

lowing statement of the relative strength of the British and United States army during the operation detailed will give ample proof that those terms were not misapplied, and that, as asserted, he had no plan of campaign and did not understand enough of the science of his profession to prepare one.

*State of British and United States Forces in 1776.*

	British.	U. S.
August.....	24,000	16,000
November.....	26,900	4,500
December.....	27,700	3,300

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	British.	U. S.
March.....	27,000	4,500
June.....	30,000	8,000

Any person reading these figures will easily understand the reason why the revolt of the British American Colonies culminated in the independence of the United States.

With a force little short of 30,000 highly disciplined and well appointed troops Howe allowed himself to be besieged for over ten months by a force not exceeding one fourth of that number, undisciplined and badly armed. And on the 19th of June could find no other way to drive 8,000 militia men from the shelter of ill-constructed field works except by a feigned retreat which drew Washington from his lines, and on the 26th of June gave Lord Cornwallis an opportunity to attack his advanced guard at Quibbletown which was compelled to fall back with the loss of 200 men and three pieces of artillery. The advantage was not followed up, and Washington fell back leisurely to Middlebrook, leaving the barren advantage to the greater force.

On the 28th of June Sir W. Howe evacuated the Jerseys and was forced to do this by his own blunders. He had advanced as far as Princeton on his way to Philadelphia, keeping the Rariton between himself and Washington; at that point he could have penetrated to the rear of the latter's position and sent him in headlong flight towards the Hudson, but he suddenly retreated to Brunswick and embarked his troops at Amboy, and crossed to Staten Island. This manoeuvre is so astounding as almost to exceed belief, and without doubt is the most extraordinary on record, not forgetting Lord Loudon's in 1757.

If it was Howe's intention to occupy Philadelphia he was within two marches of it and no enemy to interfere. What his motives were cannot now be ascertained. The idea of collusion would be the most natural, but there was nothing to gain and much to lose by playing that game, and the only conclusion that can be arrived at is that he was a sensual, slothful, and necessarily stupid, imbecile, obstinate as all such animals are utterly incapable of forming or carrying out any definite plan of operations.

A judge down east refused to receive "spiritual testimony" unless the ghost was sworn.

**ANNUAL RIFLE MATCH OF ST. JOHN'S VOLUNTEERS ONT**

The annual rifle match of No. 8 company, 7th Battalion, took place as announced on the range of the company, at St. John's, on the 13th, 14th and 15th October. The matches were made to all comers, but very few outsiders took part. The city part of the Battalion was well represented by Ensign Wastie, Colonel Lewis and Capt. Dawson, but they found all they wanted to hold their own with the members of No. 8 Company, and a few of the shots in and around St. John's. Below will be found a list of the winners.

The morning of the 13th was not very propitious; rain fell until eight o'clock, and was perhaps the means of keeping a great many away. However, it cleared up at that time, and at nine o'clock a great many competitors were on the ground. The match was opened by Crowell Willson, M.P., who made a bull's eye at 200 yards.

Match No. 1, All Comers—Snider Enfield rifle; ranges, 200 and 400 yards; position, 200 yards, from the shoulder; 400 yards, any position. First prize, silver watch, by Mr. Morphy, London, valued at \$15; 2nd, silver card basket, given by Ensign Wastie, London, value, \$8, and a gold pencil case, given by Mr. Davis jeweller, London, value, \$2; 3rd, eight day lock, given by Mr. Hogg, jeweller, London, value, \$7; three prizes of \$5; 7th "Chamber's Journal," given by Mr. W. L. Carrie, stationer, value, \$2.50, and three prizes of \$2 each.

Ensign Wastie.....	33
Wm. Cummings.....	33
Col. Sergt. Smith.....	33
Sergt. Elliott.....	32
Chas. F. Kent.....	32
Capt. Elliott.....	30
Robt. W. Jackson.....	29
Peter Thompson.....	28
Lieut. Willson.....	28
John Elliott.....	27

Match No. 2, All Comers' Match—Any rifle; ranges, 200, 300 and 500 yards: 200 and 300, from the shoulder; 500, any position. 1st prize silver cup, given by Major Jackson, value, \$8, and \$2 added; 2nd, silver cup, given by J. Campbell, jeweller, London, value \$4, and \$4 added; 3rd, horse rake, given by Plummer & Pacey, value \$7; three prizes of \$5. three prizes of \$2.

Lieut. Willson.....	45
Col. Lewis.....	44
Sergt. Elliott.....	43
Capt. Dawson.....	40
Ensign Wastie.....	40
Major Jackson.....	39
Chas. F. Kent.....	38
Ensign Woods.....	38
Capt. Elliott.....	36

Second Day—Match No. 3, All Comers' Match—Snider Enfield; ranges, 300, 400 and 500 yards; any position. 1st prize, gold locket, given by Col. Lewis, London, value \$6, with \$4 added; 2nd, clock, given by Mr. Murray, jeweller, London, value \$4.50, with \$4 added, three prizes of \$4; 6th, photograph of winner, given by F. Cooper, value \$3; 7th, hat, given by E. Beltz, value \$3; four prizes of \$2.

Wm. Cummings.....	53
Chas. F. Kent.....	49
Major Jackson.....	49
Sergt. Elliott.....	49

Peter Thompson.....	48
R. W. Jackson.....	48
Lieut. Willson.....	46
Col. Lewis.....	46
John Elliott.....	45
Col. Sergt. Laing.....	44
Ensign Woods.....	44

Match No. 4, All Comers' Match—Snider Enfield rifle; ranges, 200, 300 and 400 yards; any position. 1st prize, \$10; two prizes of \$7; four prizes of \$4; 8th prize, clock, given by G. D. Pringle, Lucan, value \$3; two prizes of \$2.

Robt. Jackson.....	49
Col. Sergt. Smith.....	49
Sergt. Elliott.....	48
L. Barnard.....	48
Peter Thompson.....	45
Lieut. Willson.....	44
Ensign Woods.....	44
Chas. F. Kent.....	43
Wm. Cummings.....	43

Third Day—Match No. 5, Consolation Match—Range, 200 yards, from the shoulder. John Orr won the 1st prize, sugar bowl, given by E. Rowland, value \$5; Jas. Elliott, the second, pair of boots, given by Stiles & Kent, value \$3; Geo. Kennedy, the third, set jewellery, given by Mr. Wyckoff, value \$2.50; Thos. Robson, the fourth, album, given by Mr. Reid, value \$2; Wm. Swartz, the fifth, "Good Words," given Mr. Taylor, value \$2; Peter McKellar won the *Free Press*, given by J. & S. Blackburn, value \$2; Daniel Bechtell, the seventh, barley fork, given by Thos. Bryant, value \$1.50; Jas. McNabb, the eighth, the *Prototype*, given by Jno. Siddons, value \$1.50.

The match was finished about twelve o'clock on Friday, the 15th, when the committee met at Thos. Elliott's hotel, and distributed the prizes, after which Mr. Elliott kindly invited the committee to dine with him. Several toasts were given and responded to heartily, and all went home well pleased with the laurels they won.—*London Prototype*.

OLD COLORS OF THE 91ST HIGHLANDERS.—It will be remembered that a few weeks ago the 91st (Argyleshire) Highlanders were presented with new colors at Dover. The old colors are to be presented to the Duke of Argyll, early in October at Inveraray Castle, and we are informed that Col. Bertie Gordon has expressed a desire that a detachment of the London Scottish should meet his color party at Charing Cross Station, and escort them to the Great Northern Station. In the absence of Lord Elcho Captain George Mackenzie—the regiment being under his command—has cordially responded to Col. Gordon's desire, and the performance of this duty on the part of the London Scottish will, doubtless, be equally gratifying to the regulars and the Volunteers. The two regiments have already, as befits countrymen, established friendly relations on more than one occasion.—*London Scotsman*.

BREAKFAST.—EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—The very agreeable character of this preparation has rendered it a general favourite. The *Civil Service Gazette* remarks:—"The singular success which Mr. Epps attained by his homoeopathic preparation of cocoa has never been surpassed by any experimentalist. By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills." Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold by the Trade only in 4lb., 1lb., and 1lb. tinned packets, labelled—JAMES EPPS & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London.