

RIFLE MATCHES.

RIFLE MATCH.—A shooting match between ten members of the Niagara Volunteer Company and ten members of the Virgil Volunteer Company, took place on the 3rd. The result was as follows:—

Niagara.....	134
Virgil.....	46

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VOLUNTEER SHOOTING MATCH AND SUPPER.

According to arrangement the Listowel Volunteer Company were visited by their comrades of Hollin, on Thursday last. Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather—fresh snow lying about a foot deep, and still snowing—both companies mustered in nearly full force, showing that their hearts are in the work. After partaking of lunch at the Commercial, the men marched to the range. It was well on in the afternoon before the weather cleared, so that it was impossible for all to shoot, and consequently ten men were chosen from each company to contest the match. The shooting on the whole was very good, and terminated in victory for the Hollin boys by two points. The range was 300 yards, 5 shots per man. Listowel Company scored 101 points and Hollin 103. The other match was at the same range, 3 rounds per man. Corporal T. Dazell, Hollin, was awarded the first prize on 10 points; and as privates Scott, Mannell, Lytle and Bugler McKechrine of Hollin, and McFall, Kerr, D. Bogues, and W. Bogues of Listowel, each had 9 points the balance of the money was divided equally among them. The following is the score:

LISTOWEL COMPANY.	
Sergt. D. Barber.....	10
" T. Hethers.....	7
Corp. G. Willis.....	12
" W. Bogues.....	11
Pte. R. Oke.....	11
" E. Willis.....	16
" H. Lundy.....	13
" W. Stinson.....	3
" W. Poland.....	5
" J. Kerr.....	13
HOLLIN COMPANY. 101	
Corpl Robinson.....	8
" Sleoman.....	14
Sergt. Campbell.....	15
Pte. J. Mannell.....	11
Rugler McKechrine.....	13
Sergt. Anderson.....	2
" Sajion.....	10
Pte. Tait.....	3
" Lytle.....	14
Sergt. Patterson.....	13

After the conclusion of the shooting-match the Companies returned to the village and paraded the streets, presenting quite a fine appearance. At six o'clock the officers and men of both Companies with invited guests, making a total of about 100 persons sat down to a splendid feed in the commodious hall of the Commercial Hotel. It is sufficient to say that the table was supplied in Mr. Zimmerman's usual splendid style, and that the Volunteers were in fine condition to do ample justice to the good things so plentifully supplied. After satisfying the cravings of appetite, drinkables were supplied, and Captain Campbell moved in the chair. After a few suitable preliminary remarks, the chairman read over the list of successful competitors, and paid over the prize money. He then proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were duly honored.—Listowel Banner.

RIFLE MATCH.—On Monday and Tuesday of last week the Princeton Rifle Company held their first annual rifle match, the members of the Company turning out in force. Considerable interest was manifested in the tournament.—The following are the awards:

- 1st Match, 200 and 400 yards. A. Henderson, Bible presented by the Rev. H. Bartlett. Value, \$10.
- 2nd. Mr. Longstreet, cash \$4,
- 3rd. J. Davis, Boots by Edgar & Son.
- 4th. Wm. Davis, Whip by H. Lawrence.
- 5th. Wm. Cowan, Cash \$1.

- Second Match, 300 and 400 yards.
- 1st. Alex. Wise. Colt's Revolver, presented by Major Cowan, value \$10.
- 2nd. Sergt. Green, cash \$8.
- 3rd. Corporal Hymers, \$6.
- 4th. Mr. Fawcett, \$4.
- 5th. Mr. Nelms, \$2.

Third Match. This was by all means the match of the day, 300 and 500 yards.

- 1st. Corporal Jas. Still, pair of pants by Scott & Bro. Value, \$8.
- 2nd. Ensign Williamson, a beautiful silver cup, presented by Wm. H. Landon Esq.—
- 3rd. Sergt. Fair, of the Drumbo Company. Boots by Forsyth.
- 4th. Wm. Parkinson, Boots by Ehle.

We understand there is to be a lively match come off at Princeton on Saturday at 10 o'clock between the Drumbo and Princeton Companies.—Brantford Courier

SUICIDE OF AN OFFICER OF THE 16TH REGT.

On the 7th inst. in Montreal at 5. p. m., an inquest was held at the officers' quarters of the 16th on the body of Arthur Cooch, a captain in that regiment, who had come to his death by his own hand on the morning of the same day. The Coroner's jury being sworn in,

Major Helyear, of the 16th Regiment, deposed to the effect: That deceased came out from England some days ago, and being strange to most of the officers of the Regiment, with us having known him previously invited him to share his sitting room, which he did for several days. During this time both he and Lieutenant Crofts, who had also known him previously, often observed his conduct was peculiar and that he seemed to be depressed. He appeared to dislike company, and some nights would go to bed at six o'clock, and when rallied on the circumstance by his brother officers, would give no definite reason. About six or seven days ago witness and Lieut Crofts were together with deceased in the major's room, when witness said, "I say, Cooch, you look as if you had got the horrors. He replied, somewhat excitedly, "Oh, no, no," and seemed irritated at the remark. There was no reason why he should be so, as the witness merely meant the remark in the sense in which it would be understood by officers and soldiers, namely, that he had been drinking and had *delirium tremens*. Witness however was unable to make him drink anything, though he had tried, for he thought it would do him good. His wife was in England, and he had not been long married; his father-in-law was Gen. Murray. A variety of trivial circumstances now recurred in the mind of the witness which, though scarcely noticed at the time, left no doubt that deceased was suffering from temporary insanity.

Private O'Keefe, of the 16th regiment, stated that he was servant to the deceased, and brought down his bath at 8:30, and soon afterwards his breakfast, the deceased being still in bed. He then went to a march-out, and before going told deceased that if he went out he must put the key in his pocket. He did not return till two o'clock, when on opening the door, he found him in front of the hearth, reclining with his head on his bed, and a pistol in his right hand, with which he had shot himself.

Lieut. Henry Crofts, of the 16th regiment, deposed that deceased belonged to the 2nd battalion of the 16th Regt. had known him for three years and a half in Halifax, Nova Scotia, up to 1865. Since his arrival in Montreal he had been very melancholy, and had shunned everybody's society. For the first two or three days witness talked to him a great deal about his old regiment; noticed his manner was strange, but did not know what the cause was. He had only been married two or three months; any person could walk into the room where deceased shot himself; he was fond of books and of very temperate habits; was not aware that there was any reverse in his pecuniary affairs; he wanted to go to India but was disappointed; was a very sober man.

John Foley, sworn; was a private in the 60th Rifles, and servant to Lieut. Colson of that regiment; was in the kitchen of No 36 Notre Dame street, about 10:30, when he heard the report of a pistol, but paid no attention to it, as it was a common occurrence for the officers of his regiment to fire pistols in their rooms. A dog that was in the kitchen at the same time got up and went towards the door, but witness drove him back and made him lie down.

Dr. Keir, sworn—Was assistant surgeon of the 16th Regiment. A soldier came to him between one and two o'clock, p. m., and requested him to go and see an officer who had shot himself. Witness went and found deceased in his room reclining on the hearth resting on his left thigh, with his head on his bed, and a pistol in his right hand. There was a pool of blood in the bed, which seemed to come from his mouth. There was no external wound on the body, which now lay in the same position in which it was found.

The jury now went to view the body, the deceased's room being a back room on the ground floor of the next house to that in which the inquest was held. The deceased was found as described, half reclining on the hearth, with his back towards the door, and his head resting on a small camp bed which was drawn across the hearth from the mantle piece. He was dressed in his trousers and a white shirt, and in his right hand, resting on the floor, held a pistol, apparently a small Smith & Wesson. His face was concealed by the bed clothes, on which there was a pool of blood, but the hair, which was brown, appeared to be neatly brushed. It was found on examination that he had shot himself in the mouth, and that the ball had passed out at the upper part of the skull.

The jury now returned to their room, and after a short consultation returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased had committed suicide while labouring under aberration of the mind.

In conclusion, we may state that Captain Cooch was only about 27 years old, and received his commission as ensign on the 16th of April, 1858, was promoted to lieutenant on the 10th of May, 1860, and had only recently obtained his captaincy, having been in the service ten years. The friends of the unfortunate gentleman have been written to, and will receive information of the sad event by the next mail.