

FROM EXETER.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

A closely contested friendly Rifle Match took place at the Exeter Range, between ten picked men of No. 5 Company, from Bayfield and ten picked men of No. 6 Company of Exeter, on Friday the 10th ult. Both parties went in with a great deal of confidence, and could not have displayed more zeal if the fate of their beloved country depended on their unerring aim. The result was a defeat for Exeter, but the highly creditable manner in which they acquitted themselves show them to be no mean competitors, and those pitted against them were fully alive to the fact. The day was beautiful, very little wind prevailing. The firing on both sides was remarkably good, the winners beating their adversaries by four points only. The following are the names of the competitors on both sides, and their scores, the distance being 200 and 400 yards, five rounds at each range. It will be observed that the best single score was made by Sergt. Twentyman.

	BAYFIELD.		
	200 yds	400 yds	Total.
Lieut. Jackson,	15	10	25
Sergt. McCann,	18	12	30
" Twentyman,	17	18	35
" Joslin,	18	13	31
F. Twentyman,	12	5	17
Corpl. Johnston,	12	19	31
A. Hawke,	9	14	23
J. Williamson,	14	6	19
J. McLeod,	17	13	30
J. Robinson,	13	11	24

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Points in favor of Bayfield,

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EXETER.

	200 yds	400 yds	Total.
Ensign Howard,	15	14	29
Sergt. Dyer,	15	10	25
" Sanders,	15	15	30
Corpl. Lewis,	14	9	23
Wm. Gould,	14	14	28
J. Halls,	16	10	26
C. Hall,	13	9	22
T. Bissett, Snr.,	16	11	27
T. Bissett, Jr.,	12	11	23
T. Horn,	16	12	28

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After the conclusion of the Shooting Match the company returned to the village. At five o'clock the officers and men of both companies sat down to a dinner in Drews' Hotel. It is sufficient to say that they were all in fine condition to do ample justice to the good things which was plentifully supplied. After the eatables were removed the drinkables were supplied. Captain Wyndman remarked that this was the first match of the kind that had taken place in the Battalion, and he hoped it would be kept up. It was decided for the return match to take place on the following Friday, at the Bayfield Range. After a few valuable toasts and songs, they all parted with very friendly feelings.

FROM WHITBY.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

There is very little doing in the 34th Battalion. There has been no Battalion order special as yet in reference to the annual drill, but No. 10 Company, Canningford, have anticipated such order, and are putting in the drill, at the rate of six hours a day! There has been but one meeting of the officers in the same time. Apathy among the officers will soon produce the like feeling among the men. Companies No. 1 and 4, Whitby, met for target practice on the 10th inst. No. 1 mustered seven and No. 4, 21 members. The day was cold and raw, with the wind puffy from the left of line of fire. About eighteen dollars were distributed among the competitors. The subjoined score of the winners of prizes will show that the firing was very good. Ranges 200 and 300 yards. Two of the prizes were won by recruits, who handled the rifle for the first time on this occasion.

FIRST CLASS.

Pto. D. Cameron, (No. 1.)	33354	43424	33
Corporal White, "	44233	34423	32
Ensign Young, (No. 4.)	33344	33323	31
Corporal Waters, "	42423	30244	29
Lieut. Donovan, "	24233	42333	29

SECOND CLASS.

Sergt. White, (No. 1.)	22233	23343	27
Private Sullivan (No. 4.)	02222	02440	18
" Barnes, "	02220	30232	16
" Walkey, "	00222	30230	14
Sergt. Story, "	20423	00300	14

FROM MOORETOWN.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

With yourself, we feel fully satisfied that it is not so much the amount of drill as the willingness with which it is done, and the attention paid to it, that makes the citizen soldier. During our annual drill, just expired, the men turned out, not only with willingness, but with a determination to learn. The lowest number on parade any day (and that stormy) was thirty-one, averaging during the period of drill, forty-nine men. We commenced simple Light Cavalry formations, on foot, from the halt, afterwards on the move. The troop was then advanced in line, throwing out skirmishers from the right flank, teaching the men to advance and re're in this position. After going through the above exercises for six days the men were then mounted, and it is astonishing how well every movement was performed at a walk, trot and gallop. These men return home, and in a month or so forget the most they have learnt. Were this drill divided (and made compulsory) into two days a month, we think it would be to the advantage of the force. An extra day was devoted to ball practice, but owing to its being so very cold we only fired five rounds each, in two squads, the result of the highest number in each squad subjoined, and although the scoring is nothing extra, it is probably an average of what is generally made in private troop practice. The men complained much of the cold, which doubtless operated against them.

No. 1 Squad.

	200 yds	Total.
Captain Bridgewater,	2 0 3 3 3	11
Sergt. Baxter,	2 4 2 3 0	11
Corpl. Fisher,	0 3 2 3 2	10
R. McIntyre,	0 3 2 3 0	8
Private J. Gallerno,	3 3 3 2 0	11
" G. McKelvy,	2 3 3 2 3	13
" M. Bazo,	2 3 3 3 3	14
" G. Judson,	4 3 3 2 0	12
" R. Courtney,	3 3 2 2 0	10
" W. Gurd,	4 3 3 4 3	17
" W. Dennee,	3 3 2 2 2	12
" D. Beaton,	3 3 3 2 0	11
A. Gallerno,	3 3 3 3 0	12

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No. 2 Squad.

	200 yds	Total.
Sergt. Major Burke,	2 3 0 0 2	8
Sergt. Neville,	3 3 2 0 2	10
Captain Evans,	2 3 3 2 2	12
Private J. Johnson,	4 3 3 3 3	16
" J. P. Johnson,	3 8 3 3 0	12
" M. McKennon,	3 4 3 0 2	12
" D. Cunningham,	2 3 3 3 0	11
" H. Green,	3 3 3 2 0	11
" Cathcart,	3 3 2 0 3	11
" W. Davis,	3 3 3 3 0	12
" J. Bowen,	3 4 3 2 0	12
" N. Fleming,	3 2 2 0 0	7
" J. Colter,	2 3 2 2 0	9

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On Tuesday the 7th, the men of the Mooretown Mounted Infantry Troop were inspected by Captain Campbell, Drill Instructor of the Battalion. Thirty-four men and the Captain were on parade. After an hours' drill or so, the men were marched down to their parade ground and addressed by Captain Bridgewater, who stated how much pleasure it gave him to congratulate them on their exceedingly good behavior and cleanliness during the annual drill. Not a single instance of insubordination or breach of military discipline had occurred, and that although they appeared only half accoutred (waist belts having been taken from them) he was sure that before long their cleanliness, good conduct and efficiency would reach the ears of the Adjutant General, who was always ready to aid, properly arm, and accoutre men who show tangible proof of possessing soldier-like qualities. He was a soldier himself, and the only way to win his approbation would be to keep up the good name they had earned in June, 1866, and also manifest a willing spirit and respectful manner towards their officers.

Captain Campbell said he found the arms, belts, clothing, &c., remarkably clean, and he was pleased to find the same faces he had seen fifteen months before still in the troop; they were a credit to the force, and he had always felt a great interest in them, and would still do all in his power, both in drill and otherwise, to aid them. Three cheers for Captain Campbell, three for Captain Bridgewater, and three rousing ones for the Queen, and the men dispersed to their homes.

On the following day No. 6 Company, commanded by Captain Lewis, was inspected at Corunna, Lieut.-Col. Davis being present. The men turned out strong, and manifested a knowledge of drill not often found in rural companies. Captain Lewis takes a pride in drilling, and is in every respect a most efficient officer. With what occurred at the close of the drill deponent knoweth not, but no doubt some such pleasing manifestation of satisfaction as occurred at Mooretown.