

7 p.c. Pte. McKenzie, F.....	22
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## B COMPANY MATCH.

B Company awarded prizes to the members of the company who fired in the regimental match, the scores made in the general match to count. The prizes aggregated over \$200 and ranged in value from \$30 down. The following are the winners in their respective order :

## GENERAL MATCH.

Pte. H. H. Brown, Corp. T. H. Cramp, Color-Sergt. G. Creighton, Sergt. J. G. Langton, Pioneer Giles, Pte. W. T. Sharpe, Pte. A. Scheurer, Capt. H. M. Pellatt, Privates G. Cliffe, A. E. Laver, J. McBeth, H. M. Asling, A. Earsman, W. H. Legge.

## STANDING MATCH.

Pioneer Giles, Pte. G. Cliffe, Capt. Pellatt, Color-Sergt. G. Creighton, Pte. A. Earsman.

## AGGREGATE MATCH.

Pte. H. H. Brown, Pioneer Giles, Corp. T. H. Cramp, Color-Sergt. G. Creighton, Sergt. J. G. Langton.

## NURSERY MATCH.

Privates A. E. Laver, A. Scheurer, N. McBeth, H. M. Asling, Keens, E. Thorne.

The Range Officers were Lieuts. Crean, Wyatt, and McNeill who carried out their exceptionally onerous duties to the satisfaction of all.

To the Rifle Match Committee consisting of Capt. Knifton, Capt. Mercer and Lieut. Crooks, secty. special praise should be given for the splendid arrangements and prize list and the manner in which the smallest detail was looked after and carried out.

It was Tuesday before the Committee knew definitely whether it was possible to hold the match or not, and it certainly was no easy task to compile a programme, select prizes, receive and squad as many entries as would be received at an O.R.A. meeting, all in 4 days besides giving the time required to regimental duties and those attendant on the Annual Inspection.

The same alacrity was visible in the team competitions when 7 Company teams fired 10 rounds Skirmishing, 5 Volley, and 5 Independent Firing each, in three-quarters of an hour, Of course it was impossible not to have a slight hitch and the only one was a little longer delay than usual in the Statistical Dept, but that was mostly owing to the early starting of the train for the city.

Speaking of the ranges, or rather the mounds and targets (for no shelter of any kind is visible as yet), they can certainly stand a great deal of praise and are easily the best equipped in the Dominion. The firing points are splendidly built and nicely sodded, and when completed, a row of posts through which chains or ropes will be drawn will render the task of a Range officer in keeping back competitors, other than those firing, very easy.

The mounds are not yet completed, and although nearly to their full height, still require a little sodding, the ground between firing points and targets unlike the majority of Ranges is drained, and quite level, making beautiful ground for skirmishing and one on which no team could claim to be at disadvantage.

The ranges are equipped with targets of the (Ralston pattern) sample of which Staff-Sergt. McVittie had on view at the D.R.A. meeting this summer, although the first time one sees them fall over, it gives the impression that one of the legs has been shot from under thus making it fall over on its side. The discs are an improvement on the old one and afford no chance of a mistake in distinguishing them; the markers who all saw and handled the targets for the first time are unanimous in their praise of what they term the most satisfactory target they ever handled.

As regard light and wind. In the morning with a head light the elevation seemed to be a couple of points higher than Ottawa elevation, although in the afternoon when the sun gets to the right rear the elevation drops (owing to using the short rifle the difference in the elevation might be more noticeable), the light is mostly always bright, and in hot

weather, would judge that considerable mirage would be met with. Of course for the first day one cannot gauge the wind very accurately, but it appears to quite a few that the fact of the mounds being in echeion some queer experiences will be recorded when the wind comes from the right, when firing on the 400, 500 and 600 range.

If, as we understand, that the Grand Trunk will not run a train other than the 12.50, it simply means that the ranges will be a dead issue and the deteriorating effect felt by the shooting men of other places in moving to an outside range will be felt among Toronto riflemen very severely. It is to be hoped that in this matter sufficient pressure will be brought to bear upon the Grand Trunk people to induce them to run special suburban trains on Saturday afternoons.

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The O. R. Council have had their first (I think it is) meeting this year and decided as the principal event of the meeting not to hold the annual matches this year. The prodigious amount of kicking done in all quarters was responsible for this meeting, and it was decided to hold another council meeting in a month hence to arrange the by-laws and constitution, so as to permit of an election being held without the competitors meeting. This arranged the annual general meeting will be called and the election of officers proceeded with.

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A committee has been appointed to confer with Mr. Mulock and endeavor to obtain his consent to continuing as president for another year, failing which, they will endeavor to recommend a suitable successor. It is almost certain that the office of secretary will be offered to Major Macdonald of the 48th Highlanders who, if sufficient pressure was brought to bear on, would no doubt accept the responsible and extremely arduous position. There is not the least doubt that the Major is an exceedingly hard worked man, yet I am confident that he would, and could make time to show the riflemen how an association and prize meeting could and should be conducted, and such can only be done by the holder of that office being a rifle shot and one accustomed to and familiar with the wants of shooting men.

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It must have been rather a surprise to the Council, to find that after giving up what was practically a perpetual lease of the old Garrison Commons, so far they have no claim on the new ranges.

Surely some one has blundered!

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Owing to lack of space I am unable to outline the plans for Thanksgiving Day Sham Fight, but indications point to the most successful one ever held by the district.

## BREECH BLOCK.

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At the weekly parade of the Queen's Own Rifles held on 26th October, the parade strength was 559. Companies B, C, F, and G were inspected in the drill shed by Colonel Otter and Capt. McDougall, F Company turning out 25 files. The other six companies, headed by the brass and bugle bands, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, marched to the Upper Canada College grounds, where they practised battalion drill for the first time this year.

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The Davidson Highlanders turned out for the usual weekly parade on 21st October, at Upper Canada College. The four companies, A, B, C and D were inspected by Lieut.-Col. Otter in the general efficiency competition and did very good work, especially B and D companies, considering the amount of drill they have been able to get since the organization of the corps. The left half battalion will be inspected on Friday next, and the result will be made known about Christmas. The remainder of the battalion practiced company drill while the inspection was going on, and are rapidly being got into shape for the first field day of the regiment on Thanksgiving Day.

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