

### British Columbia Rifle Association.

THE fourteenth annual prize meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association will be held at the Clover Point Range, Victoria, on Wednesday the 20th inst., and following days. A synopsis of the interesting programme to be then carried out is given below. The rifles used will be the short Snider, where not otherwise specified:

COMPETITION No. 1.—Open to members of the association. Range 200 yards; 7 shots; entrance 50 cents. 1st prize, \$12.50; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$7.50; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$3; three of \$2.50.

No. 2.—Nanaimo Corporation Prize.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200 and 400 yards; 5 shots at each; entrance 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup, presented by the mayor and council of Nanaimo, and \$12.50; 2nd, \$7.50; 3rd, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cup to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 3.—Lieutenant-Governor's Cup.—Open to members of the active militia of the military district, and to officers retired therefrom retaining rank. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup presented by the Hon. C. F. Cornwall, late lieutenant-governor, and \$12.50; 2nd, \$7.50; 3rd, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cup to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 4.—New Westminster Stakes.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200 and 400 yards; 5 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup, presented by the citizens of New Westminster, and \$12.50; 2nd prize, "Occident Challenge Cup," presented by the late J. Howison, and \$7.50; 3rd, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cups to be won twice before becoming the property of any competitors.

No. 5.—Victoria Corporation Match.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup, presented by the mayor and council of Victoria, and \$12.50; 2nd, \$7.50; four prizes of \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 6.—Laurie Bugle Match.—To be competed for by teams of ten members of the active militia, selected respectively from Victoria and New Westminster. Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards; 5 rounds at each; Snider rifle, Government issue; entrance, \$2.50 each team; winning team, each \$4. The locality winning this silver bugle, presented by Major-General Laurie, late D.A.G., to hold a local competition amongst the several corps there established, of ten men from each corps, under the above conditions as to rifles, rounds and distances. The bugle to be held by the winning team for the year.

No. 7.—Chapleau Challenge Cup.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards; 5 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, challenge cup presented by Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Secretary of State, and \$12.50; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$7.50; 4th, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50. The cup to be won twice before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 8.—Association Stakes.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$5; four prizes of \$2.

No. 9.—All Comers' Match.—Open as in No. 1. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; 5 shots at each; any rifle; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, \$12.50; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5; five prizes of \$2.50.

No. 10.—Consolation Prizes.—Open as in No. 1 to those who have not won a prize at this meeting to the value of \$5, and who have competed in not less than three matches. Range, 400 yards; 7 shots; entrance, 50 cents. 1st prize, \$10; 2nd, \$7.50; 3rd, \$5; three prizes of \$2.50.

No. 11.—Militia Aggregates.—Open to all efficient members of this military district, who are reported by their commanding officers as efficient under the regulations for the annual drill of 1886-87. Entrance fee, 50 cents. Prizes to be awarded to the highest aggregate scores at 500 and 600 yards, in competitions Nos. 3, 5 and 8. 1st prize, the Governor-General's silver medal; 2nd prize, the Governor-General's bronze medal.

No. 12.—Grand Aggregate Prizes.—Open as in No. 3 to the highest aggregate scores in competitions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8. Entrance fee, \$2. 1st prize, the D.C.R.A. silver medal, gold badge of the B.C. rifle association, and \$15; 2nd prize, silver badge of the B.C. rifle association and \$10; 3rd, \$7.50; two prizes of \$5. The highest aggregate scores made by n.c.o's. and men of the active militia of the military district to determine the provincial team to take part in the Dominion matches at Ottawa this year.

### The Wimbledon Meeting.

THE annual prize meeting of the National rifle association opened at Wimbledon on Monday of this week. The Canadian team went into camp at the usual quarters on Saturday last, after having had a week's practice at Cambridge. This is about all that has been heard of the team on this side since they sailed from Quebec on the 23rd ult. The Canadian twenty are those named in the MILITIA GAZETTE some weeks ago, with the exception that Sergt. Goudie of the 8th having found it impossible to go, the vacancy thus created has been filled by Lieut. Smith of the 71st.

The magnitude of the meeting is something hardly realized by those who have not visited the common. The following statement of the number of entries for the principal matches this year and last may give some idea of this. It will be observed that there is this year a considerable increase. The figures given are up to the first closing dates, but there are always post entries:

	1886	1887	Inc		1886	1887	Inc
Queen's	2,380	2,419	39	Windmill	1,523	1,567	44
St. George's	2,283	2,315	32	Daily Telegraph	1,604	1,616	12
Alexandra	1,596	1,655	59	All Comers' Aggregate	1,071	1,139	68
Alfred	1,241	1,389	48	Volunteer Aggregate	1,241	1,319	78
Martins	1,483	1,567	84	Grand Aggregate	1,018	1,083	65

#### COLONIAL TEAMS.

Besides the Canadians, colonial teams from India and from Cape Colony will this year be entered for the Kolapore cup competition, to shoot against the mother country team. Of the prospects for the Indian team the *Broad Arrow* says: There will be a sufficient number of good men from India on the commission in connection with the

Indian volunteer team for the great meeting at Wimbledon to warrant expectation of creditable results. Nearly all of them took part in the series of competitions arranged for the selection of a team, namely, six separate monthly matches at 200, 500 and 600 yards (the Kolapore cup ranges), and the final competition confined to the thirty competitors who had obtained the best aggregate scores. As between three and four hundred of the best volunteer marksmen in India, from South Coorg to Rawul Pindi and Rangoon, were engaged in the competitions, the results should afford a fair guarantee that the men selected are steady and reliable marksmen. The five members of the team chosen in this way are:—Capt. Tickner, 3rd Punjab Volunteer Rifles, Lahore; Lieut. T. M. English, Bombay Volunteer Rifles, Bombay; Sergt. Jenkins, E. I. Railway Volunteers, Jamalpore (Bengal); Sergt. Millard, 3rd Punjab Volunteer Rifles, Rawul Pindi; and Color-Sergt. Maher, Rangoon Volunteers, Rangoon. A second Bombay man, Q.-Master-Sergt. Watkins, shot into a place, but was unfortunately unable to obtain leave. Besides the five named, three others who took part in the competitions (and who had gained places, if the funds had permitted of the original idea of sending ten men being carried out), are going at their own cost, namely:—Col. Sergt. Hepburn, Poona Volunteers, Kirkee; Capt. Macpherson, B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteers, Ghadechi, Kattywar; and Lieut. Whitehead, Calcutta Volunteers, Calcutta. Further, Major Browne, Calcutta Volunteers, a well-known member of the old Northern India Rifle Association, a capital shot, and himself a member and warm supporter of the Indian Volunteer Rifle Association; Capt. Rickie, 3rd Punjab Volunteer Rifles, a rival of Capt. Lamb and Lieut. Hayden, the N. I. R. A. and W. I. R. A. champions; and Capt. Phillips, Poona Volunteers, who is well known amongst shooting volunteers in India, will, we hear, be on the spot and available. For the Kolapore Cup, the only team match for which the Indian volunteers can compete, eight men are required, and the above list shows eleven "good men and true" to select from. They are all entered for the chief individual matches, including the Queen's and St. George's Vase; and some (including Lieut. Whitehead, who won the N. R. A. medal at the Poona "big meeting" in 1881) are entitled to shoot for the Prince of Wales's prize. Major Browne will be captain of the team, and Lieut. Whitehead adjutant. Some changes will be made in last year's arrangements; for instance, the team will probably live out of camp and thus avoid the discomforts of wet beds, etc., which were a subject of complaint last year. If they are only fortunate enough to have fine weather, the team should do well.

A Port Elizabeth correspondent of the *Volunteer Service Gazette* says of the Cape Colony team: The long talked-about subject of the Cape Colony being represented at Wimbledon by a team of riflemen has at last assumed a practical form. The several volunteer corps of the colony have subscribed £700, and the Government have arranged to grant £300, which brings the total amount to £1,000. The steamship (Union) company have also acted very liberally in the matter by offering to convey the team to and from England at the reasonable charge of £35 per man. The final qualification match for places in the team was fired at Knib's River on Thursday, May 26, last. The conditions of the match were the same as for the Queen's prize, 1886. There were eighteen entries in the competition, and following are the full scores of the ten selected to represent the colony:—

FIRST STAGE.—Distance 200, 500 and 600 yards (aggregate.) Number of shots, seven at each distance.

Gunner Bosenberg, P.A.O.V.A.	32	33	27	92	Private Campbell, C.T.H.	27	29	30	86
Arm-Sergt D Menzies, C.T.H.	28	33	30	91	Lieut Webster, D.E.O.V.R.	28	28	26	82
Sergt Grant, P.A.O.V.A.	33	28	30	91	Capt Art, D.E.O.V.R.	27	27	24	78
Lieut Gracie, D.E.O.V.R.	29	32	29	90	Stf-Sergt Clarry, P.A.G.	25	24	25	74
Sergt Orchard, D.E.O.V.R.	20	27	30	87	Major Inglesby, P.A.O.V.A.	25	25	24	74

The highest score in this stage last year was 96 points. The "Kolapore Cup," fired for by a team of eight men, under the same conditions, was taken last year with a score of 666 points, an average of 83.25. The eight highest scores of those finally selected to go home averaged 87.12.

SECOND STAGE.—Distances, 500 and 600 yards; ten shots at 500, and 15 at 600 yards. The following are the scores at this stage, the grand total representing the aggregate for this together with the first stage.

	F.S.	500	600	Tl.		F.S.	500	600	Tl.
Lieut Gracie	90	39	68	197	Lieut Webster	82	41	61	184
Pte Campbell	86	42	64	192	Capt Art	78	44	58	180
Sergt Grant	91	45	56	192	Sergt Orchard	87	37	54	178
Gunner Bosenberg	92	37	57	186	Stf-Sergt Clarry	74	41	61	176
Arm-Sergt Menzies	91	45	50	186	Major Inglesby	74	39	56	169

The highest score in this stage last year was 194 points. Lieut. Gracie, who took premier position from this point, put on a splendid score of 68 points out of a possible 75 at the 600 yards range. The competition was then continued to the

THIRD STAGE.—Distances, 800 and 900 yards; number of shots, ten at each distance. The places of the competitors to be decided by their aggregate scores in the three stages, the first ten being selected to represent the colony. The following are the scores at this range, together with the aggregate for the whole competition at the three ranges:

	S.S.	800	900	Tl.		S.S.	800	900	Tl.
Capt. Gracie	197	42	37	276	Staff-Sergt. Clarry	176	39	21	236
Sergt. Grant	192	31	34	257	Pte. Gilder	165	37	30	232
Sergt. Orchard	178	41	36	255	L.-Corpl. Pack	167	40	25	232
Pte. Campbell	192	28	33	253	Q.-M.-Sergt. Ponton	163	28	40	231
Arm-Sergt. Menzies	186	38	28	252	Lieut. Searle	167	34	30	231
Lieut. Webster	184	34	32	250	Sergt. A. Menzies	183	23	25	231
Gr. Bosenberg	186	35	29	250	Corpl. Preston	167	34	27	228
Capt. Art	180	32	33	245	Pte. Woodhead	165	36	24	225
Major Inglesby	169	38	29	236	Sergt. McAlister	164	29	16	209

The highest aggregate made last year was 255 points, there being three competitors with that total. The result of the above shooting shows that in the team for England the Duke of Edinburgh Rifles are represented by four—Capts. Gracie and Art, Lieut. Webster, and Sergt. Orchard; the P.A.O.V. artillery by three—Major Inglesby, Sergt. Grant, and Gunner Bosenberg; the Cape Town Highlanders by two—Arm-Sergt. Menzies and Pte. Campbell; and the Prince Alfred's Guard by Staff-Sergt. Clarry.

Although not a very distant neighbor, the republic of Venezuela is little known to Northern Americans. A land of perpetual summer, it presents many and varied attractions to the tourist which are to be pleasantly set forth by Dr. W. F. Hutchinson in *The American Magazine* for August, with a portrait of the renowned Venezuelan President, General Guzman Blanco.

Recent methods of education form the subject of an essay by Col. I. Edwards Clarke, to appear in the next number of *The American Magazine*. Col. Clarke's connection with the Bureau of Education at Washington enables him to give a trustworthy review of the changes which he regards as the beginning of a new era.