

A Challenge.

TO ANY AND ALL RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA.

On behalf of the Toronto Rifle Association, I challenge any other association to shoot a friendly telegraphic match any Saturday afternoon at our respective ranges, with Martini rifles, Queen's ranges, 7 shots at each; no sighters; 8, 10 or 12 men a side; this challenge open till the close of the season. Any and all acceptances addressed to the undersigned will receive prompt attention.

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The Fort McLeod Rifle Association held a general meeting on Monday, July 2nd, and elected the following officers: Patron, Col. Jas. F. McLeod; president, Supt. P. R. Neale; vice-presidents, Dr. Kennedy and H. Sargent; sec.-treas., Wm. S. Anderton; committee, W. H. Ware, Jas. J. Hewson, W. Pearce.

At the rifle class firing of No. 7 Battery, Halifax Garrison Artillery, on the 10th inst., Sergt. McLeod won the gold medal with 63 points out of the 80 possible. Paymaster-Sergt. W. Harris was silver medalist with 60 points. At the annual practice of No. 3 Battery, the top score was 66, made by Gunner Fader; and the second was 60 points.

The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa, had their annual class firing last Saturday, on Rideau range. A number of prizes presented by the officers, Capt. Gourdeau, Lieut. Brown, and Surgeon Coleman, added interest to the competition. The highest honours were carried off by Trooper W. E. Cooke, who won first prize in the first class, and also the aggregate medal offered by the Captain.

At the weekly practice of the G. G. F. G., on Saturday afternoon last, Pte. J. A. Armstrong pleasantly surprised his old shooting comrades by making his initial appearance for the season. Shooting for the first time with a Snider rifle presented to him when last at Wimbledon, in 1886, with old-time skill he piled up a total of 81 points—30, 27 and 24; his total being eight in advance of any other made on the range that day, the weather militating against bullseye scoring. The leading scores of others who practised with the Guards were: Sergt. Dawson, 68; Colour-Sergt. Mailleue, 63; Sergt. McCarthy, 62; Lance-Corporal Mailleue, 49.

The Charlottetown Engineers have organized a series of rifle competitions for this season. The company have been divided into two classes; first, prize winners in provincial and county matches; second, non prize winners. A medal is offered in each class. There will be five general competitions, and the winners will then fire off for the medal. At the first of the series, on the 21st June, the senior class fired at 200, 400 and 500 yards; seven shots each range, with Snider rifles. Sergt. Davison was first with 88, the next in order of eleven whose scores are recorded being Sergt. Cameron with 83, and Sapper J. McDonald with 82 points. In the junior class, five shots at 200 and at 400 yards, Sapper Burhoe won with 32 points.

The Toronto Rifle Association scored a handsome victory on Saturday afternoon in a telegraphic match with Bowmanville, having an average of six points per man to the good. The match was with Martini rifles, seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, and the scores in detail were:

TORONTO.				BOWMANVILLE.					
Tom Mitchell.....	30	28	34	92	J. B. Mitchell.....	29	27	24	80
Geo. Thompson.....	32	33	25	90	W. S. Russell.....	29	29	21	79
R. McVittie.....	31	33	25	89	Dr. McLaughlin.....	29	24	25	78
A. G. Ronan.....	26	31	24	81	D. Beach.....	30	24	24	78
Wm. Harp.....	28	30	20	78	J. Sand.....	28	29	20	77
A. D. Cartwright.....	28	23	25	76	W. S. Young.....	27	28	21	76
A. D. Crooks.....	26	28	21	75	W. C. King.....	30	26	16	72
G. M. Donnelly.....	24	22	27	73	J. Curtis.....	32	13	22	67
	225	228	201	654		234	200	173	607

The weather appears to have been trying on both ranges, Toronto suffering from a changeable wind and haziness in the atmosphere, while smoke from bush fires obstructed the view of the Bowmanville men. The leading men on the Toronto team, it will be noticed, made very high scoring, the redoubtable Tom Mitchell finishing in old-time form with only one short of a possible at 600 yards, and a total of 92; Thompson with 90 deserving a better wind-up than he secured, but his ill-luck at 600 being shared by the renowned McVittie, whose total was 89. A return match between the same teams will likely be fired shortly.

The 8th Royal Rifles association had their first optional competition at Queen's ranges on Saturday afternoon last, the 14th inst., at the Levis butts. The wind and light were both very changeable, the former varying from west to east and *vice versa* several times during the afternoon, making it very difficult to continue a good score to the finish. The following were the top scores in something over twenty competitors:

Pte. Thomson, Snider....	29	24	31	84	Pte. T. Brown, Snider...	26	26	19	71
Sergt. Goudie, Martini...	32	27	22	81	Pte. Murgatroyed, "...	26	22	21	69
Col.-Sgt. Ross, Snider....	26	28	23	77	Sergt. Hartley, Martini...	26	16	25	67
Staff-Sgt. Wynne, "....	29	28	18	75	Sergt. Dewfall, "....	26	20	20	66
Corp. Hawkins, Martini..	26	29	19	74	Corp. Douglass, Snider...	26	19	21	66

The Ottawa Rifle Club had a trial of the '88 ammunition on Saturday afternoon, when they fired a spoon competition with Snider rifles at 200, 500 and 600 yards. The wind prevailing made it impossible, however, to make high scoring, and the attempt at testing was altogether inconclusive. Major H. F. Perley won the senior spoon with the low score of 73, but nevertheless five points ahead of the field; and for the junior, T. C. Boville and J. D. Holbrook tied with 64 points each, and shot off according to rule. Boville made 13 points in the three shots at 600 yards and won handily. He will be a senior henceforth, having twice been a winner in the junior class. The following were the scores of 50 points and upwards:

Major H. F. Perley (senior spoon).....	30	26	17	73	N. Morrison.....	26	15	15	56
E. D. Sutherland.....	26	21	21	68	C. F. Cox.....	13	16	26	55
R. H. Brown.....	21	26	20	67	J. H. Ellis.....	27	14	14	55
Capt. A. P. Sherwood....	28	21	16	65	Lieut.-Col. Macpherson..	26	21	7	54
J. E. Hutcheson.....	25	22	17	64	T. McJanet.....	25	11	16	52
T. C. Boville (junior spoon)	27	20	17	64	F. W. Smith.....	27	14	11	52
J. D. Holbrook.....	24	26	14	64	T. C. Slade.....	25	18	8	51
F. C. Lightfoot.....	27	18	15	60	W. A. Jamieson.....	27	6	17	50

Regimental Notes.

Halifax *Mail*, 12th: "The 63rd H.V.B. Rifles had a fine muster last evening, numbering about 230 men. After a few movements in the drill yard the men, headed by their fine band, proceeded to the north common, where a number of manoeuvres were accomplished. They then proceeded down Cunard street and marched through the principal streets at ease; thence to the drill shed where they were dismissed, after being complimented by the Colonel for turning out so well, and also for their neatness in dress."

The Prince of Wales Rifles, Montreal, had their annual inspection on Saturday afternoon last, before the D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Houghton. The regiment drilled in accordance with the new system recently promulgated in General Orders, and showed very creditable familiarity with the details of the new movements. Major Butler was in command, Col. Bond being away with the Wimbledon team. A squad of the Victoria Rifles kept the parade ground on the Champ de Mars, thus returning the compliment so paid them recently by the P.W.R.

The Charlottetown Engineers were inspected on the 9th inst., by Capt. Davidson, R.E., of the Royal Military College, Kingston. The company paraded full strength and presented a very fine appearance. The inspecting officer, accompanied by Lt.-Col. Worsley, D.A.G., and Lt.-Col. Irving, Brigade Major, appeared upon the parade ground at 3 o'clock, and was received at the open order with a general salute, after which the regular inspection of arms and accoutrements took place, all being found in a very satisfactory condition. The company marched past to the music of the artillery band, and was then put through various movements by the officers and non-commissioned officers in turn. The extending for the attack, and the support of section by section in the advance and the retire, were well performed. Owing to the very early season for the inspection, the company was not prepared to do any extensive engineering work this year. The profile of a field redoubt for a half battalion was completed, when the heavy storm compelled all to retire. The inspecting officer expressed himself well pleased with the day's performance.

Hamilton.

Mr. Jerry Taylor, of London, an old Thirteenth man, was in town a few days ago. Mr. Taylor looked up many of his former companions in arms, all of whom were very pleased to see him.

Large crowds attend the band concerts in the Gore on every Friday evening.

Gunner J. F. Witherspoon, H. F. B., was charged by Major Van Wagner for absenting himself from camp parades. Lieut. Bankier, who