

with a possible at 600. The entries in the Queen's this year numbered 2,317, against 2,314 in 1889, 2,422 in 1888, 2,482 in 1887. We have learned by cable how well our four representatives did in the second and third stages; also of the good fight made by the Canadian team in the Kolapore cup contest, in which they were second to the Mother Country eight. The details of these and of the other contests we hope to have by mail in time for publication in next week's issue.

A letter from Major Todd, Adjutant of the team, written after their arrival at Bisley, states that they did very well in the practice at Cambridge. The second day's firing there averaged over 87 for the twenty men; and on the morning of Friday their average over Queen's ranges was 89½, eleven making 90 and over, Pte. Davis, 10th Royal Grenadiers, leading with 98. The Canadian camp is, Major Todd says, well situated, being high and on sloping ground, whilst the soil is light and sandy, better for wet weather than that at Wimbledon. "I consider Bisley," he continues, "an improvement in many respects; but from a social standpoint it does not compare with the old spot, as the great crowd of visitors will not come so far to witness the tournament. But the distance also precludes the less desirable crowd from London from turning up in the evenings and on Sundays, as they used to do to the annoyance of everyone in camp."

Efficiency Competition at Niagara Camp.

There was this year inaugurated in connection with the brigade camp at Niagara an efficiency competition for the infantry corps, which the Deputy Adjutant General, Lt.-Col. Otter, intends to make a feature of these camps for the future. In the brigade orders the conditions were thus explained:—

"EFFICIENCY—The standard of efficiency of the several Battalions of Infantry in camp will be decided by their proficiency in the following particulars, and for which qualifying marks will be given.

Deductions of from one to ten marks will be made for each case of want of punctuality in the formation of parades and duties, etc., etc. :—

	Marks.
1. Guards and sentries (main and quarter), cleanliness and smartness ..	100
2. Books and forms (company and regimental).....	100
3. Drill (Regimental inspection): Capability of officers and men in company and battalion, manual and firing exercise and the attack... 200	
4. Lines (company and regimental): Cleanliness and regularity.....	150
5. Dress (officers and men): Correctness, cleanliness and uniformity on and off parade.....	150
6. Musketry—(Battalion average).....	200
7. Discipline—Conduct in camp and town.....	200
8. Arms and accoutrements—State of at company headquarters.....	100

Total.....1,200

The Commandant hopes to procure a challenge trophy for presentation to the most efficient infantry battalion."

We have been favoured by Col. Otter with a return showing the outcome of this interesting competition. It will be noticed that the six battalions made a pretty even contest, and as the winner obtained less than 65 per cent. of the maximum number of marks it is evident that the judging was not too slack:

Subjects.	Maximum Marks.	1st. — 12th Batt'n	2nd. — 35th Batt'n	3rd. — 37th Batt'n	4th. — 77th Batt'n	5th. — 36th Batt'n	6th. — 34th Batt'n
Guards and piquets.....	100	58	66	64	64	46	57
Books, forms and returns....	100	78	57	55	85	84	62
Drill.....	200	121	120	130	134	153	106
Lines.....	150	118	101	121	109	93	94
Dress.....	150	120	100	70	105	105	80
Musketry.....	200	107	105	106	76	81	96
Discipline.....	200	110	130	110	95	105	90
Armouries.....	100	64	48	84	65	48	54
Total marks gained.....	1200	776	727	740	733	715	639
*Deductions for unpunctuality		22	14	31	27	10	12
Total final marks.....		754	713	709	706	705	627

*The details of the deductions are given as follows:—12th Battalion—Guards and piquets, 10 marks; books, forms and returns, 1; musketry, 11; total, 22. 34th Battalion—Books, forms and returns, 4; musketry, 8; total, 12. 35th Battalion—Guards and piquets, 10; books, forms and returns, 1; musketry, 3; total 14. 36th Battalion—Books, forms and returns, 2; musketry, 8; total 10. 37th Battalion—Books, forms and returns, 24; musketry, 7; total 31. 77th Battalion—Books, forms and returns, 17; musketry 10; total 27.

The example set by Col. Otter is one well worthy of being followed in other districts; for the experience of the Canadian artillery—to go no further—has shown that exceedingly beneficial results ensue from such competition.

Regimental and Other News.

The 21st Battalion, it is reported, do not expect to be able to send teams both to Toronto and Ottawa, and will choose the D.R.A. meeting at Ottawa to introduce their crack ten to their League friends. This prompts a correspondent to suggest a match for teams of ten in connection with the Dominion of Canada competition.

The prize list for the seventeenth annual prize meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association has been issued. The dates are Wednesday, 6th August, and following days, and the meeting place is Goldstream. The five highest scorers in the aggregate will be sent to the D. R. A. meeting to represent the province, provided they are certified to as efficient members of the militia.

The Sixth Fusiliers have issued a very attractive programme for the twenty-sixth annual prize meeting of their rifle association, to be held at the Cote St. Luc ranges on Saturday, August 16th. The open match (200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, Snider) is exceptionally good, there being four team and twenty-five individual prizes, amounting to \$135. There are also two extra series matches open to all comers.

When the news of the Scotch team winning the National trophy at Bisley reached Toronto last week, it inspired some of the Scotch riflemen there to challenge any other nationality, and a friendly match was arranged between teams of Canadians and Scotchmen, picked from the different clubs, represented as follows: Fowler, Brooks, Ronan, Spence, Pringle, Rennie, for Canada; Harp, Bell, Lanskill, McVittie, Simpson, Mowat, for Scotland. The Scotch were left 45 points behind.

On Tuesday, 25th July, the Lundy's Lane Historical Society held their fourth annual meeting on the battle-field of seventy-six years ago, when, as a correspondent puts it, "twenty-eight hundred English and Canadian soldiers whipped over five thousand American soldiers, in the most decisive battle fought during the war of 1812-14." [Several weeks ago we clipped a paragraph from a United States service paper, announcing that a monument was to be erected at Lundy's Lane to commemorate "the British defeat." This paragraph we intended to print as a sample of United States history; but it managed to get into print without comment or credit. As a Western paper has recently got excited over our amusing blunder, this explanation becomes in order now.]

Toronto.

A special meeting of the Army and Navy Veterans was held last week in Occident hall, Toronto, for the purpose of revising the constitution. President John Nunn occupied the chair. The maximum age for candidates in future will be 65 instead of 60. The annual games take place on the 18th August, at Alexandria rink, kindly loaned by Mr. L. M. Livingstone for the occasion. A decidedly novel programme will be offered, among which will be tent-pegging, polo cavalry and sword contests, winding up with dancing in the evening to the society's orchestra of 14 pieces.

The Queen's Own promenade concert on the Cibola Wednesday evening of last week was the most popular event this season. So successful have been all events gotten up by the buglers, that the more you see of them the more you want to see. The full band of the regiment under Mr. Bailey was on board and solos were given by Mr. Clarke, cornet; Mr. Smith, euphonium, and Mr. O'Donnell, piccolo.

QUEEN'S OWN SERGEANTS—BENEDICT VS. BACHELORS.

"These are the men who once were great,
And jeered at us with cruel hate;
Silence! not a word, much less a whoop,
For the Benedict Sergeants are in the soup.—Woods."

Such, dear reader, was the verse inscribed on a blackboard in the Mess rooms on Saturday evening, and above which was an imitation of, some say the Kolapore Cup, only the inscription was slightly different. This cup was labelled soup, not chicken soup, nor soup-de-bouillon, but plain everyday soup, in fact the plainest kind was preferable. The cause of all this thusness is easily explained by the knowledge that the Bachelor members of the Mess, who were defeated at a rifle match on the 7th of last month by their comrades "in bonds," were not content with the result and challenged them to a return. This was granted in a kind-of-a-admire-your-gall-manner by the Benedicts, with the result that after the close of the next monthly meeting the Bachelors, instead of being the entertainers, as the case was last meeting night, will have the pleasure of having their every want attended to.

Apart from the match itself quite a few side-bets were made and numerous individual matches took place. Despite the averseness to any animated discussions during the hot weather the coming match always proved too tempting for the one party to crow and the other to inwardly register a vow that the shoe would be on the other foot, and that vow was kept. "Veni, vidi, vici" may well be the motto of every Bachelor and the final match of the series will be looked forward to with interest.