

8th Royal Rifles.

Annual Matches.

The annual matches of the Eighth Royal Rifles association were held at the Engineers' Camp, at St. Joseph, on Monday last, when a good number of competitors took part. The weather was all that riflemen could desire, although the heat was excessive. The matches for prizes in kind had to be postponed to a future date, owing to the storm which passed over Levis about 6 o'clock.

The principal match of the day was for the Walker cup, for which teams were entered from the Staff and Cos. C, D, E and F, and the greatest interest was manifested in this match, which was for a most valuable cup for teams of five competitors, and an individual prize valued at \$25, both presented to the 8th Royal Rifles by Messrs. Hiram Walker & Son (Limited), of Walkerville, Ont.

Following was the result of the day's shooting :

Nursery Match—400 yards.

1. Signaler H. Drum, "A" Co. 20 points\$4
2. Private J. Stobo, "D" Co. 19 " 3
3. " C. Bishop, "C" Co. 19 " 2
4. " G. Campbell, "C" Co. 18 pts. 2

Walker Match.

Four teams of five officers and men from the Staff and Companies of the Regiment, and an individual prize valued at \$25 for the highest individual score, ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards, won by "D" Co. The winning team was composed as follows :

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| Lieut. W. H. Davidson | 88 points |
| Sergt. R. J. Davidson | 84 " |
| Pvt. McNaughton | 76 " |
| Corpl. Swift | 69 " |
| Pvt. McKeen | 67 " |

Total384 "

The score of "E" Co. in the match was 380 points. Lieut. Davidson won the individual prize with his score of 88 points.

Regimental Match.

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| 1. Lieut. W. S. Champion, "C" Co. 86 | Gilt's cup and \$6 | |
| 2. Sergt. R. Norton, "C" Co. 85 | 5 | |
| 3. " R. J. Davidson, "D" Co. 85 | 4 | |
| 4. " R. Hartley, "E" Co. 84 | 3 | |
| 5. " H. Hull, "F" Co. 84 | 3 | |
| 6. Assist. Sergt. G. Parke, "D" Co. 83 | 2 | |
| 7. Pvt. P. McKeene, "D" Co. 83 | 2 | |
| 8. Lt. W. Davidson, "D" Co. 82 | 2 | |
| 9. Lt. T. W. S. Dunn, "E" Co. 79 | 1 | |
| 10. Corpl. A. E. Swift, "D" Co. 78 | 1 | |
| 11. Pvt. Fleming, "F" Co. 74 | 1 | |

Association Match.

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| 1. Lieut. Davidson | 63 | Billingsley cup and \$7 |
| 2. " Champion | 62 | 0 |
| 3. Sergt. Hull | 60 | 5 |
| 4. Corpl. Swift | 58 | 4 |
| 5. Assist. Surg. Parke | 57 | 3 |
| 6. Pvt. Pugh | 56 | 3 |
| 7. Sergt. Norton | 55 | 2 |
| 8. Pte. McNaughton | 44 | 2 |
| 9. Sergt. Davidson | 44 | 1 |
| 10. " Dewfall | 43 | 1 |

Open Match.

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| 1. Assist. Surgeon Parke | 62 | \$10 |
| 2. Sergt. J. Goudie | 62 | 8 |
| 3. Lieut. Davidson | 62 | 6 |
| 4. Lieut. Champion | 62 | 5 |
| 5. Gunner W. Pugh, R.C.A. | 58 | 4 |
| 6. Sergt. R. J. Davidson | 56 | 3 |
| 7. " Hartley | 54 | 3 |
| 8. Br. T. Pugh | 54 | 2 |
| 9. Sergt. Pugh | 54 | 1 |
| 10. " Bridgeford | 53 | 2 |
| 11. Corpl. Swift | 52 | 1 |
| 12. Cap. Routhier | 52 | 1 |
| 13. Mr. A. Douglas | 51 | 1 |

Grand aggregate of scores in Regimental, Association and open matches for following prizes presented to the regiment by Hon. Atty.-Gen. Casgrain :

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| 1. Lieut. Champion | 210 | \$6 |
| 2. Lieut. Davidson | 207 | 4 |
| 3. Ass. Surg. Parke | 202 | 3 |
| 4. Corpl. Swift | 188 | 2 |

Extra Series—5 Shots at 500 Yards.

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| 1. Lieut. Davidson | 24 |
| 2. Sergt. Hartley | 24 |

Sergt. Hull of "F" Co. won a very handsome Webley rifle presented for competition to the members of that company by a gentleman of this city.

Vancouver vs. Royal Marines

A rifle match was fired on Saturday afternoon at the Moodyville range between teams from the Royal Marines and the local club. The day turned out a good one for shooting, though a tricky wind was found at 600 yards range. The Vancouver team won the match by 42 points. The following are the scores by order of merit :

	ROYAL MARINES.			Tl.
	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	
St. Gibson	31	28	28	87
C. St. Sparrow	26	30	30	86
C. St. Porter	29	28	29	86
Gun. Holton	28	32	24	84
Lt. Collard	30	21	27	78
Cor. Hodge	24	26	25	74
Col. Burrows	26	23	20	69
Bagler Rann	27	16	24	67
	221	215	195	631

	VANCOUVER TEAM.			Tl.
	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	
J. Duff Stuart	28	34	31	93
St. Maj. Cornish	28	33	29	90
H. Brocklesby	27	30	30	87
R. D. Featherston	25	28	32	85
Dr. Bell-Irving	28	31	26	85
H. Forrest	28	33	24	85
W. F. Kennedy	27	25	24	76
H. Collins	24	26	22	72
	215	240	218	673

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To be Shot August 21.

Ontario Riflemen Hold Their Annual Meeting and Decide on the Annual Match.

The meeting of the council of the Ontario Rifle Association was held yesterday afternoon at the Canadian Military Institute, Lieut.-Col. Jones, one of the vice-presidents, in the chair. There were present : Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G. ; Major Delamere, Q.O.R. ; Major Macdonald, 48th Highlanders ; Lieut. Pringle, R.G. ; Staff-Sergt. Harp, 48th Highlanders ; Major Orchard, 48th Highlanders ; Staff-Sergt. McVittie, R.G. ; Inspector Johnston, Toronto Rifle Association ; Lieut. McNeil, Q.O.R. ; Lieut. Margetts, 13th Battalion ; Capt. Mercer, Q.O.R. ; Capt. Wallace, 36 Battalion ; Lieut.-Col. Graveley, treasurer ; Capt. Mutton, secretary.

Lieut.-Col. John I. Davidson, 48th Highlanders, was unanimously elected president of the association.

The Match Committee reported that arrangements had been made for holding the annual matches on August 21 and following days at the Long Branch rifle ranges. A good programme of prizes had been prepared and the rules and regulations for conducting the shooting had been carefully revised.

The special committee re the revision of the constitution brought in a report which was received and approved of by the council. It will be brought up for confirmation at the annual meeting of members of the association, which takes place

in August next. These are some of the changes : The president and four vice-presidents are to be elected by the annual meeting of members, and the treasurer and secretary are to be elected by the council. The application fee of associations is to be \$10. The council is to consist of the president, the vice-presidents and four elected members for each of the four military districts in Ontario. All presidents of affiliated associations and clubs are to be ex-officio members of the council. No member of the council is to be represented by proxy. The annual business meeting of the association is to be held each year on the first Tuesday in each month. There is also to be a general meeting of members of the association to be held during the matches on the second day of the prize meeting.

Major Orchard, Staff-Sergt. Harp and Staff-Sergt. McVittie were appointed a committee to obtain silver medals of suitable design to be presented to the successful eight competitors from Ontario in London & Merchants' match.

Lieut. Pringle gave notice of motion that he will move that three special medals be given as special aggregate prizes, viz., a bronze medal for the highest aggregate during the first day's shooting, a silver medal for the second day's shooting, and a gold medal for the highest aggregate during the three days' shooting, the long range shooting at 800 yards to be included in the aggregate.

After the meeting Lieut.-Col. Davidson, the newly elected president, entertained the members of the council at the Canadian Military Institute.—*Empire*, July 17

Major Buchan.

Reference was made in our last issue to the three officers of the Canadian permanent force now in England undergoing instruction with the Imperial forces, with a view to further qualification in their profession. It has been a wise move on the part of the Canadian authorities to arrange that Canadian officers should have this advantage, and so acquire knowledge and experience that can be obtained in no other way, and, by association, help to keep the Canadian force in touch with their Imperial brethren in arms. Major Buchan is preparing at Aldershot to pass the examinations laid down in Army Order 185 of 1893 for majors before promotion to lieutenant-colonel. He had the honor of riding on the staff of the Duke of Connaught on the divisional field day, when the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, and a distinguished party of officers went down to witness the manoeuvres ; and he also lunched at Government House with them afterwards. He will be presented to the Prince of Wales at the levee at St. James' on Friday next. On completion of his course at Aldershot, Major Buchan will take a course of musketry and machine-gun work at Hythe.—*Canadian Gazette*, London.