

**The Rifle.**

We invite attention to the advertisement of the Canadian Military Rifle League, in another place in this issue, in which it will be noted that entries for the League competitions close on the 30th April. It is highly desirable, however, that intending competitors should not put off their entries until the last moment, and thereby seriously hamper the operations of those gentlemen who have been kind enough to undertake the management of the League affairs. The rifle clubs should also take early steps to put their ranges in order, so that team practice may be had before the first League competition.

**A MATCH AT MONTREAL.**

The unique match written of in a former issue took place at the Athletic Club House grounds, Cote des Neiges, on Saturday last, 29th ult. A team of five men of the Vics met five of the Athletics, and fired two scores of five shots each—one kneeling with the Snider, and the other standing with Marlin or Winchester rifles. The Vics were ahead in each instance, and in the aggregate had 35 points to the good. The distance was one hundred yards; the target was that used for D.C.R.A. revolver competitions. The day was unpleasant for shooting, heavy wet snow falling. These were the scores, after the one sighting shot per man allowed in each competition:—

**VICTORIA RIFLES.**

	<i>Sniders.</i>	<i>Marlin and Winchester 44's.</i>
Corp. R. Binmore.....	4 4 5 5 5—23	2 3 3 5 3—16
Lieut. E. Desbarats.....	2 5 5 5 5—22	0 2 3 2 3—10
Lieut. G. W. F. Carter.....	4 5 5 3 4—21	3 2 2 5 4—16
Pte. R. Kough.....	3 3 3 4 4—17	3 2 4 4 4—17
Lance-Corp. D. M. McCrae...	3 2 4 4 2—15	2 2 4 4 4—16
Totals.....	98	75

**ATHLETICS.**

	<i>Marlin and Winchester 44's.</i>	<i>Sniders.</i>
Jas. Paton.....	3 3 4 4 2—16	4 4 2 4 4—18
T. E. Hodgson.....	4 4 2 2 4—16	2 4 2 2 4—14
W. T. McLaurin.....	3 3 2 4 3—15	2 2 3 4 3—14
J. H. Hutchison.....	2 2 3 2 3—12	3 2 4 4 4—17
R. Wilson.....	2 2 2 2 0—8	0 0 2 4 2—8
Totals.....	67	71

The Snider ammunition used was Mark VI. of 1868. The targets were made of manilla coloured paper, which served exceedingly well against the white background of snow. The Vics had the easy victory, which one might have expected from a glance at the names of the well practiced shots comprising their team, whilst none of the "Athletics" five have achieved note as marksmen at least so far as military competitions are concerned. It will be noticed in connection with the Vics' Snider score that the first three (who, by the way, all belong to No. 3 Company) made a very high average for a military rifle and revolver target, and anyone knowing of a better average will please send along particulars of it. A return match will probably be fired on Good Friday.

**Gleanings.**

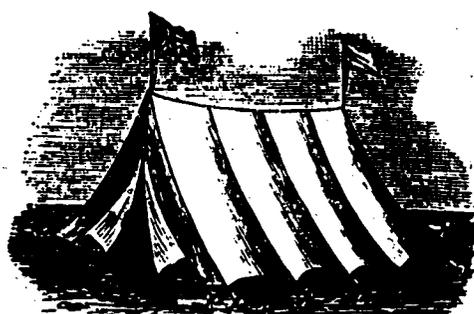
The ladies of a section of the Greater Britain, *i.e.*, the Island of Bermuda are, showing the way to their sisters of the mother country, in respect of the pursuit of a pastime which should have begun rather than ended at home. In short, they have established a rifle club, with the Governor's wife (Mrs. Newdegate) as president. The club consists of about 70 members, and competitions under Wimbledon rules are held in the first week of every month. The range, which is situated in the Happy Valley, is limited to 100 yards. The rifle used is 22 calibre. The institution of the club has led to the setting up of ranges on private grounds, to which young ladies take their rifles as well as their tennis bats.

Among the officers of the Northern Army of the Civil War no one was gruffer, braver, or more beloved by his men than General Stannard, who commanded a Vermont brigade. He was always enraged by any attempt of the men whom he commanded to steal, or "forage," as they called it, on private property. A private, named Hicks, on the march to Gettysburg, remarked, chuckling, to a companion that there was "nothing 'stuck up' about old Stannard. He was not ashamed to converse sociably with a private." "Has he been talking to you? What did he say?" asked the comrade. "Told me that if I didn't get out of them cherry trees he'd kill me," was the reply.

The proceedings of the Berlin head-quarters staff are keeping the French Government in a lively state of suspense and on the sharp lookout for all the moves of their neighbours. It is known that vast quantities of coal are being stored at all the principal military centres in Alsace-Lorraine and on the frontiers nearest to France, and this mineral is justly considered as the greatest factor in modern warfare. Now, it has been noticed that all the great stock fairs in various parts of the country

have of late been largely attended by buyers from abroad, evidently Jews for the majority, and all speaking German. Prices have been given unquestioned, or without bargaining for cattle, sheep and pigs, whilst the beasts purchased have been immediately slaughtered on the spot, roughly salted down, packed and sent into Germany by railway, *via* Belgium or Switzerland. As if these preparations were not enough to disturb the equanimity of the executive at Paris, another fact has come to light of far graver significance. At Munich lately, sixty goods vans filled with the German smokeless powder passed through the Central railway station. The consignment, which was strictly guarded against accidents, was destined for Rome, Milan and Naples through Switzerland, and addressed to the military administrations of each of those cities. As much sensation was created at Munich, by the passage of the explosive and its direction, as emotion caused at the Paris War Office on learning the latter news. Russia, too, is not apparently quite at ease with the restlessness of the German Emperor and his warlike inclinations. Orders have been sent from St. Petersburg to hasten forward the cutting or completion of the strategical highways in Western Russia, and all the routes are to be cleared and ready for service by the ensuing spring.

We understand that it is the intention of the Government to establish a school of cycling at Aldershot early next year. Five hundred pounds are to be spent in providing machines, and we believe we are within the truth when we say that the order has already been placed with a leading Coventry firm who, in the early days of military cycling, spared no expense in the making of experimental machines. When the school is established, it is hoped that volunteer cyclists will be permitted to attend and go through the same course of military cycling instruction as that to be arranged for the regular troops. This announcement will, we opine, sound strangely in the ears of those individuals who did their very utmost to prevent the manufacturers rendering any assistance to Col. Saville's committee, and did not succeed. As we prophesied two years ago, the military cycling movement is bearing trade fruit slowly, but very surely.—*Cyclist.*



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