

QUEBEC.

Weather, cloudy and cold; wind, strong; light, dull; fouling moist. Rifles, 3 Martini and 17 Snider. Umpire, Lieut.-Col. Forrest, D.P.M.; range officers, Lt.-Col. Scott and Lieut.-Richardson; captain of team, Lt.-Col. Miller.

Gr. W. Pugh B. Bat.	31	29	30	90	Sgt. Hartley	29	29	17	75
Sgt. Dewfall	33	29	27	89	Mr. Belleau	30	28	17	75
Sgt. Douglas	32	26	30	88	Mr. Thomson	27	25	22	74
Staff-Sgt. Perrett	29	27	31	87	Capt. Martineau	30	31	13	74
Lt. Davidson	32	30	25	87	Corpl. Hawkins	28	19	26	73
Gr. T. Pugh B. Bat.	27	30	29	86	Lt.-Col. Miller	27	26	18	71
Maj. Demers	29	34	17	80	Mr. McKenna	24	26	20	70
Sgt. Morgan	31	27	21	79	Bdr. Clements. B Bat.	29	19	15	63
Sgt.-Maj Richard	31	27	19	77	Gr. Tingman B Bat.	19	19	15	53
Capt. Beaulieu	30	24	22	76					
Sgt. Goudie	29	23	23	75	Totals	577	528	437	1542

No details are yet to hand respecting the other teams competing, except their range totals, which were:

Army and Navy (Imp.) Halifax	544	520	467	1531
Victoria, B.C.	561	485	404	1450
Assiniboia, N.W.T.	537	409	278	1224

The New Brunswick Rifle Association.

Major Parks, the president, occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association, held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the office of the New Brunswick Cotton Mills.

The council's annual report, read by the secretary, reviewed the events of the past year—the election of executive, printing and distribution of annual report, selection of the maritime eight, reception of teams and the match. The thanks of the provincial are extended to the county association for having the range in full readiness for the match. In regard to the mode of selecting the eight the report says: The Ottawa shooting of last year had filled three places on the team, so it remained for the committee to select five men from the Martini shots. In doing so the committee, of course, paid special regard to the former Martini experience of those who seemed eligible for positions. With the experience of the present year it must be recognized that this method of selection possesses, at least, one serious fault. While it no doubt is calculated to bring together a team of experienced and reliable men, it makes no provision that they shall put in sufficient practice to fit them for such a match. Even taking into consideration the fact that the weather during the fortnight preceding the match practically stopped all firing in St. John, it would seem to the council that there was too much indifference among the team to the necessity of hard practice, and, in the end the team was not prepared to do its best for this province.

Referring to the annual meeting of riflemen it is stated that the resolutions passed at the annual and council meetings in regard to the admission of civilians were carried into effect, and all the regular matches, save the Prince of Wales and Nursery, were thrown open to them. Ten civilians participated, of whom four were from St. John, three from Charlotte, two from Westmoreland and one from York. While there was an improved attendance from York and Charlotte counties it was regrettable that the representation from Carleton consisted of but three, and Northumberland, for a second time, of but one. Are the county associations doing what they can to work up an interest in rifle shooting among their local militia? is asked. The council feel very strongly that it is at least the duty of all county associations to hold their competitions prior to the provincial and thereby offer their members an opportunity of being encouraged to enter for the Sussex shooting. In the larger centres, too, more frequent competitions in the form of monthly matches should be arranged for, after the example so successfully set by St. John and Fredericton. Something more is needed from a county association than that it should hold one gathering in the course of the year, regardless of whether or not it may contribute any recruits to the shooting strength of the district. If the old method of one annual competition proves ineffectual the council must recommend that other and newer methods be tried. The Snider ammunition used was that of 1888, similar to what was shot at the previous year's matches, and, as then, it gave the utmost satisfaction. The scores made will bear examination, and the council especially refer to the team totals in the Elder match, being as they are, the highest yet recorded in that competition. The Nursery match cup, presented by Lt.-Col. Maunsell, receives due acknowledgment. The lease under which the association has latterly occupied the Stockton range, expires with this year. Before next August it will be necessary for the association to enter into some new arrangement for target accommodation. Some radical improvement will have to be made to the butts and range houses, which are no longer fit for use. The committee had in view last spring the construction of a continuous trench to replace the present single butts, and made application to the militia department for a grant necessary to do the work. Presumably because the matter was not placed before the department in the right manner, no notice has been taken of the application. It remains now for the new council to push the matter seriously in the direction of procuring a serviceable and properly equipped range.

A fair amount of success attended the Ottawa team. The positions taken in the Dominion of Canada match by the 62nd Fusiliers and 71st Batt. teams; by the N. B. eight in the London Merchants; Sergt. Loggie in the grand aggregate and Gov.-General's; by Colour-Sgt. Henderson and Sergt. Loggie in the Wimbledon twenty, are good causes for satisfaction to the council. It also feels that the association can justly bear in mind that Pte C. T. Burns, who is looked up to as this year's champion at Ottawa, was but a few months ago one of its members and acquired his shooting knowledge on Drury range.

A statement of accounts show that the receipts, \$2,684.69, were in excess of last year. The outlay was \$2,388.55, leaving a balance of \$293.64—larger than last year. To add to this is 830 rounds of Snider and 220 of Martini ammunition. The auditors reported the accounts to be correct and both reports were passed.

Capt. Hartt, commandant of the Ottawa team, presented his report of the return of prizes won by the team the past year. The men were not quite satisfied with their success. Low scores were much too frequent, perhaps all this was the result of three objectionable causes—extreme heat, a wind that was never steady and defective cartridges. At least these were generally credited with the prevalent "bursts" of which nearly every competitor had a share. The good features of the meeting were alluded to, the 62nd Fusiliers and 71st Batt. teams of five having taken first and second places in the battalion match, Sergt. Loggie had the best individual success and the N. B. eight secured second place in the London Merchants' Cup. The total winnings had been \$620, and there are two members on the Wimbledon team. The report was adopted and on motion of Lt.-Col. Armstrong the thanks of the association were tendered to the 62nd and 71st battalion teams for the creditable manner in which they had upheld the honour of New Brunswick in the battalion match.

Lieut.-Colonel Beer, of the 74th Batt., wrote stating that the battalion team winning the York Co. pitcher did not desire to retain it, and offered it to the Provincial association on the following conditions: That it be made the leading prize in a Martini battalion match, to be shot for by single teams of five officers, non-commissioned officers and men from any corps in the province, at ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 rounds at each, the match to be known as the York and King's pitcher match; an entrance fee of \$2.50 or \$5 might be charged, the proceeds to go with the cup, and, if individual prizes are added by the association, the general competitors might be admitted to the match, using Martinis or Sniders as they wished, a reasonable discount allowed for difference of rifle. It was moved that the letter be referred to the Council with power to act and with power to confer with Lieut.-Colonel Beer as to the terms, if any, and thanks be sent to the 74th Battalion. This was unanimously adopted.

A letter was read from Major Perley, of the Headquarters' Staff, referring to the selection of additional representatives to the Dominion Association; now three are elected, and they choose three more, but he desired that the representatives (of whom he is one) be given a hint as to who would be selected. He suggested Capt. Hartt.

In taking up the section of the council report alluding to the necessity of making arrangements for leasing a range for next year, members thought the present range at Sussex was too far from the station. The King's county riflemen had used a range in rear of Mr. Fairweather's and it would be large enough for the provincial meeting, being quite convenient. There was a unanimous opinion in favour of a change in location, not that the present one is unsuitable but is too far from the station. A committee was appointed to make all enquiries respecting a range, to report at the council meeting in November—Lieut.-Colonel Blaine, Lieut.-Colonel Beer, Capt. Kinnear, the Secretary, the President and Jas. Hunter.

The matter of the selection of the maritime eight was left in the hands of the council to make all arrangements.

It was moved that it be compulsory to shoot in uniform only in military matches. It is so at Wimbledon and Ottawa, and the mover, Captain Thompson, thought it should be the case here. Motion was lost.

A resolution passed recommending the council to abolish the fee for entrance in nursery matches, both for individuals and teams. Hitherto the rate has been 25 cents per man, and something for each team, but in order to encourage the young shots the above resolution was adopted.

The following officers were elected: President—Major J. H. Parks; Vice-president—Lt.-Col. J. R. Armstrong. Representatives to Dominion Rifle Association—Major Henry F. Perley, H. Q. staff; Lt.-Col. Tilton, G.G.F. Guards; Lt.-Col. Armstrong, N.B.B.G.A. Capt. Hartt was suggested for recommendation by the three named. Council—Capt. Thompson, Lieut. Parks, P. A. Melville, Colour-Sgt. Henderson, J. D. Chipman, Sgt. W. Lordly, Sgt. Maj. Carmichael, Lt. Manning, Lt. Lordly, Capt. Kinnear, Maj. Tucker, Capt. McRobbie, Maj. Hartt, Jas. Hunter, Capt. Hartt, Lt. Langstroth, Lt. Smith, Maj. O. R. Arnold, Lt. Raymond, Lt. McAvity. Lt.-Col. Blaine was unanimously chosen range officer for the next prize meeting.