

had been accomplished in so short a time with so many raw recruits, of whom such a large proportion could not understand instructions in the English language. He congratulated the camp upon its cleanliness and the men generally upon their physique. He also complimented the officers.

The Quebec Field Battery were on the same day inspected by Major Short, and after a thorough inspection that officer expressed himself as highly pleased with the manner in which the battery acquitted themselves.

A Centennial Match at Sydney, N. S. W.

LIEUT.-COLONEL BACON, the Secretary of the Dominion rifle association has just received a circular letter from Lieut. William Foskett, secretary of the New South Wales rifle association, inviting Canada to send a team of riflemen to that colony to compete in a grand centennial match to be held in February next. The letter reads as follows:—

Sydney, N.S.W., 25th May, 1887.

SIR,—The New South Wales rifle association has decided to celebrate the centenary of the formation of this colony by a special prize meeting, to be held at Sydney, early in February next. I have the pleasure to forward conditions of the two matches arranged, one of which is for individuals, and one for teams. The council is desirous of receiving visitors to take part in these matches from all parts of Her Majesty's dominions, and I respectfully request you will submit this matter to the volunteers or other members of the defence forces of the Dominion of Canada, and endeavor to arrange for a team from your colony to visit Sydney for the occasion. Should it be inconvenient to organize a team, I may assure you that individuals accredited from your association will be heartily welcomed by all ranks here. Should we be able to augment the prize list full particulars will be forwarded.

The match for individuals is to be fired at three stages—1st, 300 and 500 yards; 2nd, 500 and 600 yards; 3rd, 500, 600 and 700 yards; seven shots per range in each stage. Stage and aggregate prizes are offered, the competitor being limited to winning one of each. They number all told 310, and aggregate in value £1,250, the individual prizes ranging from £100 to £2. The team prizes are to be competed for by teams of eight. England, Ireland and Scotland, or the three combined; India and any colony or dependency of Great Britain to be at liberty to enter one representative team. The match will be fired with the Martini-Henry rifle, at 300, 500 and 600 yards, 15 shots at each, and one prize is offered—£100 to the team making the highest score.

Metropolitan Rifle Association.

THE annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Rifle Association was held at Ottawa on the evening of Monday, the 18th inst., Major H. F. Perley in the chair. The secretary-treasurer, Lieut. H. H. Gray, read the annual report, which showed the association to be in a flourishing condition financially and otherwise. The election resulted in the old office bearers being returned, with the exception of two who declined re-election to the committee. The list is as follows: Patron: Sir A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia; vice-patron, McLeod Stewart, Mayor of Ottawa; president, G. B. Pattee; vice-presidents, Lt.-Col. Thos. Bacon and Allan Gilmour, jr.; secretary-treasurer, Lieut. H. H. Gray; assistant do., E. D. Sutherland; committee, Capt. J. Wright, Capt. A. P. Sherwood, Lieut. P. N. Thompson, Jas. Grant and J. W. de C. O'Grady; auditor, Lieut. C. F. Winter. It was decided to hold the annual prize meeting on Friday and Saturday the 19th and 20th prox., the matches to be in progress all day Friday and during the afternoon of Saturday. The programme will be substantially the same as last year, with the exception that a match at 400 yards will be introduced. Competition is restricted to residents in No. 4 military district. The association will this year affiliate with the N.R.A. of Great Britain, as well as with the Canadian associations.

The Quebec Provincial Matches.

THE nineteenth annual prize meeting of the Quebec provincial rifle association opens on the 9th August, and the shooting will continue during that and the two succeeding days, on the Point St. Charles ranges, Montreal. The programme shows an addition of some \$250 to the cash prizes offered, their value now approximating \$2,000, besides which there are the cups and medals, and prizes in kind for the extra series matches. There has been an increase all round in the value of the individual prizes, the lowest series in each match being now \$4 in place of \$3 as formerly.

A Martini match has been introduced in the militia aggregate, the Merchants' at 600 yards being shot with that weapon in place of the Snider as formerly. There are two Martini matches besides the "Optional" on the programme, but one of these, the Martini-Henry of last year, is still outside the aggregate, and its range has been changed from 600 to 500 yards. The aggregate consists of seven shots at 200,

21 at 500 and 14 at 600 with the Snider, and seven shots at 600 with the Martini rifle.

Other noteworthy changes in the programme may be briefly summarised. A couple of team prizes have been added to the Nursery list, which will doubtless add not a little to the interest in the match. In the Association match a change in the regulations concerning the challenge cup for teams makes it necessary to win it twice *consecutively* in order to retain it. Disqualification takes the place of a fine of three points for each infringement of the rules in the military match. Two "jubilee" prizes are offered, a trophy open to the Montreal brigade, to be competed for by teams in the Battalion match; and a cup for association team aggregates. The general regulations no longer specify that waist belts need not be worn as part of the uniform, and make it permissible to take exception to a competitor's dress *while he is shooting*. If he appear partly in uniform and partly in plain clothes disallowance of his score is involved. Fouling shots will this year be allowed, to be fired in pits specially provided for the purpose. Attendance at the formal presentation of prizes is made compulsory for the three highest prize winners in each match, on pain of having their prizes held over until next year. They must appear in the full dress uniform of their corps.

THE PROGRAMME.

1ST MATCH—NURSERY—9 a.m., Tuesday, 9th August—Open to all members of the P.Q.R.A. (whether by direct contribution or through affiliated associations), who have never won an individual prize at any Provincial or Dominion match. 400 yards; 7 rounds. Rifle, Snider. Position, any, with head to target. Entrance fee, 35c. 1st prize \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$8; 4th, \$7; 5th, \$6; 6th, \$5; nine prizes of \$4. Team prizes, for the aggregate scores of four previously named members of any affiliated rifle association—1st, \$12; 2nd, \$8. Total 15 individual and two team prizes; value, \$107.

2ND MATCH—ASSOCIATION—Open to all members. 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range. Rifle, Snider. Entrance, 70c. for individuals and \$2.50 for teams. Holders of the provincial badges are allowed free entry for the individual prizes the first time they attend, after being duly reported as the winners. 1st prize, mahogany album, presented by J. H. Steward, Esq., and \$25; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$10; 5th, \$8; 10 of \$5; 20 of \$4. Team prizes, for the aggregate scores of five previously named members of any affiliated rifle association.—1st, silver challenge cup and \$30; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$18; 4th, \$12; 5th, \$10; 6th, \$5. Total, 35 individual and 6 team prizes; value, \$308 besides cups. The silver cup to become the property of any association winning it twice consecutively. The affiliated associations' aggregate jubilee cup is shot for in this match.

3RD MATCH—MILITARY.—To be competed for by sections of five officers, non-commissioned officers or men from any militia corps affiliated with P.Q.R.A. (See special regulation in competition 4.) Any number of sections may enter from the same corps. Uniform, as in other competitions. Entrance fee, \$3.50 per section. One entry for the two series. Snider rifles. 1st Series—Skirmishing.—Distance, from about 500 yards to about 200 yards. Number of rounds, 10. Size of target, 4 ft. x 2 ft. 6 in., divided into three belts—the lower belt, 15 inches deep, scoring 5 points, the centre belt, 10 inches deep, scoring 3 points, the upper belt, 5 inches deep, scoring 2 points. The targets will be exposed 15 seconds at a time. Two targets will be allowed each section. 1st prize, \$30; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$20; 4th, \$15. 2nd Series—Volley Firing—To be competed for by the same sections and at the same size as 1st series. Volleys by command of the officer in charge. Distance, 300 yards. Number of rounds, 5. Position, kneeling in single rank. Targets will be lowered and holes patched after each round.* For each shot fired out of time, 3 points will be deducted from the score of that section. 1st prize, \$20; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10. Total, 7 prizes, value \$135.

4TH—ACTIVE MILITIA AND BATTALION—9 a.m., Wednesday, 10th August. Open to the active militia of the Dominion of Canada, the staff and officers who have retired retaining their rank—being members of the P.Q.R.A., by direct contribution or through affiliated associations.—200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots. Rifles, Snider. Position at 200 yards, standing or kneeling; at 500 yards and 600 yards, any position with head to target. 1st prize, \$30 and Dolan cup; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$20; 4th, \$15; 5th, \$10; 2 prizes of \$8; 10 of \$5; 18 of \$4. Team prizes—For the aggregate scores of six previously named officers, n.c.o's. or men of any battalion affiliated with the P.Q.R.A. These competitors must have been at least six months members of the corps they represent, and be certified as such by their commanding officer. Entrance fee, \$3. 1st prize, \$30; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$10. Total, 35 individual and 4 teams prizes; value, \$313. Dolan cup, restricted to active militia of the province of Quebec, to be won twice in five years. When a local rifle association is composed principally of one regiment, that regiment will be allowed to compete in the Battalion and Skirmishing matches, although the affiliation be in the name of the local association.

MONTREAL JUBILEE CHALLENGE TROPHY.—The city of Montreal Jubilee Challenge Trophy is presented by the corporation of the city of Montreal, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee, to the Montreal brigade of active militia, for annual competition at the matches of the P.Q.R.A. The trophy is to be held by the commanding officer of the winning battalion for the year, and returned to the association in good order before the 1st August following. The team of a Montreal corps making the highest score in the above match wins the trophy.

5TH MATCH.—FRONTIER, 9 a.m., Thursday, 11th August—Open to all members. Snider rifles. 500 yards, 7 shots. Entrance fee, 60c. 1st prize, \$25; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$12; 5th, \$10; 6th, \$8; 5 of \$6; 6 of \$5; 19 of \$4. Total, 36 prizes, value, \$226.

6TH MATCH.—MERCHANTS.—Open to all members. 600 yards; 7 shots. Rifle, Martini-Henry. Entrance fee, 65c. 1st prize, \$25; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$12; 5th, \$10; 6th, \$8; 5 of \$6; 6 of \$5; 19 of \$4. Total, 36 prizes; value, \$226.

7TH MATCH—MARTINI-HENRY.—Open to all members. 500 yards, 7 shots. Rifles, Martini-Henry. Entrance, 65c. 1st prize \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10, 4th \$6, 10 of \$5, 11 of \$4. Total, 25 prizes. Value, \$145.

8TH MATCH—OPTIONAL.—Open to all members. 500 yards, 7 shots. Rifles, Snider or Martini. Number of entries unlimited, only one score in all to count. Entrance, 60c Snider and 65c Martini. 1st prize \$25, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$15, 4th \$10, 5th \$6, 5 of \$5, 20 of \$4. Total, 30 prizes. Value, \$181.