"Punch" on the New North-West Passage.

A COLLOQUY ON THE CANADIAN SHORE.

Canada—"Westward the course of Empire takes it way."
Britannia—The Bishop's famous line, dear, bears to-day
Modified meaning; westward runs indeed
The route of Empire,—ours!
Canada— If I succeed
In drawing hither Trade's unfaltering feet
And *yours*, my triumph then will be complete.
Britannia—Across your continent from sea to sea
All is our own, my child, and all is free.
No jealous rivals spy around our path
With watchfulness not far remote from wrath.
The sea-ways are my own, free from of old
To keels adventurous and bosoms bold.
Now from my western cliffs that front the deep,
To where the warm Pacific waters sweep
Around Cathay and old Zipangu's shore,
My course is clear. What can I wish for more?
To your young enterprise the praise is due.
Canada—The praise, and profit, I would share with you.
Canadian energy has felt the spur
Of British capital; the flush and stir
Of British patriot blood is in our heart;
Still I am glad you think I've done my part.
Britannia—Bravely! Yon Arctic wastes no more need slay
My gallant sons. Had Francklin seen this day
He had not slept his last long lonely sleep
Where the chill ice-pack lades the frozen deep.
"It can be done! England should do it!" Yes.
That is the thought which urges to success
Our struggling, sore-tried heroes. Waghorn knew
Such inspiration. Many a palsied crew
Painfully creeping through the Arctic night
Have felt it fill their souls like fire and light.
Well, it *is* done, by men of English strain,
Though in such shape as they who strove in vain
With Boreal cold and darkness never dreamed,
When o'er the Pole the pale aurora gleamed
Perpetual challenge.
Canada— Here's your Empire route!
A right of way whose value to compute
Will tax the prophets.
Britannia— Links me closer still
With all my wandering sons who tame and till
The world's wide wastes, and throng each paradise
In tropic seas or under southern skies,
See, Halifax, Vancouver, Sydney, set
Fresh steps upon a path whose promise yet
Even ourselves have hardly measured. Lo!
Far China brought within a moon or so
Of tea-devouring London! Here it lies,
The way for men and mails and merchandize,
Striking athwart your sea dividing sweep
Of land; one iron road from deep to deep!
Well thought, well done!
Canada— No more need you depend
On furtive enemy or doubtful friend,
Your home is on the deep, and when you come
To the Dominion's land you're still at home.
Britannia— And woe to him the Statesman cold or blind,
Of clutching spirit or of chilling mind,
Pedantic prig or purse-string tightening fool,
Who'd check such work and such a spirit cool!
Yours is the praise, and may the profit flow
In fullest stream 'midst your Canadian snow,
A true Pactolus. Trade's prolific fruit,
Should freely flourish on our Empire route.

The Target..

The Yarmouth battery garrison artillery held their annual rifle competition on Thursday, 27th ult., firing 10 shots each at 200 and 400 yards. The following seven head the list:—Gunner McGill, 51 points; Lieutenant Lewis, 42 points; Gunner Skinner, 42 points; Bombardier Gook, 41 points; Gunner Webster, 41 points; Sergeant Webster, 40; Sergeant Vanhorn, 40 points.

SHERBROOKE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The 20th annual competition of the Sherbrooke Rifle Association was held last week. The attendance of marksmen, considering the cold weather, was good, and some good scores were made, but, says the Sherbrooke *Examiner*, the average would have been very much better had they not been compelled to use old worthless ammunition at the last moment, that ordered from Montreal not having arrived. The meeting was marked by the number of young shots who came forward to compete, and who pressed hard upon the older competitors. The president, Judge Brooks, and several other non-shooting officers of the association visited the range during the match.

Match No. 1—Nursery. 400 yards; 7 shots.

$7 00 Capt H R Fraser	29	$3 00 Corp Geo Park	20
5 00 Pte Byrd	22	2 00 Pte W H Shorten	20
3 50 Sergt-Major Rawson	21		

Match No. 2—Merchants. 200 and 500 yards; 7 shots.

$10 00 C H Clark	58	$3 50 Robt Price	44
8 00 Sergt R P Doyle	51	3 00 E W Davies	44
7 00 E A Long	50	2 00 Surg A N Worthington	43
5 50 Sergt C P Byrd	49	1 00 Jos Fisette	41
5 00 Sergt A Martin	49	1 00 Sergt-Major Rawson	40
4 00 Lieut R J Spearing	48		

Match No. 3—Ladies'. Jubilee silver cup, presented by the ladies of Sherbrooke. 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots.

Cup and $5 Lieut R J Spearing	82	$4 00 Sergt R P Doyle	69
8 00 Pte C H Clark	79	3 00 Pte G Moy	68
7 00 Surg A N Worthington	74	1 50 Sergt Byrd	65
6 00 E A Long	74	1 00 Pte Byrd	64
5 00 Sergt Martin	71	1 00 Pte Fisette	60

Match No. 4—Manufacturers'. 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots.

$10 00 Sergt R P Doyle	45	$4 00 Pte A S Byrd	34
8 00 Jos Fisette	43	3 00 Robt Price	31
7 00 Sergt Martin	40	2 00 Capt Trenholme, 58th Batt	30
6 00 C M Hall	39	1 00 E Long	29
5 00 Lieut R J Spearing	37	1 00 Sergt Byrd	29

Match No 5—President's. 500 yards; 10 shots.

$10 00 Sergt R P Doyle	43	$2 00 Sergt Martin	35
8 00 Lieut R J Spearing	39	1 50 Capt Trenholme, 58th Batt	35
6 00 H W Edwards	39	1 00 Sergt Byrd	34
5 00 Staff-Sergt Lougee	38	1 00 C M Hall	34
4 00 Pte W Moy	37	1 00 Pte Bush	33
3 00 C H Clark	36		

Match No. 6—Bankers' grand aggregate. For the best aggregate scores in matches Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5.

D R A medal and $5, Sergt R P Doyle	208	$5 00 C H Clark	195
P Q R A badge and $5, Lieut R J Spearing	206	4 00 Staff-Sergt Martin	195

Team prizes. Ranges 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots.

1st, $15, No. 3 Company.		2nd, $10, No. 4 Company.	
Sergt-Major Rawson	15	Lieut R J Spearing	37
Staff-Sergt Lougee	26	Pte Fisette	43
Sergt Doyle	45	Sergt Martin	40
Corp Bloomfield	25	Pte W H Shorten	18
Pte Byrd	34	Pte A G Shorten	5
Total	145	Total	144

THE WATERDOWN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

This enterprising and flourishing rifle association, in connection with No. 2 company of the 77th Batt., held its third annual matches on the 22nd ult., at the Lansdowne ranges, Waterdown, Ont. Through the liberality of patrons and the interest taken by the promoters, over $180 was offered in prizes and the attendance of competitors was large. Firing commenced sharp at 9 and continued till dark. The day was very cold, snow flurries and blustering gales sweeping over the ranges; many good marksmen failed to make a single score, though some good ones were made. Capt. McMonies headed the list, winning three first prizes besides six others. His son Tom also came to the front, taking first prize in the civilian match and one special. Dr. McGregor came nearest Capt. McMonies as a prize winner, getting $20. The lists were as follows:—

First Match—Volunteers. Seven rounds; 500 yards; Snider rifle.

$7 00 Capt McMonies	28	$2 00 Pte John Cleave	16
7 00 Pte P Metzger	21	1 50 Pte Thos Mullock	15
6 00 Pte E F Rymal	20	1 00 Sergt Chas Brown	11
4 00 Pte Walter Sullivan	18	1 00 Lieut W Ptolemy	10
3 00 Pte Warren Gallin	17	1 00 Pte John Palmer	7
2 00 Sergt W Davis	16		

Second Match—Civilians. Seven rounds; 500 yards.

$7 00 Thos L McMonies	22	$2 00 Andrew Adams	19
6 00 Luke Mullock	21	2 00 T O Page	17
6 00 Wm E Stock	20	1 50 Jas Easterbrook	14
4 25 Wm Ryckman	20	1 00 Chas Stock	13
3 00 Dr McGregor	20	0 75 Ben Thomson	12
2 50 Wm Cuckow	19	0 75 J W Tunis	12

Third Match—Volunteers and civilians. Seven rounds; 500 yards; Snider rifle.

$7 00 Captain McMonies	28	$1 00 Wm Ryckman	18
6 00 William Cuckow	27	1 00 Geo Baker	17
5 00 Andrew Adams	27	1 00 Lieut Wm Ptolemy	17
4 00 Pte E F Rymal	22	0 75 Pte T Mullock	17
3 00 T O Page	22	0 75 Sergt W Davis	16
2 50 Luke Mullock	21	0 75 Reuben Patten	15
2 25 Dr McGregor	21	0 75 W E Stock	14
2 00 Pte W Gallin	21	0 50 Pte John Cleave	14
1 50 J Keutner	20	0 50 Robert Tenant	13
1 00 Alex Robertson	20	Spl. Jas Easterbrooke	13

Fourth Match—Aggregate.

$3 25 Capt McMonies	56	$1 75 Luke Mullock	42
3 00 Wm Cuckow	46	1 50 Dr McGregor	41
2 00 Andrew Adams	46	1 50 T O Page	39
1 75 Pte E F Rymal	42	1 00 Wm Ryckman	38

Fifth Match—Extra series. Ten rounds; 200 yards.

$12 40 John Palmer	46	$1 55 Pte W Gallin	45
7 25 Dr McGregor	45	1 55 Alex Robertson	44
4 65 Pte John Cleave	45		

SPECIALS.

Bull's eyes in aggregate, Capt McMonies	$2 00
Inners " " " "	2 00
Magpies " " Dr McGregor	2 00
Outers " " A Robertson	1 00
Bull's eyes in match No 1, Capt McMonies	1 00
Inners " " " "	1 00
Magpies " " Pte W Sullivan	0 75
Bull's eyes " No 2, T L McMonies	1 00
Inners " " Wm Cuckow	1 00
Magpies " " Dr McGregor	0 75
Bull's eyes " No 3, Capt McMonies	1 00
Inners " " Geo Baker	2 00
Magpies " " Wm Cuckow	2 00
Best score made by any man in municipal office, Dr McGregor	2 00
Best score made by any ex-Councillor, Capt McMonies	1 00

Says a local paper, in its report of the matches:—"The prize list was read over at Dr. McGregor's office that evening, ending a day of manly sport without a mishap or grumble of any kind. The committee of management feel satisfied that no single volunteer company and local matches in Ontario have come up to these; yet are determined next year to eclipse them themselves until Waterdown shall be famed for its sharpshooters."

The great score of 101 points headed the list at one of the most popular of inter-regimental matches in connection with the British volunteers, that of the 1st Midlothian *v.* 1st Stirling rifles, which came off recently at the ranges of the 1st Stirling rifles at Kings' Park, Stirling, and ended in favor of Leith, by a majority of 13 points. The weather conditions were all that could be desired, except that the light at the start was if anything brighter than marksmen consider favorable. There was no wind during the greater part of the day. The conditions were seven rounds at the 200, 500 and 600 yards, with one sighting shot at each. The teams consisted of twenty men on each side. The totals were: for Midlothian—1725 points, an average of 86.5 per man; for Stirlingshire—1712, average 85.12. A Laird headed the list with 101 points, made up of 35 at 200, 35 at 500 and 31 at 600, two magpies having spoiled the score at the last named range; his sighting shots at 200 and 500 yards were both bull's-eyes. Foster, of the Midlothian rifles, headed the list for his team, making a very steady 98—33, 32, 33. The eight highest for Midlothian averaged over 93—total 745; for Stirlingshire nearly 91—total 725. The highest record for the Kolapore cup is 710 points, made this year (without sighting shots).