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The twenty-second annual prize meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held at the Cote St. Luc ranges, Montreal, last week, opening on Tuesday, 12th inst., and lasting three days. The attendance was very large, numbering about 175, and including about 50 Ontario riflemen, the usual contingent from the neighbouring city of Ottawa being supplemented by representatives of Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and other Western points. The weather was fine, thus rendering life on the ranges pleasant for the campers as well as those making the daily trip from town. The firing was under the direction of Lt.-Col. Mattice, B.M., chief executive officer, with Lt.-Col. Bond, Majors Radiger (Vics.) and Hodgins (Guards) and Capt. Manley (Grenadiers) as range officers, and the competitors generally were well satisfied that they could not have been in the hands of officials more obliging or more courteous in the discharge of the rather trying duties imposed upon them. Major Blaiklock, the secretary, and his staff bore with exemplary patience and good nature the siege laid upon their office, whence the firing tickets were served out with commendable alacrity. Col. Fraser presided as usual over the statistics, and the members who worried for twenty-eight hours about the non-posting of the "Frontier," forgot all about their grievance when later in the meeting the prize lists began to appear almost simultaneously with the close of the matches. The happiest of all were those competitors who had the opportunity of interviewing the genial treasurer, Col. Martin, and hearing the kind words of interest and congratulation accompanying the crisp bank bills rewarding their skill.

The ranges had been put in first-class order, a great improvement over the preceding year being noticed in this respect. The competitors' tents were much more conveniently pitched, being placed at the end adjoining the railroad track, and to the left of the road by which the range is approached. In front of these and to the left were the offices, in the old spot. To the right, in the orchard enclosure, the officers' quarters were again placed, and three or four hundred yards down the range stood the canteen and dining tent. Those who made the long journey for their midday meal were as a rule anything but satisfied with the catering; the discovery that a meal served in more inviting manner could be had at the railway restaurant afforded a measure of relief.

There were twenty targets in use, all in the one butt, and all used for the regular matches, there being none set apart for the extra series firing, which went on only when time permitted an hour to be snatched between the regular matches. The system of marking was tediously slow, necessitating a search for each bullet hole before the target was lowered, as the marking disc giving the value of the hit had to be raised simultaneously with the lowering of the target. This was a severe tax upon the patience of the riflemen, especially when the vagaries of the wind deprived them of a reasonable certainty of having hit, and scores of challenges were made simply because the competitors had not confidence in the efficacy of an examination made without lowering the target. Between the slow marking and the continuous challenging (for which there was inadequate telephone accommodation) the matches soon began to run behind, loss resulting to the Association from the curtailment of the possible time for extra series shooting.

Tuesday, 12th August.

The matches commenced Tuesday morning with the Nursery, seven shots at 400 yards, open to members never having won a Provincial or Dominion prize. It is satisfactory to note in the prize list the names of

members of our "regulars" (from St. John's and Quebec), and of Cadets of the Royal Military College. The average shooting in this match was about the same as last year:—

\$15. Pte. G. Green, Royal Scots.... 32	\$4. Bomb. C. Gardner, M.G.A.... 27
10. Gunner Halliday, M.G.A.... 29	4. Pte. Jehue, 6th Fusiliers..... 27
7. Corp. Bethune, Royal Scots.... 29	4. Sergt. E. Strange..... 26
5. Cadet H. Panet, R.M.C.... 28	4. Sergt. Prevost, B Battery, R.C.A 26
5. Pte. Shannon, B Co. I.S.C.... 28	4. Corp. Primeau, 1st P.W.R.... 26
4. Sgt.-Major Phillips, B Co. I.S.C. 28	4. Pte. Ash, Royal Scots..... 26
4. Pte. Mason, Royal Scots..... 28	4. Pte. C. S. Reynolds, Vics..... 26
4. Staff-Sergt. Helmer, 43rd..... 28	

After an interval of extra series firing, eagerly availed of for "sighting," the Frontier match was commenced. This consisted of seven shots at 500 yards, and the prizes were in two series, the first of which were open to all members and were thus taken:—

\$20. Lance-Corp. McCrae, Vics.... 31	\$4. Capt. MacMicking, 44th..... 27
15. Corp. J. P. Nutting, G.G.F.G.. 31	4. Col. Sergt. Goudie, 8th..... 27
12. Corp. T. Westman, Q.O.R.... 31	4. Corp. J. Armstrong, 6th Fusiliers. 27
10. Sergt. Hall, 79th..... 30	4. Pte. Armstrong, G.G.F.G.... 27
8. Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.... 30	4. Staff-Sergt. Cawdron, G.G.F.G.. 27
7. Gr. Cooke, M.G.A.... 30	4. Col. Sergt. Pratt, 6th Fusiliers... 27
6. Pte. T. Scott, 6th Fusiliers.... 30	4. Lieut. J. Mason, 83rd..... 27
6. Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 10th.... 30	4. Sergt. Short, G.G.F.G.... 27
6. Staff-Sergt. Harp, Q.O.R.... 29	4. Col. Sergt. Boville, 43rd..... 27
6. Corp. F. Hawkins, 8th..... 28	4. Corp. Mathews, Vics..... 27
6. Master Gr. Lavie, B Bat. R.C.A.. 28	4. Staff-Sergt. Wilson, M.G.A.... 27
5. Gr. W. Pugh, B Battery..... 28	4. Lieut. Davidson, 8th..... 27
5. Col. Sergt. Mailleue, G.G.F.G. 28	4. Col. Sgt. Howard, 6th Fusiliers.. 27
5. Corp. Marris, 13th..... 28	4. Pte. Jehue, 6th Fusiliers..... 27
5. Staff-Sergt. Macadam, Vics.... 28	4. Lieut. J. F. Crean, Q.O.R.... 27
5. Capt. W. Macdonald, Toronto.. 28	4. Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd..... 27
5. Capt. Jamieson, 43rd..... 28	4. Sergt. R. J. Taylor, 43rd..... 27
4. Lieut. Hora, 14th..... 28	4. Staff-Sergt. Wood, B Battery.... 27

The second series of prizes were open only to those never having won a prize of \$5 or upwards at a Provincial or Dominion meeting. By a wholesome ruling not appearing in the prize list, competitors were only allowed to take prizes in one of the two series, and thus some of the tyros with prize scores figured in the senior list and not in the junior, which was as follows:—

\$15. Sergt. Sanson, Q.O.R.... 30	\$4. Sergt.-Major Dowker, M.G.A... 26
10. Sgt. Inst. Roberts, B Co. I.S.C.. 30	4. Pte. Reynolds, Vics..... 25
7. Pte. Elliott, G.G.F.G.... 28	4. Cadet O. C. Macpherson, R.M.C 25
5. Lieut. Williamson, 45th..... 28	4. Pioneer Pratt, 6th Fusiliers..... 25
5. Sergt. Drysdale, M.G.A.... 27	4. Pte. Ash, Royal Scots..... 24
4. Bomb. Gardner, M.G.A.... 26	4. Sergt. Bangs, P.W.R.... 24
4. Pte. H. A. Johnson, 51st..... 26	4. Corp. Hardy, Vics..... 23
4. Sergt. Morgan, B Battery..... 26	

After an hour spent in extra series, all regular firing was stopped at three o'clock in the afternoon, preparatory to the "military" matches, which were carried out with commendable promptitude, and without the unnecessary delay usually accompanying such contests. Thirteen teams of five men each entered, and they fired in three squads, each squad being first paraded for skirmishing, and then, when all had had a turn at that, being called upon to perform the volley firing, in the same order and at the same targets.

As usual the scoring was very low. The skirmishing match, five shots per man at distances varying from 500 to 200 yards, had for its best score 111 points out of 250 possible. The winners were the team of B Battery, Regiment Canadian Artillery, whose success was noted with great pleasure, it being felt that the Battery men well deserved reward for their perseverance in rifle practice in addition to maintaining their well known efficiency in big-gun drill. The fact that the Guards of Ottawa were a close second was another demonstration of the utility of practice, for it is well known that the Guards have for years made it a point to give their skirmishing team a little regular practice, with the result that they never fail to take a high place in these matches at Ottawa, Montreal, and Toronto. The four prizes were thus taken:—

\$ 30. B Battery, R.C.A.... 111
25. Gov.-Gen's Foot Guards (1st team)..... 109
20. Montreal Garrison Artillery..... 99
15. Fifth Royal Scots..... 93