. H. Torrance, 16; Pte. C. C. Rogers, 16. All these were No. 1 company men. The 18th prize was taken with 12 points.

In the next match, at 400 and 500 yards, five shots, open to the regiment, there were 61 entries and 30 prizes, the last of which was taken with 22 points. The leading scores were as follows:

Sergt. Reardon, No. 4 Co.....	40	Sergt. Cawdron, No. 4.....	35
Sergt. McCarthy, No. 5.....	38	Sergt. Dawson, No. 2.....	34
Pte. Brown, No. 2.....	37	Corp. Carroll, No. 4.....	33
Lieut. Winter, No. 1.....	37	Corp. McCarthy, No. 5.....	32
Lieut. Fairweather, No. 3.....	36	Sergt. Codd, No. 2.....	31
Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, No. 2.....	36	Pte. Nutting, No. 1.....	30
Pte. Holbrook, No. 1.....	35	Staff-Sergt. Newby.....	30