

Finally, by the Canadian route, Russia has many points on the Pacific at which she can intercept with certainty the British transports, viz., at Vancouver, at the Sandwich Isles, at Hong Kong, and at the narrow channels of the East Indian Islands.

Any of your readers can corroborate the above data for themselves. The Canadian Pacific railway has added enormously to the Imperial naval strength on the Pacific, but has little or no effect on the Indian Empire.

There is one other point to be considered—namely, the power of the Canadian Pacific railway to transport troops and munitions of war across the continent. It has been stated that 8,000 troops with their material complete can be transported daily by the Canadian Pacific railway for seven days in succession. This is an extremely high estimate for a single line of rail over such an enormous distance, according to European experience, and before accepting such an estimate, or even one approximating to it, the opinion of a competent military man, having the necessary data before him to make his calculations, should be taken.

### The Target.

**Ottawa.**—Match No. 4 of the Guards' Rifle Association programme, which could not be completed on the 22nd, on account of darkness coming on, was fired over again on Saturday last, the 29th, all scores made the previous week having been declared null. A heavy fall of snow being in progress, and fierce wind blowing, the scores were of necessity small, and an additional difficulty was the fact that the targets were hardly discernible against the white background of snow. About twenty competitors braved the storm, and these won prizes in the following order:

Sergt Short, No 2 Co.....	27	Pte Taylor, No 1.....	17
Col-Sergt Maillene, No 2.....	26	Pte French, No 1.....	16
Col-Sergt Ross, No 5.....	24	Bandsman Lamb, No 2.....	16
Corpl Watts, No 1.....	21	Pte Brown, No 2.....	11
Pte Morrison, No 3.....	21	L-Corp Gordon, No 1.....	10
Lieut Winter, (no prize).....	20	Corpl Carroll, No 4.....	9
Sergt Reardon, No 4.....	20	Pte White, No 3.....	8
Sergt McCarthy, No 5.....	18	Bandsman T Benbow, No 1.....	7

This match decided the grand aggregate prize winners. Four medals had been offered for the highest scores in the 3rd, 4th and 5th matches, the leaders to have their choice in succession. Sergt. Short, who was first, with 69 points, chose the D. R. A. medal; he has already a bronze *fac simile* of Lord Dufferin's silver medal, which latter is held for a year by the winner and then returned to the association, being replaced by a bronze *fac simile* annually presented by His Excellency. Col-Sergt. Maillene, with 61 points, chose Lord Dufferin's medal; Pte. J. D. Taylor, 61 also, the O. R. A. medal, and Col-Sergt. Ross, 60, the medal presented by Mr. Gauthier, formerly lieutenant in the Guards, and to be won twice in succession before becoming absolute property.

**Toronto.**—The 9th annual prize meeting of the Toronto Rifle Association was held on the Garrison Common on the 26th ult. The attendance was up to former years, and on the whole the shooting was higher. The following were the prize winners and their scores:—

Association match No. 1.—200 and 400 yards, seven shots at each range; 200, kneeling; 400, prone.

\$36 00 T Mitchell.....	66	\$ 4 00 F Kennedy.....	61
27 00 W Ashall.....	64	3 50 A G Ronan.....	61
11 00 G Thompson.....	63	3 00 J Lanskill.....	59
7 00 J M Delamere.....	63	1 50 R F Argles.....	57
4 00 A Elliott.....	61	1 50 A D Crooks.....	57

Two 57's counted out.

The Association No. 2.—200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each range; 200, kneeling; 500 and 600, prone.

\$17 A G Ronan.....	83	\$ 5 A D Cartwright.....	69
15 T Mitchell.....	82	5 A Elliott.....	68
11 Geo Thompson.....	80	2 H Tew.....	68
9 J M Delamere.....	73	2 W Ashall.....	68
9 T Hamon.....	72	2 A D Crooks.....	67
8 F Brown.....	69	1 F Kennedy.....	67
7 J Stewart.....	69	1 J D Forman.....	65
6 W S Duncan.....	69		

Three 65's counted out.

#### AGGREGATE.

1. The Association Cup, value \$40; to be won twice, T Mitchell.....	148
2. Best aggregate score at 500 and 600 yards, Trowen Medal; to be won twice. A G Ronan.....	54

#### SEASON'S AGGREGATE.

The four highest scores during the season's practice, adding scores in matches Nos. 1 and 2.

1. President's gold medal, T Mitchell.....	495
2. 1st Vice-President's gold medal, F Kennedy.....	490
3. 2nd Vice-President's gold medal, G Thompson.....	462
4. President's silver medal, W Ashall.....	460

#### QUEEN'S OWN COMPANY MATCHES.

Scores of the leading prize winners of four companies of the Queen's Own Rifles, whose annual matches were held on the Garrison common ranges on the 22nd ult., have been forwarded for publication. They are given below. The ranges were 200, 400 and 500 yards; five shots at each range:

"A" company.—Sergt. Howard, 55, \$40; Pte. F. Westman, 50, \$17; Pte. Duncan, 49, \$16; Col-Sergt. Donnelly, 47, \$15; Pte. E. Westman, 46, \$12; Corp. McNeily, 44, 10. There were twelve other prizes, one 27 being counted out. Range prizes were won by the following:—200 yards—Sergt. Howard, 22; Pte. Meadows, 18. 400 yards—Pte. Duncan, 22; Sergt. Gorrie, 19. 500 yards—Col-Sergt. Donnelly, 18; Pte. Westman, E, 17; Bug-Corp. Emery, 16.

The match open to ex-members of the company not members of other corps was won by N. Schmidt, with Lieut.-Col. Allan second.

"B" company.—Pte. A. R. Dewdney, medal and \$12; Col-Sergt. Cooper, medal and \$10; Pte. Goldsmith, \$8; Sergt. Hunt, \$7; Pte. Clopp, \$6. Sixteen other prizes were given, besides those for the separate ranges, which were won as follows:—200 yards—Pte. Howard and Sergt. Hunt. 400 yards—Pte. Clopp and Pte. Langton. 500 yards—Pte. A. R. Dewdney and Col-Sergt. Cooper.

"D" company.—Sergt.-Major Cunningham, 54, \$33; Pte. J. Blainey, 51, \$12; Pte. J. K. B. Turner, 40, \$10; Pte. J. M. Wright, 40, \$9; Pte. R. G. Davis, 39, \$9. Nineteen other prizes were given in the match. The ex-members' match was won by ex-Corp. Pearcy, with ex-Sergt. Medland second.

"H" company.—Sergt. S. Small, Pte. E. E. Argles, Pte. C. F. Jones, Pte. C. A. Bogert, Pte. Bromley, Pte. R. F. Argles, Corp. S. Jones. Non-prizemen's match.—Open to those who had never won a prize in any rifle match; ranges, 200 and 400 yards—Pte. H. Bromley, Pte. H. Smith, Pte. C. W. Nasmith, Pte. C. H. Godfrey, Pte. N. F. Reid.

The annual meeting of the Halifax County Rifle Association was held at the artillery gun shed on Tuesday, 25th October. In the absence of the president, Lieut.-Col. J. B. Murray, Major Weston presided. Lieut. L. J. Bland, the secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were, on motion, approved. On motion of Capt. Anderson, seconded by Capt. Garrison, it was decided to have two competitions each year instead of one. On motion of Capt. Adams, seconded by Sergt.-Major Lockhart, it was decided to have one of these with the Snider and the other with the Martini rifle. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Lieut.-Col. J. R. Murray; secretary-treasurer, Lieut. L. J. Bland. Members of council—Capt. Harris, H.G.A.; Major Weston, 66th P.L.F.; Capt. Garrison, H.G.A.; Major Walsh, 63rd; Sergt.-Major Gibson, 66th P.L.F.; Capt. Crane, 63rd; Capt. Balcome, retired; Capt. Adams, H.G.A. The presentation of prizes won at the annual competition, the scores of which appeared in last issue, was then proceeded with.

#### THE GRENADIERS' MATCHES.

Owing, says the *Mail*, to the tardiness in receiving permission from Ottawa to fire the annual match of the Royal Grenadiers on the Garrison common it threw it very late in the season. Saturday was most disagreeably cold, the wind sometimes blowing a hurricane almost. Notwithstanding this, some good scores were made and the match passed off well. The excellent management of the rifle committee, composed of Capt. Bruce, Lieuts. Gibson and Cameron, showed itself in the fact that everything passed off pleasantly. The number of competitors was large, considering the lateness of the match and the unfavorable day. Following are the results:—

Regimental Match No. 1.—Open to any member of the regiment. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 5 shots.

D R A medal and \$6, Pte W Jack, G.....	57	\$3 50 Staff-Sergt Curran, A.....	44
O R A medal and \$4, Staff-Sergt Mitchell, G.....	53	3 00 Capt Bruce, G.....	43
\$12 00 Sergt Mowat, A.....	51	2 50 Sergt Johnston, F.....	42
11 00 Pte Hume, D.....	46	2 00 Pte Winner, H.....	42
8 50 Staff-Sergt Dent, G.....	46	1 50 Pte Cochrane, G.....	42
6 50 Sergt W Dent, G.....	46	1 50 Col-Sergt Curzon, G.....	42
5 50 Corpl Dye, C.....	44	1 00 Corpl Coe, H.....	42

Regimental Match No. 2.—Open to all non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment. Ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards, 5 shots.

\$12 00 Sergt Mowat, A.....	69	\$4 50 Corpl Coe, H.....	49
10 00 Pte Jack, G.....	64	4 00 Staff-Sergt Dent, G.....	49
— Capt Bruce, G.....	59	3 75 Corpl Hare, H.....	48
9 00 Corp McDonald, H.....	53	3 00 Sergt W Dent, G.....	47
8 50 Pte Widmer, H.....	52	2 25 Sergt Jack, D.....	47
7 50 Col-Sergt Curzon, G.....	52	2 00 Pte Hume, D.....	46
6 50 Pte Cochrane, G.....	51	2 00 Sergt Foley, C.....	46
6 00 Staff-Sergt T Mitchell, G.....	51	1 75 Sergt Cox, A.....	46
5 50 Drummer Waterhouse.....	51	1 50 Staff-Sergt Harding, A.....	45
5 50 Staff-Sergt Curran, A.....	50	1 00 Pte McGregor, A.....	45
5 00 Bandsman Woodruff.....	50	1 00 Pte Stimman, A.....	44

Nursery Match.—Open to all non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment who have never won a prize at any military match. Ranges 200 and 400 yards, five shots.

\$12 00 Pte McGregor, A.....	45	\$2 50 Corpl. Stimman, A.....	25
10 00 Pte G Irwin, D.....	33	2 00 Corpl. Stretton, F.....	24
8 00 Pte Heron, B.....	30	1 75 Pte Towers, A.....	23
7 00 Corpl Hare, H.....	30	1 75 Pte D Irwin, D.....	23
6 00 Pte Stokes, A.....	29	1 50 Drummer Impey.....	23
5 50 Corpl Dye, C.....	28	1 25 Sergt Kilby, H.....	22
5 00 Pte Martin, D.....	27	1 00 Pte Cooper, G.....	21
4 50 Pte Sparling, C.....	27	1 00 Sergt Doughty, H.....	19
4 00 Pte Sheffer, H.....	26	1 00 Pte J Hughes, G.....	19
3 00 Bugler Johnston, G.....	25	1 00 Pte Heaney, G.....	18

Officers' Match.—Open to any commissioned officer in the regiment. Ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards, five shots.

Capt Bruce.....	59	Ast-Sgn King.....	35
Lieut Low.....	40	Lieut Gibson.....	30
Capt Eliot.....	35		

Non-commissioned Officers' Match.—Open to any non-commissioned officer in the regiment. Ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards, five shots.

\$9 00 Sergt Mowat, A.....	69	\$4 50 Staff-Sergt Dent, G.....	49
8 00 Col-Sergt Curzon, G.....	52	3 75 Corpl Hare, H.....	48
6 50 Staff-Sergt Mitchell, G.....	51	3 00 Sergt W Dent, G.....	47
6 00 Staff-Sergt Curran, A.....	50	2 25 Sergt Jack, D.....	47
5 50 Corpl Coe, H.....	49	2 00 Sergt Foley, C.....	46

Band and Drummers' Match.—Open to any member of the band and drummers of the regiment. Ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards, five shots.

\$10 00 Drummer Waterhouse.....	51	\$5 00 Bandsman R Cuseck.....	20
8 00 Bandsman Woodruff.....	50	4 00 Bugler Cuthbert.....	28
7 50 Bugle-Sergeant Bewley.....	44	3 00 Drummer Impey.....	28
6 50 Bugler Johnson.....	40	2 25 Bandsman Benson.....	24
6 00 Bandsman McClay.....	32	1 50 Drummer Stewart.....	23

Aggregate Match.—Open to any member of the regiment; ranges, 200, 400, 500 and 600 yards; prize, silver cup, value \$30. Conditions.—To be won by the same member of the regiment twice before becoming the absolute property of the winner. Pte. W. J. Jack, G. Co. (80 points.)

Non-commissioned Officers' Challenge Cup.—Open to teams of five non-commissioned officers from each company; prize, challenge cup, value \$60; cup to be held by Sergeants' mess; 2nd, the Toronto Silver Plate Co.'s cup, value \$50; to be held one year by captain of winning team. First, "A" Co. (Capt. Davidson) team, Sergt. Mowat, Staff-Sergt. Curran, Col-Sergt. Cusick, Sergt. Cox, Corp. Steinman; second, "G" Co. (Capt. Bruce.)

Volley Firing.—To be competed for by teams of five officers, non-commissioned officers or men per company. Ranges and positions, 200 yards standing, 400 yards kneeling; rounds, 5 at each range; prize, Toronto Silver Plate Co.'s cup, value \$50, and one volume of poems to each member of the winning team; conditions, to be won three times before becoming the absolute property of winners.

Won in 1885, by "G" company. Won in 1886, by "G" company. Won in 1887, and finally, by "G" company. Team.—Capt. Bruce, Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, Staff-Sergt. Dent, Sergt. Dent, Pte. Jack.

Officers' Team Match.—Open to teams of three officers (or less) of any one company or any three staff officers (chosen by lot) of the regiment. Prize.—Cosgrave Cup. Conditions.—The cup to be shot for every year, and to be held by the officer making the highest score in the winning team. "G" company, Capt. Bruce, 59 points.