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Next week's issue, which will have four extra pages of reading matter, will contain a full report of the interesting proceedings at the first annual meeting of the Canadian Military Rifle League on Monday evening last, together with a complete list of the team and individual prize winners and their scores.

This special issue will also contain a full report of the Dominion Rifle Association prize meeting, with carefully revised lists of winners of team and individual prizes, giving the names and scores of the members of each winning team. These revised and detailed lists could not be obtained in time for insertion this week, but will lose none of their interest by holding over for the special edition.

Persons desiring extra copies should make early application in order to secure them. Such a complete report of the two greatest rifle shooting events ever transpiring in one week in Canada should be in the hands of every rifleman, and can be obtained nowhere except in the MILITIA GAZETTE.

Experiences such as those of the Toronto riflemen are common in England, where every now and again persons with conflicting interests seek the closing of a rifle range, the plea of danger to life invariably being put in. In consequence of a recent complaint the Harrow range was for the time being declared closed by the War Office; and then the complainants were asked for evidence to prove the danger. A specific instance was at once forthcoming, but judge of the discomfiture ensuing when it was shown that on the day the wild shooting was claimed to have occurred the range was actually closed for haymaking! Investigation would likely as effectually dispose of the allegations respecting danger from firing on the Toronto Garrison Common. The chances are that the casualties arising out of the alleged "attractions" offered by the Exhibition Association on their side of the fence, have been and will continue to be greater than those resulting from the practice of the riflemen whom they would drive off.

In an interesting article on the Command of the Militia, appearing recently in the Perth *Expositor*, whose editor is an able and much respected officer, that paper says:—

"The volunteers feel that the whole force should not be sacrificed for the purpose of giving one man promotion; that it is absolutely necessary for the well being and

improvement of the force, that the command should be in the hands of an officer who has had a large and recent experience in active service, one of the best men possible to be obtained in the British army. If there were such an one of Canadian birth they would gladly welcome him as their commander; but there are few Canadians who have attained that experience in active service, which will fit them properly for this responsible post. He must not only be a man of large experience, but also one of broad views, great tact, and while firm in criticizing, capable of seeing and sympathizing with the numerous difficulties with which the Canadian volunteers have to contend. A man whose character and services will give the necessary weight to his recommendations so that they may have a reasonable chance of being adopted."

The foregoing we believe to be an exposition of the views of the great majority of the officers in the service.

Metropolitan Rifle Association.

The twenty-third annual prize meeting of the Association was held on the 22nd and 23rd August on Rideau range, Ottawa. There was a good attendance, upwards of eighty competitors participating, including eight members of the Victoria Rifles of Montreal, who fired in the All-Comers' match on Saturday afternoon. There was very troublesome wind both days. The chief prize winners were:—

Allan Match (Nursery), 400 yards, 7 shots, 23 prizes; one 21 counted out:—

\$ 6 Pte. J. P. Robinson, 56th..... 34	\$ 3 Pte. J. Mullen, G.G.F.G..... 28
5 Sgt. R. J. Taylor, 43rd..... 29	3 Pte. C. Routh, 43rd..... 28
4 Lieut. G. White, G.G.F.G..... 29	2 Tpr. F. B. Butler, P.L.D.G... 28
3 Stf-Sgt. P. McCarthy, G.G.F.G 29	2 R. Stewart..... 28
3 Pte. W. S. Odell, 43rd..... 28	

Alonzo Wright, 400 and 600 yards, 5 shots. Twenty-nine prizes; two 31's counted out:—

\$ 8 Pte. J. P. Robinson, 56th..... 42	\$ 4 Pte. J. Armstrong, G.G.F.G... 38
7 Sgt. W. Short, G.G.F.G..... 42	3 Pte. R. Tink, G.G.F.G..... 38
6 Stf-Sgt. McCarthy, G.G.F.G... 41	3 Major J. Wright, 43rd..... 38
5 Pte. T. McJanet, 43rd..... 41	3 R. J. Chamberlain..... 37
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\$ 8 Sgt. R. J. Taylor, 43rd..... 30	\$ 3 Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd..... 27
7 Pte. J. H. Ellis, G.G.F.G..... 30	3 Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd..... 27
6 Pte. W. S. Odell, 43rd..... 30	3 R. H. Brown..... 27
5 Stf-Sgt. Pink, 43rd..... 28	2 Stf-Sgt. R. M. Gallwey, Guards. 26
4 W. H. Timbers..... 28	2 Pte. J. Law, Guards..... 26
4 Pte. R. Tink, Guards..... 27	2 Stf-Sgt. Huntington, 56th..... 26
3 Pte. L. G. Perkins, 43rd..... 27	

G. B. Pattee match: 200 (standing), 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots. Team prizes, for teams of five:—

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