

themselves would take any unfair advantage, but when a marker in the butt has a father, brother, or a friend firing at his target, and is not overburdened with scruples of conscience, there is nothing whatever to prevent him from giving first place to the man he wants to give it to.

I notice that the team from B Battery fired in the morning. Will you kindly let your readers know why they did so, and also if their marking was done partly or in whole by a fatigue party of their own men, or if it was done by the regular markers on the range.

Every true rifleman will agree with me in wanting to have these little matters of detail so arranged as to be above possibility of suspicion.

All exceptions to the general rules of the League should be duly notified to the other competitors, through the columns of this paper, and that everything may be fair and above board is the sincere wish of

MARK IV.

Montreal, May 26th, 1890.

The Rifle.

The Assiniboia Provincial Rifle Association have issued a programme of twenty-nine matches to be held this season, from the 17th May to the 27th September, between teams of the towns in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The matches are mostly for Sniders at Queen's ranges, but there are a number for "any rifles," as there are no militia there, and the Snider is not a favourite with the men having to purchase their own weapons. The system of telegraphic team competitions has been practised for two or three seasons in the Northwest with very happy results.

The Sixth Fusiliers' Rifle Association, Montreal, have organized for the season with these officers: President, Lt.-Col. Massey; 1st vice-president, Major Mooney; 2nd vice-president, Major Burland; honorary vice-presidents, Lt.-Col. Gardner, Lt.-Col. Sinton, Capt. R. G. Pettigrew, Lt.-Col. Martin and Lt.-Col. Theo. Lyman; secretary-treasurer, Lieut. A. E. Kemp; financial secretary, Staff-Sergt. Lavers; executive committee, Sergt. Riddle, A company; Col.-Sergt. Howard, B company; Col.-Sergt. Jas. Currie, C company; Sergt. W. White, D company; Col.-Sergt. W. J. Marks, E company; Col.-Sergt. E Pratt, F company; Bandsman T. Scott, Band. It was decided to have the annual matches the Saturday following those of the P.Q.R.A.

THE INTER-MARITIME MATCH.

The first practice for places on the Nova Scotia team for the annual inter-maritime match, took place at Bedford on Thursday the 22nd inst. Martin rifles were used. The weather was cold and the wind a strong and very tricky rear one.

Sgt.-Major Lockhart...	29	33	32	64	Sgt. Elliot, 63rd.....	29	28	22	79
Capt. Harris, H.G.A....	27	33	31	91	Capt. Silver, 63rd....	30	24	24	68
St.-Sgt. Murray, H.G.A.	31	31	26	88	Lt. Stevens, 66th....	28	27	23	78
Maj. Garrison, H.G.A.	28	28	31	87	Sgt. Mumford, 63rd..	20	31	25	76
Lt. Dimock, ".....	31	26	28	87	Col. Walsh, ".....	23	31	22	76
Capt. Adams, ".....	26	30	26	85	Capt. Bishop, ".....	29	31	16	76
Bmn. Defrayes, 63rd..	27	31	27	88	Lt. Dixon, ".....	24	28	23	75
S.-Sgt. Harris, H.G.A.	28	28	28	84	Br. Fader, H.G.A....	27	28	18	73
Major Egan, 63rd....	28	29	27	84	Capt. Corbin, 93rd....	29	21	23	72
Br. Campbell, H.G.A.	32	21	29	81	Gr. McEachran, H.G.A.	27	25	19	71
Lt. Flowers, ".....	31	21	29	81	Lt. Jacques, 72nd.....	28	26	15	64
S.-Sgt. Power, 63rd..	30	25	24	79					

MONTREAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Montreal Rifle Association held the first of its present season's monthly competitions at the Cote St. Luc ranges on Saturday, when there was a large turn out of riflemen, some 200 showing up on the field. The day was exceedingly fine, and some of the marksmen availed themselves of the opportunity of taking their wives and families into the country for a few hours, and whilst the husbands and fathers were firing away at the targets, the mothers were enjoying themselves chatting under the trees, and the children derived amusement from plucking such wild flowers as came within their reach. With the exception that the light was very variable, which made good shooting somewhat difficult, the day was all that a rifleman could desire. Concurrently with the monthly competition an open match was shot. Captain Hood discharged the duties of range officer, and under his direction the shooting was got through in very good time. The match resulted thus:—

	200	500	600	T'tl		200	500	600	T'tl
K. Mathews (N. R. A. medal).....	31	30	25	86	W. M. Blaiklock.....	24	26	27	77
J. Hood (table spoon)...	30	27	27	84	D. M. McMartin.....	31	25	31	77
R. McAfee (dessert spoon).....	29	28	25	82	G. Cook.....	23	21	30	74
D. McCrae (tea spoon)...	29	25	25	79	C. L. McAdam.....	27	22	25	74
J. W. Marks.....	27	28	24	79	R. Binmore.....	26	22	26	74
M. Pope.....	25	31	23	79	W. S. Dowker.....	22	24	27	73
J. Riddle.....	22	31	25	78	C. McArthur.....	27	29	17	73
J. J. Bell.....	27	27	24	78	J. Currie.....	18	26	27	71
					E. Pratt.....	27	21	23	71
					E. Desbarats.....	24	26	21	71

An open match was fired at the same time for eight cash prizes of from \$5 to \$1. The winners were the first seven named above and H. Todd, who took fourth place with a score of 79.

GUELPH RIFLEMEN.

The following were the practice scores at Guelph on Tuesday the 20th inst.

J. Goldie, Snider...	32	30	35	97	C. Armstrong, Snider...	31	21	26	78
J. Cröwe, ".....	29	31	29	89	C. E. Sleeman, ".....	28	20	26	74
E. A. Sleeman, ".....	27	30	26	83	J. Ogg, ".....	28	30	16	74
D. L. Shultz, ".....	32	25	25	82	G. Sleeman, Martini...	28	22	18	68
J. Wayner, Martini...	21	26	32	79	H. Norrish, Snider...	24	13	25	62

Mr. John Goldie's score of 97 out of a possible 105 is the largest ever made on the Guelph range. His possible of 35 points at 600 yards has never before been made on this range.

Regimental and Other News.

Lt. J. Ethier, Q.C., is to be appointed joint city attorney of Montreal, on condition of giving up his commission in the 65th Battalion, in which he is junior Major.

Lord Dufferin has sent a subscription of \$25 towards the fund for the erection of a monument to Major Short and Staff-Sergt. Wallick of B Battery, who met such a tragic death at the recent great fire in Quebec.

The 65th were to have had a parade and sham fight on Ascension Day, the 15th instant, but circumstances preventing the turnout on that day, it was held on the following Sunday. The *Witness* reports considerable indignation to have been aroused by the proceeding, and says: "This, it may be remarked, is not the first Sunday sham fight held here. Years ago a Sunday review was held here, and the famous General 'Stonewall' Jackson—noted both for his piety and his splendid courage—who was a visitor here at the time, attended it. Afterwards, in his diary, he expressed regret at having done so, and a determination to decline invitations to Sunday reviews thereafter."

The *Orillia Packet* of the 23rd inst. has a complimentary reference to the military services of Mr. Andrew Miscampbell, lumberman, who has just been nominated as the Liberal Conservative candidate in East Simcoe for the Ontario Legislature. From a mere lad he took an interest in military affairs, and was a member of the volunteer band at Barrie. He was one of the first to pass through the military school at Toronto, about 1863, and obtained a first-class certificate, though the examiners stated that it was not quite regular to grant it to one so young. In 1866 he was Sergeant-Major of the provisional battalion, now the 35th, Simcoe Foresters, while on service during and subsequent to the Fenian raid. Mr. Miscampbell was also for some years drill instructor of the Cookstown and Barrie (No. 5) Companies.

The Montreal Rifle Rangers of 1854.

The annual dinner of the "Montreal Rifle Rangers," which was held at the City Club, Montreal, on the evening of the 22nd May, came off with great éclat. Capt. Thomas Lyman (now Lieut.-Col. Lyman) occupied the chair, and Lieut.-Col. J. W. Hanson, formerly Brigade-Major of Militia (now residing at Berthier en haut), the vice-chair. Among those assembled around the festive board were the following old members of the corps: T. F. Blackwood of H. M. Customs, Toronto, G. W. Stephens, Esq., acting Mayor of Montreal, Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson, Director of Militia Stores, Ottawa, Alderman W. Farrel, Mr. Michael Bourret, Mr. Malcom Morison, Mr. Robert Forsyth, Mr. J. H. Wood, Mr. R. L. Gault, Mr. Walter Wiley, all of Montreal.

This corps was the first company formed in 1854, prior to the Militia Act of 1855, under the command of Cap. Thos. Lyman (now Lieut.-Col.) of Montreal, all the gentlemen present being members of the company when first formed.

After the usual loyal toasts were disposed of, speeches and songs were the order of the evening. Interesting addresses were delivered by Lieut.-Col. Lyman, Acting Mayor Stephens, Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Wiley and Lieut.-Col. Macpherson. The latter gave his old comrades some statistics of the Canadian militia, showing the results attained by the good example given them by the "Montreal Rifle Rangers," which was formed in 1854 and gazetted in 1855, being the first volunteer rifle company organized in Canada under the present militia system. He hoped that the annual gathering would be continued as long as any of the members of the old company are left. He contrasted the first turn out of the company of 80 as smart, tidy and soldierly looking men as ever drilled, with the remaining 24 men now in existence, and these scattered about in different parts of this continent.

It may be interesting to note in speaking of the early days of volunteering, that the cost of the uniform of the "Montreal Rifle Rangers" was £20 each and was paid by the members of the company. The youngest member is now over 55 years of age, and most of those left look as if they will meet at many annual gatherings yet.

Letters were read from Charles Nelson of St. Paul, Minn., John Pope of London Ont., and L. S. Levey, New York, expressing regret at not being able to attend.

During the evening the company was serenaded by the pipers of the