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Comment and Criticism.

IN next week's issue the complete prize lists and other particulars of the Ontario provincial rifle matches at Toronto will be published.

OUR remarks of last week on the recent matches of the P.Q.R.A., have elicited a communication on the subject, which will be found in our correspondence columns. The competitor whose score was disallowed as there referred to was in hopes that his register ticket might have been confounded with that of another competitor of the same name, and it was in the belief that a mistake might thus have arisen that we used the expression that his ticket was "said to show" a certain figure. Our correspondent assures us it did show that figure, and this being so, the executive, of course, could only act as they did, disallow the score. "Rifleman" evidently was not one of those who took his position at the butts sharp at the time appointed for firing to commence on the afternoon of the second day, and had to wait the best part of an hour while, as was then explained, the targets were being changed, or he would not write as he does on this point. However,

we are always pleased to hear from our readers concerning any statements in which they believe us to be in error. For our own part we do not like faultfinding when it can conscientiously be dispensed with, but when occasion calls for it we hope, as our correspondent puts it, to act "without fear or favor."

AT the Rideau range, which has been closed since Tuesday, every preparation is being made for the D.R.A. annual meeting, which opens next Monday. Great improvements have been made in the target accommodation, at the firing points, and in other ways, all of which will no doubt be appreciated by the marksmen. The British Columbia team of nine men, under command of Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, is expected in Ottawa to-morrow. The Manitoba contingent are at present taking part in the Ontario provincial matches at Toronto, where they seem to hold their own pretty well. It is a pity the British Columbia team could not also have been present at Toronto, where it would have had excellent practice for the meeting here.

BY order of His Royal Highness the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, the prohibition against soldiers smoking in the streets has been removed, and the following clause has accordingly been substituted for the last sentence of paragraph 18, section 7, Queen's Regulations and Orders for the army, 1885:—"Soldiers are not to go beyond the precincts of their barracks unless properly dressed, and they are not to smoke in the streets until after 5 p.m. from October 1 to March 31, and 6 p.m. from April 1 to September 30." Our attention has several times been called to this new regulation and it has been brought forward as justification for our militiamen smoking in the streets, but we cannot see that the cases are at all paralleled. In the latter instance uniform is donned for at most only a few days in every year, while Tommy Atkins never gets out of his and has few chances to smoke in barracks. We hope commanding officers, as well as the officer commanding the militia, will not tolerate a custom that appears to us, notwithstanding its official recognition in the British army, unsoldierlike, when so little self-restraint is involved in its avoidance. A Canadian militiaman can find plenty of opportunities for smoking without having to indulge in public places.

ADVICES from England go to show that Canada and the other dependencies are rapidly claiming increased attention in the mother country, a feeling that the Indian and Colonial Exhibition has done much to foster, until to-day the mere fact that a man is a Canadian will ensure him a cordial reception at any English meeting. H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge took occasion at Wimbledon, and on several other public occasions recently, to allude to the rapidly strengthening bond of union between the mother country and the colonies, and pointed out how the Empire had frequently received help of armed men, the extent of the help having only been limited by the limited needs of the war office. There is no doubt that all this points to the increasing popularity of a sentiment of Imperial federation, but as yet that scheme is only a sentiment, and will take a long time so to ripen events as to make any federation a practical possibility.