

reading and recreation room a happy thought, and said the volunteers both used it and expressed a gratifying sense of the consideration for their welfare which it indicated.—*Packet*.

Halifax N. S.

Forced Marching Competitions.

The forced marching competition of the 63rd rifles last evening attracted a great deal of attention, and there was quite a crowd present in the drill yard to see the finish. This is believed to be the first competition of the kind ever held in Canada, and the 63rd men think the performance of the winning team a grand one. The conditions were: Teams of 8 non-commissioned officers and men from a company, competitors to carry arms and accoutrements through the whole competition: men to march out of the drill yard at attention up to Queen street, when they could march at ease, and double if they wished. The route was down Tower road to the chain battery, around the point and return to drill yard via Pleasant street and Spring Garden road. On coming opposite Grafton street the men to come to attention and march in the yard at quick time. A man absent when opposite Grafton street to disqualify the whole squad.

The officials conducting the competition were:

Referees—Lieut.-Col. Egan and Major Bishop.

Starter—Lieut. Forbes.

Time keepers—Lieut. Vedito and Lieut. Forbes.

The course had been measured with cyclometers at 4.5-8 miles, and the cycle corps of the regiment accompanied the squads to see that the full course was covered by all competitors.

The prizes were gold pins for every man in the winning squad. The winners were No. 3 company team, which consisted of Lance Corpl. E. G. Shannon, and Privates F. E. Bayer, W. B. Elliot, J. H. Ewing, F. H. Keating, C. H. Munnis, G. M. Scriven, J. R. Wood. The time made by each team was as below. No. 6 team was disqualified by the two absentees at the finish:

No 3 Co squad	45m 06½s
" 5 " "	45m 51½s
" 1 " "	49m 05½s
" 4 " "	49m 31s
" 2 " "	51m 08½s
" 6 " "	disqualified

The arms and accoutrements carried by each man, weighed about 14 pounds.—*Daily Echo* July 11th 1895.

THE NEW DRILL HALL.

What about the new drill hall contract? people are enquiring. Is it not about time something was being done? At last accounts the only tenant of the site was a goat. Mr. Kenny might give this matter his attention.—*Chronicle* July 24th 1895.

ARTILLERY OUTING.

The H. G. A. 267 strong, accompanied by their splendid band and quite a large gathering of officers of other corps, and civilian friends, proceeded to Bedford by special train on the 25th inst., at 8 a. m. The artillery went to perform their annual target practice, and the others to

enjoy the sports in connection therewith. The weather was all that could be desired, the shooting good, the events in the sports well contested, and amusing in the highest degree to all who were lucky enough to witness them. The non-commissioned officers and gunners were supplied with an abundance of good sandwiches, soft drinks, and other delicacies. Col. Curren, the popular C. O. has reason to be proud of the incomparable good conduct which marked the actions of each individual under his command during the day, and this universal good conduct of the men shows how his officers can handle their men under all circumstances. The day's doings went off with an "éclat" creditable to even that creditable corps. The sports were as follows:—

OBSTACLE RACE.

Each competitor to be regimentally dressed at start, undress at river and cross it, run around post on opposite side, re-cross the river, dress, and run to winning post, being properly dressed (outwardly) at finish.

First prize, clock. Gr. Hilehie; 2nd, gold breast pin, Gr. McCarthy. This was a most amusing race. McCarthy, the 2nd man, laid an objection against Hilehie, saying the latter was not yet properly dressed, whereupon Sergt.-Major Gibbs quietly reminded him that he, McCarthy, was not regimentally dressed either, he having started in the race as "Plain Gunner McCarthy," and now at its termination appeared "A full fledged Corporal." During the scramble of undressing and dressing, the clothing became somewhat mixed up, and McCarthy, who has an eye to quick promotion donned the uniform of corporal Mills. It is needless to add that McCarthy was dumb for one hour afterwards.

200 YARDS ACROSS COUNTRY RACE.

First prize, clock, Cpl. Maxwell; 2nd, gold breast pin, Cpl. Mills.

PUTTING SHOT (without follow.)

First prize, clock, bandsman Swan, 2nd, watch chain, Gr. Crooks.

TUG OF WAR BETWEEN COMPANIES.

This was the big event of the day. The first team to face each other were those of Nos. 1 and 4 companies to pull for a place in the final. After an exciting pull during which the chances of winning changed many times, No. 1 succumbed to their heavier opponents after a continuous strain of 11 minutes and 30 seconds. No. 2 and 3 then faced each other and about the same may be said of them as has been said of 1 and 4. No. 3 winning in 13 minutes. Nos. 1 and 3 then grasped the manilla for the final. No. 3 longed up with an unsullied record—determined to add yet another honour to their long list of victories, but No. 1 team ably coached by Sergt. Jackson went in—also determined to win, and they brought with them what served them better than records—"stamina," and won after an exciting struggle lasting 14 minutes. Each man of the winning team received a handsome watch chain.

GRINNING THROUGH A HORSE COLLAR.

First prize, half a dozen silver tea knives, Gr. Kiddy; 2nd, gold cuff but-

tons, Corporal McLeod. This was the most laughable event of the day, and Major Hesselein, who was busy with his kodac has saved to posterity faces which would put to shame any "Rogue's Gallery," or "Chamber of Horrors" in existence. Lieut.-Col. Humphrey, com. 66th P.L.F. and Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Almon, H.G.A., were judges. They performed their difficult task to the satisfaction of all.

EGG AND SPOON RACE, 100 YARDS

1st prize, ½ doz. silver spoons, Gr Caldwell; 2nd, 1 doz. plated spoons, Gr Hirtle.

This event was hotly contested, too hotly for the safety of the eggs and our nasal organs. Some of the eggs were quite ripe enough for the last general election. Major Stewart kindly donated all the second prizes.

The high jump and long jump have to be put off until after parade next Monday evening. Col. Curren, Majors Garrison Maxwell and Oxley looked after the shooting, while Col. Curren, Major Stewart and Sergt. Major Gibbs conducted the sporting events. The arrangements made by the officers for the comfort and amusement of guests, n.e.o's and men were as near perfection as possible.

Below are the scores in the

BATTALION MATCH.

5 Rounds, 200 and 400 Yards.

Prize.	200	400	Pt
DR A medal and \$5—Gr Clarke			
No 3	17	18	35
Bland medal and \$1—Sgt Case			
No 3	18	17	35
\$1—Sgt Marshall, No 2	14	20	34
\$1—Gr Nickerson, No 1	17	16	33
\$3—Gr Fader, No 3	17	16	33
\$3—Gr Haystead, No 3	16	17	33
\$3—Gr Cansfield, No 3	16	17	33
\$3—Sgt Kiddy, No 4	17	16	33
\$3—Gr Currie, No 3	18	15	33
\$3—Gr Campbell, No 1	18	15	33
\$3—Staff Sgt Murray, ret.	14	18	32
\$3—Gr Shadleburg, No 3	17	15	32
\$3—Gr C Melvin, No 1	17	15	32
\$2—Gr Morgan, No 3	17	15	32
\$2—Sgt Faulkner, No 2	18	14	32
\$2—Gr McCallum, No 1	18	14	32
\$2—Sgt Crossley, No 2	16	15	31
\$2—Gr Robinson, No 1	17	15	31
\$2—Bds Murray	17	14	31
\$2—Corpl Crooks, No 2	19	12	31
\$2—Gr Fletcher, No 2	14	16	30
\$2—Gr Boutilier, No 3	14	16	30
\$2—Gr Bishop, No 3	16	14	30
\$2—Bds Pace	16	14	30
\$2—Gr Lindsay	16	14	30
\$2—Sgt Melvin, No 1	13	12	30
\$2—Corpl Davidson, No 3	14	15	29
\$2—Bds Studd	15	14	29
\$1—Gr Burbridge, No 3	15	14	29
\$1—Gr A Morton, No 3	14	14	28
\$1—Gr J D McEachren, No 1	16	12	28
\$1—Gr F H Mosher, No 3	16	12	28
\$1—Gr Hilehie, No 3	12	15	27
\$1—Corpl Thornton, No 4	12	15	27
\$1—Gr Watson, No 1	16	11	27
\$1—Sgt Theakston, No 1	10	16	26
\$1—R M S Bland	14	12	26
\$1—Corpl Maxwell, No 3	14	12	26
\$1—Bds Greenough	11	12	26
\$1—Gr T D Watson, No 2	16	10	26

TEAM MATCH:

1st team, No. 3 Co., 5 rounds, 400 yards. Prize \$10.

Major Maxwell	17
Gr Clark	18
Gr Canfield	17
Corpl Shadleburg	15
Sergt Case	17
Gr Haystead	17
Gr Currie	15
Gr Fader	16
Gr Lindsay	14
Gr Morgan	15