

THE AGGREGATE.

200, 400, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each range, was won by Lieut. A. Elliott, making 111 points, Lieut. F. Brown 105, P. Sergt. Fairbairn 103, S. Sergt. Davidson 101.

The annual match of No. 1 Company was held at the same time and place; the conditions were the same, and the ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards. The following were the prize winners:

Staff-Sergt. Simpson	-	-	-	-	88
Sergt. Mowatt	-	-	-	-	78
Lieut. Curran	-	-	-	-	73
Col.-Sergt. Foreman	-	-	-	-	64
Capt. Vennell	-	-	-	-	57
Corp. Kay	-	-	-	-	40
Sergt. Dean	-	-	-	-	33

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On the 7th of November, at the Queen's Own Sergeants' Mess-room, Captain Mutton, Q.O.R., delivered an interesting and instructive lecture before the officers and sergeants on "Outpost Duty." Lieut.-Colonel Hamilton occupied the chair. The lecture was amply illustrated by blackboard diagrams. On the conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to Captain Mutton on motion of Lieut.-Colonel Jones, of the Dufferin Rifles, seconded by Major Delamere, of the Q.O.R.

ST. CATHARINES.

The non-commissioned officers of the headquarter companies of the 19th Lincoln battalion formerly opened their mess rooms on Monday evening, 14th November. Invitations were issued to the officers of the local corps, consisting of the 2nd Dragoons, Welland Canal Field Battery and 44th battalion. The invitations were largely accepted and a very jovial company gathered and spent a pleasant evening, Lieut.-Col. Carlisle presiding. Capt. Campbell read a highly interesting paper upon "The Battle of the Beaver Dam," which was greatly appreciated, and speeches were made by those present strongly in favor of the mess. The mess was formed with the following officers for the year: W. D. Stewart, sergeant-major; Sergt. B. Messler, president; Sergt. F. Smith, vice-president; Sergt. H. V. Pay, secretary; Sergt. Phelan, treasurer; Board of Management, Sergt. Clark, Color-Sergt. Bramley and Sergt. Blake; superintendent of refreshments, Sergt. McManus.

The headquarter companies, B, C and E, are putting in two night's drill each week, with a class for those wishing to qualify for non-commissioned officers.

A great deal more interest is being taken by both officers and men of the headquarter's companies this fall than there has been for some time past. The men are animated with the idea of having the battalion a five-company city battalion, and the officers have held several meetings to try and make the scheme go. It is prevented at present, however, by the objections of the officers of the country companies. As soon as it is made a city battalion there will be no difficulty whatever in getting the necessary men to join.

BRANTFORD.

On the evening of the 4th of Nov., the Thirty-eighth Battalion, Dufferin Rifles of Canada, paraded at the drill shed for inspection before Col. Otter. The companies were full, and the officers were out to a man. Colonel Otter was accompanied by Major Buchan, A.D.C. of No. 2 Company, R.C.I., Toronto. The inspection took place in the drill shed, and, as the night was pretty cold, the men felt it somewhat, there being barely any protection from the wind. The regiment was inspected by companies, in drill order. The men looked scrupulously neat and clean, their belts, sidearms and accoutrements being brushed and cleaned until they shone. Each company was inspected separately.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jones was in command, and before Colonel Otter and his A.D.C. arrived the men were put through a number of movements by their officers. The competition drill between the companies took place, the men being put through their various movements by their respective captains. The prize they were competing for was the

Hudson cup. Colonel Otter took three companies and Major Buchan the other three companies.

After drill a retirement was made to the officers' quarters where Colonel Otter and Major Buchan were royally entertained, supper being served and a programme of vocal and instrumental music gone through with; the pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

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The Dufferin Rifles saw the moon last night, through the place where the roof used to be on the drill hall. Did some one put the hose on the floor of the building? No, dear Colonel Otter, that was where the gentle dew drops fell through the capacious ventilator, and where the wind whistled in with a rude tune, until it was dangerous for the men to stand, lest the ruins of the old shackle came down about their ears. What a paternal government we have to be sure!—*Brantford Expositor*, 5th Nov.

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The sergeants mess of the Dufferin Rifles of Canada, held a special meeting on 21st Nov., Staff Sergt. Walker in the chair. A number of newly appointed sergeants made their first appearance and were made welcome and plans laid for active operations during the winter months. The sergeants are in a flourishing condition, and look forward to what is likely to prove their most successful season.

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On the evening of the 19th ult. the Dufferin Rifles mustered full strength, upon the occasion of the muster parade before Colonel Grey, D.A.G.; there were about 270 men on parade. This is practically the last appearance of the regiment in the old shed, as orders have been issued to have the stores and other paraphernalia transferred to other quarters. Colonel Grey, at the close of the proceedings, was entertained very enjoyably at the officers quarters, and he is to-day inspecting the goods and chattels of the regiment. It is probable that one of the flats in the Tisdale building will be rented for temporary quarters, the hall furnishing good accommodation for company drill.

ST. THOMAS.

The 25th Battalion Rifle Association held its first annual prize meeting at Battalion range, near St. Thomas, on 10th inst. The weather was fine, but about three inches of snow, which fell the previous night, made the condition of the ground somewhat uncomfortable; in spite of this, the shoot was a great success. Following are the prize winners.

FIRST MATCH.

200 yards; open to all comers; any position; seven shots.

\$ 7 00	Sergt. J. Gordon, 22nd.	31
5 00	Sergt. Henderson.	29
4 00	Sergt. Brown, C.R.I.	27
3 00	S. Price.	25
2 00	Capt. Ponsford.	25
2 00	W. Eustes.	25
2 00	Capt. Stacey.	24
1 00	Sergt. Hobson, 22nd.	24
1 00	Color-Sergt. Collins.	23
1 00	W. Scott.	23
1 00	J. M. Glenn.	22
1 00	Sergt. Morrison.	22

SECOND MATCH.

400 yards; open to all members of battalion and citizens of St. Thomas only; any position; seven shots.

\$ 7 00	Capt. Ponsford.	30
5 00	J. M. Glenn.	29
4 00	Sergt. Henderson.	29
4 00	Surgeon Kains.	26
3 00	Capt. Stacey.	23
3 00	Sergt. Munson.	21
3 00	Color-Sergt. Collins.	21
2 00	W. H. Lockwood.	19
2 00	C. Allen.	18
2 00	W. H. May.	17
1 00	S. Dubder.	16
1 00	Sandham.	16
1 00	H. R. Fulton.	15