

RIFLE COMPETITION.

HASTING RIFLE MATCH.

An interesting rifle match took place at Hastings on Thursday last, which was, in every sense of the word a success. A good deal of interest was manifested in the match, there being a large number of entries, quite a few from Norwood being present; and we doubt not, if there were more cash prizes, the attendance from the neighborhood would have been greater:—Captain Howard, of that village, certainly deserves praise for the pains and expense which he must have gone to, to ensure the success of the match, and he is, we trust, amply repaid in the good results attained. We were glad to notice that the Captain was materially assisted by the leading merchants of the village, Messrs. Peters, Learmonth, Kempt, Jones and the Fowles Brothers working actively and taking the utmost interest in the proceedings; the ladies too, although the day was a little cold, turned out in numbers, encouraging the red-coats, and testifying to the popularity of the worthy Captain of No. 6 company of the 57th.

Below we give the names of the successful competitors, with the prizes and score attached:

NO. 6 COMPANY MATCH.

1st, Ladies' prize, silver medal, Ensign M. Howard; points, 33344, 32233—29.
2nd, Cruet stand, A. Buchanan; points 22233, 32402—23.
3rd, Bohemian Goblet, Sergeant English; points, 30020, 43002—17.
4th, pipe, Capt Howard; points, 23020, 43002—16.

VOLUNTEER MATCH.

1st prize, Gun, Pt Richardson, 40th, points, 42244, 33144—34.
2nd, field glass, Pt Dingman, 40th; points, 2332, 4332—26.
3rd, Lady's hat, Sergt, English, No. 6 57th; points, 32223, 22043—15.
4th, a woollen scarf, Pt Hawley, 40th; points, 43423, 04032—25.

ALL CONERS.

1st prize, 2 suits underclothing and jacket, Pt Hawley, 40th; points, 23233, 34232—27.
2nd, set of Furs, Cpt Howard; points, 23432, 32333—27.
3rd, Lady's shawl, W Minaker; points, 33332, 04233—27.
4th, 2½ yards tweed, Pt Lawrence, 40th; points, 42223, 03334—26.
5th, pair Bohemian Vases, Sergt English; points, 22430 33423—26.
6th, Lady's cloud, Pt Dolman, 40th; points, 42223, 33304—26.

CONSOLATION MATCH.

1st prize, poplin dress, Pt Steele, No 6 57th; points, 33333, 00203, 23323—33.
2nd, pair blankets, Pt Bush, No 6 57th; points 22222, 40302 22333—32.
3rd, Vest and tie, Ensign Howard; points, 33332, 30323 02230—31.
4th, prize, Lady's gloves, T. R. Learmonth; points, 30002, 32300, 32323,—27.

CHALLENGE MATCH.

Points.
Percy Volunteer company.....148

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| Norwood | do |147 |
| Hastings | do |102 |
| Civilians | | 97 |

Captain Howard desires us to return his sincere thanks to the merchants of Hastings for assistance kindly rendered, and to Dr. Clarke for his voluntary attendance during the match, should his services be required in case of accident, but fortunately no accident occurred.

The band of the 57th was present in the afternoon, and enlivened the proceedings by playing some selections of music.—*Norwood Register* Nov. 1th

GORE OF DOWNIE SHOOTING MATCH.

The annual shooting match took place on the Fifth of November last. Sides were chosen, officered respectively by Captains Robert Boyd and John Tucker, the former leading his command to victory. After the day's fatigues, the sportsmen assembled at Mr. Richard Chown's hotel, and enjoyed a good supper, winding up with a dance. The following is the score:—

CAPT. BOYD'S SQUAD.

| | Total |
|------------------------|-------|
| Robert Boyd..... | 13 |
| Wm Thom..... | 17 |
| Wm Dunsmore..... | 10 |
| Jackson Morrow..... | 12 |
| Wm Dunseith..... | 15 |
| Thomas Baker..... | 9 |
| James Boyd, jr..... | 11 |
| Thomas Douglass..... | 10 |
| Robert Richardson..... | 8 |
| Samuel Morrow..... | 10 |
| Jhon Thom..... | 15 |
| Total..... | 130 |

CAPT. TUCKER'S SQUAD.

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|----------------------|-----|
| John Tucker..... | 15 |
| Wm Boyd..... | 15 |
| Alex Thom..... | 7 |
| John Wilson..... | 8 |
| John Brown..... | 13 |
| Ira Boyd..... | 13 |
| Thomas Dunseith..... | 12 |
| Wm Douglass..... | 11 |
| Thomas Mutton..... | 11 |
| Samuel Wilson..... | 5 |
| James Hannan..... | 9 |
| Total..... | 119 |

—*Stratford Herald*, Nov. 12.

DRUMBO VOLUNTEER SHOOTING MATCH.

The Annual Match of the Drumbo Light Infantry Company came off at the range, on Captain Landlaw's farm, on Saturday last. Owing to the shortness of time in making arrangements, and the principal efficient officer residing at a distance, the competition was restricted to members of this Company. The day was highly unfavourable to good shooting, "a raw and gusty day," the wind, accompanied with showers, occasionally, of sleet, blowing fitfully across the uneven ground from West to East. Nevertheless, as will be seen by the scores, the marksmen of the Drumbo Company maintained their fair fame, won on former days,

in spite of the most unfavourable circumstances of wind and weather. The distances were 200, 300, and 400 yards, 5 shots at each, the nature of the ground further back occupied by teams ploughing not permitting the extent of 600 yards as intended: The following is the aggregate

SCORE OF THE PRIZE WINNERS:

| | Totals |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. Corp. McLaughlin..... | 48 |
| 2. Sergt. J. Cockburn..... | 44 |
| 3. Ensign Fair..... | 42 |
| 4. Corp. W. Cockburn..... | 41 |
| 5. Lieut. Pattullo..... | 41 |
| 6. Priv. L. Kennedy..... | 37 |
| 7. Priv. H. Wilson..... | 26 |
| 8. Sergt. Sharp..... | 26 |
| 9. Sergt. Fisher..... | 24 |
| 10. Priv. Lewis..... | 33 |
| 11. Priv. Jas. Brown..... | 13 |

The Prizes to the amount of \$83.00 were distributed in the above order, the highest, a beautifully chased silver vase (value \$6), presented by Lieutenant Pattullo, being awarded to Corporal McLaughlin, who earned it with a good score, considering the state of the weather. At the 300 yards he made five bulls eyes in succession, and others made nearly equally as good work, although the wind was blowing a stiff breeze all the day.—*Paris Transcript*, Nov. 14th.

A trial has been made of the Griffiths four-bladed screw in the Indian troopship *Euphrates*, but it may be doubted whether it can be considered satisfactory on every point. There was less vibration than with the old two bladed screw of the same make, without the modified tip, and this will be an advantage. The construction of the blades has the effect of reducing the friction in the water, but more revolutions are required, apparently, to maintain the same speed. of 10,742; with the new one it took, on Monday, possibly owing to force of wind, 41.2 revolutions to reach a mean speed of 10,600. Further experiments are evidently necessary, the questions involved being of grave moment.

Marshal Bazaine, before he enlisted as a private soldier, was rejected from the military school of St. Cyr. When he had become a Marshal, and was one day examining some cadets who were preparing to enter St. Cyr, he made a grimace at the weakness of their replies. Noticing that one of the youths was annoyed by his partial failure, Bazaine said: "Bah! don't torment yourself about that. They would have no hing to do with me at St. Cyr, and yet here I am all the same."

In the Russian army, during the six years ended in 1871, the number of sick per thousand was, on the average, 591 a year, and the number of deaths 161 a year. The mortality among soldiers who are treated in the civil hospitals is considerably greater than when they are treated in the military hospitals, being as five to two. The proportion of deaths among the best troops who are permanently stationed in the provinces is twice as great as among the appears, and one and a half times as great as among the moveable infantry.