

Correspondence.

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AN INFANTRY SCHOOL FOR MONTREAL.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

SIR,—In your issue of the 9th September, you speak in the most favorable terms of the work being done by the seven schools of military instruction established in the Dominion. In the main I most heartily agree with your remarks. Not only are these schools doing much of the work for which they were organized, but they are, I believe, doing it well. Officers who have attended them speak in the highest terms of the instruction given, and of the treatment they received. The schools which were called into the field at the time of the North-west rebellion showed that they formed a small but efficiently disciplined nucleus around which the volunteer force could rally and march to victory. In the Province of Quebec, however, I think that a serious mistake was made in placing the infantry school at St. Johns—20 odd miles from Montreal. I have heard the reasons given for establishing it there, viz., the existence of barracks and government ground. But on these barracks—all but a ruin—when the school first occupied them, the Government have already expended a sum of money, which would have gone a long way towards building barracks in Montreal, and I am told a considerable sum will yet require to be expended before they are in really good condition. Winnipeg, Toronto and Kingston have each a school, the city of Quebec has two, and London is soon to have one, barracks being in course of erection there, but the city of Montreal, with the largest force of any city in the Dominion, has been left out in the cold. If the infantry school for the province of Quebec had been established in Montreal, the appearance of the men on the street, the weekly marching out, and their discipline, would have given an impetus to volunteering which would have placed all the corps permanently in the best possible condition. In proof of this assertion I would refer to the ease with which companies were kept full when the regulars gave life to our city and military enthusiasm to our boys. The town of St. Johns has no volunteers—it is a veritable Sleepy Hollow—and the influence of the school on our volunteers is absolutely lost. How many officers of the Montreal force have taken a full short course at this school? I cannot speak positively, but I am told only two or three. Nearly all have been granted special courses extending over a few weeks. If the school were in Montreal the full course could be taken without a total neglect of business, and as a result we would not have the large number of unqualified officers that we have, nor would there be the same difficulty in getting young men to accept commissions. The proposed establishment at London of a second school for Ontario is said to be on account of the large and valuable force in the surrounding country. Is not Montreal deserving of similar recognition? In the event of trouble, the city corps, being as a rule the best organized and the most readily assembled, are generally the first called upon. How important then to have them officered with qualified men. Our Quebec infantry school is therefore by reason of its situation a failure, so far as Montreal volunteer officers are concerned. It has, I am told, all but entirely drawn its cadets from the rural battalions. I would therefore suggest the formation of a second school for the province of Quebec, to be stationed in Montreal. Our permanent force must be increased; this is a conclusion very generally admitted, and in this increase, the claims of Montreal will not, I trust, be forgotten. If, however, an increase is not to take place in the near future, then I would even venture to suggest the removal of the school from St. Johns to Montreal. In the event of such a removal, I think that with propriety the city of Montreal might be called upon to assist in re-couping the government for the money they have expended. The Montreal volunteers have within the last two years (since the organization of the school) been called upon very often to do most disagreeable duty, which has cost the city very large sums of money—the most recent being the small-pox riots, which cost the city over \$8,000. If B Company Infantry School corps, stationed at St. Johns, had been located in Montreal this sum might have been saved to the city.

A MONTREAL VOLUNTEER.

Montreal, 21st Oct., 1886.

Queries and Replies.

Q. 1. Are staff-sergeants eligible as members of a company team at a battalion shooting match?

2. Can you give me titles of any works on target shooting, and where they may be obtained, and probable cost?—A.B.C., Arthur.

A. 1. This is a matter which must be settled by each battalion for itself. We believe the Ontario association will not admit staff-sergeants as members of company teams, though under present militia regulations they must be attached to company rolls for pay. If they were generally counted on the strength of companies we believe it would lead to abuses as far as shooting is concerned.

2. We know nothing half so good as Capt. Perley's "Rifles and Rifle Snooting," published in this GAZETTE last year, beginning with No. 2 and ending with No. 24. Turn up your back files and read the article over and you will agree with us. It takes the cream off many more elaborate treatises. Miller's "Queen's Hundred" is an old authority brought up to date, having gone through 11 editions, and "Hints and advice on Rifle Shooting" is a new work by that veteran shot, Robert McVittie. Either of these can be got from T. G. Johnson, 121 Fleet Street, London, the former for 1s. 7d., the latter for 1s. 1d. Of course they treat principally of Martini shooting.—Ed.

The Target.

Drummond, Ont.—The annual prize meeting of the Perth rifle association was held on the range on the farm of Mr. James Glein, here, a few days ago. The weather was delightfully fine, and a large number of outsiders was present, coming from Arnprior, Carleton Place, Lanark and Marmora, as well as Mr. Hilton, a member of the Wimbledon team of 1885, coming from Carleton Place.

NO. 1.—ASSOCIATION MATCH, 5 ROUNDS AT 400, 500 AND 600 YARDS. 27 ENTRIES.

\$12 R. D. Fetherston	24	21	17	62	\$3 J. W. Ward	19	17	16	52
10 J. W. McDonald	25	15	20	60	3 A. Menzies	21	22	9	52
8 W. Hilton	22	23	14	59	2 Jas. Patterson	21	15	13	50
6 Dr. Ward	22	17	18	57	2 W. A. Field	20	13	16	49
4 Jas. Presley	23	20	10	53					

NO. 2.—5 ROUNDS AT 200 YARDS, STANDING. 57 ENTRIES.

\$5 M. Barrie	17	\$2 I. C. Grant	14
4 Dr. Ward	15	1 A. Menzies	13
3 Walter Cameron	14		

NO. 3.—ALL COMERS, 5 ROUNDS AT 200 YARDS, ANY POSITION. 44 ENTRIES.

\$10 W. Hilton	23	\$2 A. Menzies	21
8 W. A. Field	22	{ R. D. Fetherston	20
5 J. Presley	22	{ J. W. Ward	20
3 Dr. Ward	21	{ J. W. McDonald	20

NO. 4.—VOLUNTEER MATCH, 5 ROUNDS AT 200 AND 400 YARDS.

\$7 Capt. Motherwell	18	18	36	\$4 Pte. Jno. Hogan	16	11	27
6 Sergt. Edgar King	15	18	33	3 Pte. A. Gallagher	5	20	25
5 Sergt. A. M. Gray	22	11	33				

NO. 5. CONSOLATION MATCH.

\$3 J. Darou	17	\$2 V. G. Hooper	17
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Dr. Ward with a score of 93 points took the aggregate prize of \$5.

Ottawa.—The eighteenth and last silver spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club, for this season, was fired on Saturday afternoon with Martini-Henrys. Mt. Carroll's score of 95 points out of a possible 105 is the best that has ever been made in the spoon competitions. The day was fine and bright, with a light 5 o'clock drift.

Mr. T. Carroll	31	32	32	95	Major Todd	28	29	19	76
Mr. J. A. Armstrong	30	31	30	91	Mr. Jamieson	29	23	23	75
Mr. Gray	28	31	29	88	Dr. Hutchison	30	23	32	95
Captain Perley	28	32	27	87	Mr. Lightfoot	21	26	26	73
Major Macpherson	29	33	23	85	Mr. Rogers	25	25	23	73
Captain Sherwood	28	27	29	84	Mr. Slater	29	26	15	70
Mr. McJanet	28	29	25	82	Mr. Reardon	28	24	16	68
Major Anderson	31	25	25	81	Mr. Sutherland	31	12	23	67
Mr. J. C. Chamberlin	23	31	26	80	Mr. G. Mailleue	28	22	15	65
Capt. Wright	29	27	23	79	Mr. J. E. Hutcheson	29	26	07	62
Mr. Morrison	29	24	23	76	Mr. Matthews	22	12	18	53

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The following is a synopsis of this year's shooting of the club, embracing nine spoon days for Sniders and six for Martinis at Queen's Ranges, and three days for Martinis, seven shots at 800 and 900; besides aggregate prizes for the best scores in a majority of the competitions in each series.

NAMES.	SNIDER—2, 5 and 600.									Total Best Five.	Martini-Henry 200, 400 and 600.						Total Best Four.	M-H. 800-900 yards.			Total Best Two.	Grand Total.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3		
Armstrong, J. A.	77	70	72	73	...	...	64	75	367	87	84	68	...	85	91	347	32	...	...	746		
Anderson, W. P.	66	...	60	65	...	74	55	70	335	72	66	...	67	80	81	300	33	47	...	715		
Angus, —	...	...	...	52	80	64	...	...	...	...	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Chamberlin, J. C.	84	50	47	71	...	59	67	61	380	57	79	80	78	70	80	317	45	25	70	767		
Carroll, T.	63	57	61	62	66	55	56	71	347	80	71	77	...	74	95	326	32	30	39	744		
Cairns, S.	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Duncan, G.	...	...	68	...	...	...	67	...	...	83	76	73	81	...	...	313	19	...	...	...		
Dawson, F.	64	58	50	47	59	44	52	...	301	77	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	31	...	35		
Fairweather, T. H.	60	48	52	63	...	55	61	74	320	60	...	72	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Gray, H. H. O.	69	74	60	71	66	69	66	61	349	72	...	69	76	67	88	305	22	...	28	50	704	
Hutcheson, J. E.	...	...	...	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	...	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Hardy, T. W.	...	28	59	52	64	61	72	...	322	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...		
Hutchison, Dr. Geo.	...	39	49	65	...	...	...	...	...	77	82	69	...	75	303	27	...	...	...	...		
Jamieson, W. A.	73	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	...	69	81	75	289	19	39	58	...	...		
Lightfoot, F. C.	...	...	...	...	...	64	73	...	...	...	67	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Mason, W. T.	64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Morrison, N.	62	48	61	72	67	...	64	72	337	74	77	71	...	76	298	44	43	29	76	722		
Macpherson, J. P.	64	58	63	62	62	77	81	...	347	75	71	73	85	64	85	318	29	53	47	100	765	
Mailleue, G.	67	75	58	60	68	67	55	64	329	57	74	83	65	65	287	23	33	46	79	695		
McJanet.	60	47	...	59	...	60	71	...	297	63	...	77	...	40	83	272	16	...	...	...		
Pink, A.	...	56	63	78	64	65	67	...	337	84	84	76	79	59	...	323	27	34	...	61	721	
Perley, H. F.	69	68	54	...	62	60	82	77	358	80	83	78	83	74	87	333	35	49	39	84	775	
Rogers, S. M.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Reardon, R.	71	57	...	63	55	67	62	72	335	63	82	...	70	68	283	26	...	20	46	664		
Slater, R. N.	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Sutherland, E. D.	83	50	60	68	55	67	51	86	364	78	82	74	83	87	67	330	34	34	...	70	764	
Sherwood, A. P.	74	58	52	77	...	72	55	75	382	60	73	...	...	84	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Short, W.	80	51	60	55	65	58	67	68	358	74	79	62	77	66	...	296	36	...	42	78	732	
Scott, J. G.	...	52	...	73	70	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Toller, F.	...	...	...	54	...	52	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	
Todd, A. H.	...	...	...	58	...	...	...	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	...	...	...	...	...		
Taylor, J. D.	62	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	79	...	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	
Waldo, E.	...	64	56	60	64	...	56	68	312	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	
Whiteley, W. H.	66	46	...	62	79	...	...	...	...	54	...	80	...	...	...	...	41	44	...	85	...	
Wright, Josh.	75	51	...	...	75	72	73	76	371	77	...	81	78	79	...	315	...	...	42	...	728	
Winter, C. F.	...	...	55	54	82	55	72	...	318	...	64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

The following are the winners of spoons, the first prize each day being a sterling silver desert spoon, the second a tea spoon, and the specials being for green shots:—

1st May, Snider—J. C. Chamberlin	84	26th June, Snider—W. H. Whiteley	79
E. D. Sutherland	83	N. Morrison	72
8th May, Martini—J. A. Armstrong	87	3rd July, L. R. (J. P. Macpherson)	53
A. Pink	84	Martini (H. F. Perley)	49
15th May, Snider—H. H. Gray	74	10th July, Martini—J. P. Macpherson	85
J. A. Armstrong	70	H. Perley	83
22nd May, Martini—J. A. Armstrong	84	17th July, Snider, (Joshua Wright)	75
A. Pink	84	standing at 200 (T. Hardy)	74
29th May, Snider—J. A. Armstrong	72	24th July, L. R., (J. P. Macpherson)	47
A. Pink	63	Martini (G. Mailleue)	46
Special—Thomas Hardy	59	31st July, Snider, (T. Hardy)	72
5th June, L. R. (N. Morrison)	44	standing at 200 (Joshua Wright)	72
Martini (W. H. Whiteley)	41	11th Sept., Snider—H. F. Perley	82
12th June, Snider—A. Pink	78	J. P. Macpherson	77
A. P. Sherwood	77	25th Sept., Martini—E. D. Sutherland	87
12th June, Snider—A. Pink	78	J. A. Armstrong	85
A. P. Sherwood	77	9th October, Snider—J. C. Chamberlin	89
Special—Dr. J. G. Scott	74	E. D. Sutherland	86
19th June, Martini—R. Reardon	82	23rd Oct., Martini—T. Carroll	95
J. C. Chamberlin	80	J. A. Armstrong	91

Aggregate Prizes:— For five best scores in the Snider, four best in Martini at Q. R., and two best at Long Ranges, D.R.A. Medal—H. F. Perley..... 775. Second best O.R.A. Medal—J. C. Chamberlin..... 667 For five best scores in Snider competitions, Medal