

The Rifle.

As an instance of what organization will accomplish, a correspondent writes to the *Times*, of Moncton, N.B., giving facts and figures to show that the improvement consequent on the establishment of the Westmoreland County Rifle Association has made that the banner rifle shooting county in the province.

VICS vs. ROYAL SCOTS.

A Snider rifle match took place last Saturday at Montreal between teams from No. 3 company of the Victoria Rifles and from the Fifth Royal Scots. The range was 100 yards; the light was bright and the fouling dry. D. R. A. revolver targets were used. The Vics. won by 12 points, the scores being:

Vics.		ROYAL SCOTS.	
Lt. Desbarats.....	5 4 4 5 4 4 5—31	Col.-Sergt. Allen....	5 4 4 4 4 4 4—29
Pte. McMartin.....	5 4 4 4 5 4 4—30	Pipe-Sergt. Clarke..	3 4 4 5 4 4 4—28
Corpl. Binmore....	4 5 4 5 4 4 4—30	Pte. Currie.....	4 5 4 4 4 3 4—28
Lc.-Corpl. Mathews.	5 4 4 4 4 4 4—29	Pte. Kambery.....	3 4 4 3 4 4 4—27
Lt. Carter.....	3 5 4 4 4 4 4—28	Capt. Ibbotson.....	3 4 4 2 4 3 3—24
Total.....	148	Total.....	136
Average.....	29.6.	Average.....	27.2.

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

We have been requested to publish, for the information of all concerned, the following questions constantly being addressed to the secretary of the Canadian Military Rifle League, together with the answers to them:—

Q.—What are the arrangements for telegraphing scores? Ans.—Hand your telegram in at the C. P. R. telegraph office and pay your 50c. It is then sent to the chief operator at Montreal, and as soon as he has received all the scores, a despatch is sent to each team containing said scores.

Q.—May associations in the North-West Territories enter teams? Ans.—Yes, on account of there being no militia corps there.

Q.—May cavalry corps shoot with "long Snider"? Ans.—Yes; long, short or carbine.

Q.—How many teams may a battalion enter? Ans.—As many as they like.

Q.—How many individual prizes will there be? Ans.—Will be determined when all the entrance fees have been received.

Q.—What salaries will the secretary and treasurer receive? Ans.—None.

Q.—Will the MILITIA GAZETTE publish all individual scores after each match? Ans.—Yes.

Q.—What qualifies a man to shoot in a league team? Ans.—He must belong to the corps previous to 1st May, 1890.

Q.—May retired officers shoot in a league team? Ans.—No.

Q.—Will the prizes become the property of winners when once won? Ans.—Yes.

Q.—In a place like Montreal, when six or eight teams are shooting side by side, will one range officer do for all? Ans.—No; there must be two at least.

THE AIM REFLECTOR.

An exceedingly useful invention for musketry instructors is the aim reflector, a new pattern of which has lately been introduced by Messrs. W. J. Jeffery & Co., the military rifle makers whose name is so familiar in our advertising columns. These reflectors are now very generally in use by both Volunteers and Regulars in England and in India. The reflector can be used on the rifle when the recruit is at target practice, the instructor being able to watch the aiming up to the very second that the trigger is pulled. Using these aim reflectors renders it unnecessary to request a recruit to aim at the instructor's eye to show how he took his sights in aiming, and removes the possibility of accidents such as the following which recently took place at one of the London ranges:

Instructor, to recruit who had fired ten shots at 100 yards and missed the target each time—"Just come back here a minute and let me see how you aim." (Recruit steps back.) "Now, mount the rifle three or four times and aim at my eye without pulling the trigger." (Recruit does so.) "Now, mount the rifle and take aim at my eye, and when steady, gently pull the trigger when I say "pull." Recruit mounts the rifle, aims at the instructor's eye, with his finger on the trigger, and at last the Instructor says "Pull." The recruit says, "Shall I, Sir, I have got a bullet in?" One who witnessed the above states that the instructor retired rapidly to the rear of that recruit, and that he did not get over his fright for several days.

The Emperor of Germany is said to be going to appoint a Court of Honor to deal with quarrels between officers in the Army. A duel will only be permitted to be fought for a blow or an insult to a lady relative or fiancée where the offender refuses to apologize.

By April 1 it is expected that the whole of the German Army will be equipped with the new small bore repeating rifle. Germany has thus once more anticipated all other armies in adopting a new armament.

Some time ago a correspondent of *Forest and Stream* made an enquiry of the height a rifle ball would attain if shot perpendicularly in the air. It took about 52 sec. from the time the rifle was fired until the ball reached the water. According to theory it takes as long for the ball to go up as it does to fall, then in falling the time would be 26 sec. Leaving out atmosphere, etc., the following formula may be taken: $S = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$, where S = space passed over; g = gravity (about 32), t^2 = square of time; then $S = 16 \times (26)^2 = 10,816$ ft., or over two miles high. Theoretically the ball went over two miles high.

The troubles of the 110-ton guns will never cease. No sooner do we begin to give them a little peace above water, than they take, or one of them does, to going under it. The delinquent was about to be carried to Malta as a reserve for the *Benbow*, when on Wednesday the steamer in which it was part cargo sank to the bottom of the Thames. It will be a ticklish job weighing this monster piece of ordnance, and meanwhile the *Benbow* must put up with the guns she has.—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

The story of Jessie Brown's hearing the battle cry of the Highlanders marching to the relief of Lucknow under Havelock is in danger of taking its place among the myths. At all events the story is undergoing a most thorough sifting in England. Mr. Archibald Forbes is among those who have come to the rescue of the imperilled reputation of "Highland Jessie." G. H. Lawrence, who was one of the garrison of Lucknow, tersely puts the case "that, considering the desperate nature of the fighting up to the Bailey Guard Gate, there was no room for music—not even of bagpipes."

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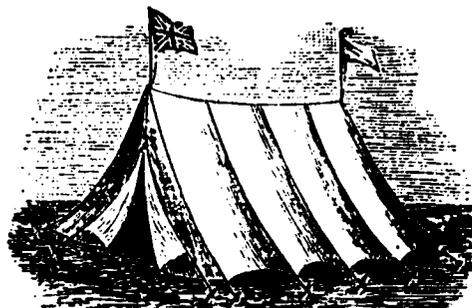


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