

of the N. R. A. And the same objection applies to the Brighton sites, which, moreover, are considered to lie too far south to be convenient.

The programme of the annual meeting of the U. S. National Rifle Association, which opens at Creedmoor on September 10, and continues for five days, has been issued, and shows that every effort has been made to provide conditions which will be attractive and equitable to all participants. Competitors in the President's match this year will be obliged to shoot a rifle of the model issued by the State they represent or the United States Springfield rifle. A new rule has been made prohibiting the placing of the butt of the rifle under the coat, vest or suspender, when aiming. "This," says *Shooting and Fishing*, "is a rule which should have been adopted long ago. Last year the winner of one of the most important matches shot in this manner. It was a strictly military match and, as a crowd of spectators watched the contest, it seemed the height of absurdity to witness a soldier draw aside his coat and push the butt of his rifle to his shoulder, receiving more or less artificial support from this manner of holding. If not unfair it impressed the spectators as being unmilitary."

It does seem a hardship that requests such as that recently made by the Royal Scots for permission to visit the States in uniform, and to which reference is made in our correspondence columns, should have to be refused by the government. If there is no more weighty reason than that assigned—the existence of a prohibitory Order-in-Council, surely that edict might have been at least suspended on this exceptional occasion.

The P. E. Island Garrison Artillery.

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Batteries Nos. 1 and 2, of the P. E. Island Brigade Garrison Artillery, were inspected at Victoria Park yesterday afternoon by Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery from Ottawa. He was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Irving, Brigade Major.

The Brigade was drawn up in line, under command of Major Moore, and received the inspecting officer with a "general salute." Column to the right was then formed, and the clothing, arms and accoutrements were closely inspected. The Batteries then "marched past" in column, quarter column, and at the double, the men marching and wheeling very steadily. The officers next put their companies through the manual and firing exercises and company movements, which were performed in a very satisfactory manner. The Batteries were then marched to the Drill Shed, where a very thorough inspection in gun drill took place, the men acquitting themselves exceedingly well, after which the non-commissioned officers answered to the inspecting officer a number of questions relating to gunnery, etc.

The following officers were present at the inspection, viz.: Major Moore, Surgeon Jenkins, Paymaster Hodgson, Adjutant Morson, who commanded No. 1 Battery; Captain Longworth, and Lieutenants Moore and Bell, of No. 2 Battery.

Ours has been the "banner Province" in military matters for quite a number of years; and while we do not think it is impossible for one of the other Provinces to wrest this honour from our Island boys, yet we believe yesterday's work will certainly be hard to beat. The company which wins the distinction of having done so shall have worked hard and well. We regard Lieut.-Col. Irving and Major Moore as enthusiastic military men, who have infused so much of their own spirit into the officers and men of these two fine batteries that they are becoming—shall we say—invulnerable. Indeed, if they have won the efficiency prize again this year, we think the rest of the Dominion will so regard them.

Captain Longworth, who succeeded Captain (now Major) Moore twelve months ago in the command of No. 2 Battery, is extremely popular with his men, as the filled ranks of his efficient company attest. He is evidently the right man in the right place. In the absence of a Captain, Adjutant Morson has bestowed much careful labour on No. 1 Battery, and with good effect. We are always glad to see him on the field. There were others present, among the non-commissioned officers, to whom we should like to refer, for they contribute not a little in maintaining the military *esprit de corps*, but space forbids; suffice it to say, that we think yesterday's parade was one of which Col. Irving, Major Moore and all concerned may justly be proud,

THE DOMINION RIFLE TOURNAMENT.

A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN PROGRESS AT OTTAWA THIS WEEK.

Complete Scores of the Grand Aggregate Matches—The range record eclipsed in the Dominion of Canada match—Great improvement in the Grand Aggregate.

With military punctuality, firing in the annual matches of the Dominion Rifle Association commenced at 8.30 o'clock Monday morning. The day was a fine one for bodily comfort as well as for high scoring. The light was clear and not too bright to dazzle the eyes, and the air was pleasantly cool. A breeze from the left front blew until well on in the afternoon and deceived a great many strangers to the range, who refused to acknowledge its strength until a couple of right outers or perhaps misses brought mild panic and unconditional surrender.

The first to commence firing were the Nurserymen, competing for 77 prizes, value \$380, provided out of the generous contributions made by the leading banks of the Dominion towards the association funds. This match is open only to those who have never won a prize of \$10 or upwards at any previous prize meeting of the D.R.A., and as a man may shoot for an age without coming high enough on the list to secure a prize of that value, an exceedingly large number of venerable "infants" may always be observed taking part in this contest. Even after securing a place on the Wimbledon team men have often been eligible and have shot in the Nursery. There were as usual close on 200 entries. The match consists of five shots at 500 yards with the Snider rifle. One competitor made the possible last year, but the highest score this time was 23. The next score last year and this was 22, but there were only two 21's Monday against seven in 1887. And while last year fifteen 16's were counted out, this year three scores of 14 points each won prizes for their makers. The list of prize winners was as follows:—

\$20 Pte. Buchanan, 22nd.....	23	Lieut. Richardson, 8th Royals.	17
15 Sergt. Macklin, 90th.....	22	Lieut. Roberts, 33rd.....	17
\$10 prizes—		Lieut. Stewart, P.E.I.G.A.....	17
Pte. Henderson, 13th.....	21	Lieut. Neilly, 36th.....	17
Lieut. Vermilyea, 15th.....	21	Pte. Fenton, 56th.....	17
Sergt. Hanna, 56th.....	20	Capt. Dow, 91st.....	17
Dr. G. Hutchison, Ottawa.....	20	Staff-Sergt. Morrison, 8th Rifles....	17
Sergt. Sylvester, 45th.....	20	" Corbin, 63rd.....	16
Pte. Longueuil, 63rd.....	20	Sergt. Robinson, 45th.....	16
Pte. Lough, 43rd.....	20	\$3 prizes—	
Mr. T. C. Slade, Ottawa.....	20	Sergt. Crooks, Q.O.R.....	16
Staff-Sergt. Zealand, 13th.....	19	Lieut. Fairweather, Guards.....	16
Capt. Bústeed, V.R.C.....	19	" Fletcher, 67th.....	16
\$5 prizes—		" McFarlane, 67th.....	16
Pte. Rymal, 77th.....	19	Corpl. Meadows, 13th.....	16
Col.-Sergt. Ross, 8th Rifles.....	19	Pte. Lavers, 6th Fus.....	16
Capt. Cox, R.L. (Ottawa).....	19	Pte. Beach, 45th.....	16
Lieut. Rogers, 43rd.....	19	Lieut. McDougall, 8th Cav.....	16
Sergt. Hartley, 8th Rifles.....	19	Pte. Benedict, 90th.....	16
Sergt. Elliott, 63rd.....	19	Sergt. Henderson, 62nd.....	16
Capt. Weeks, Char. Eng.....	19	Pte. J. D. Holbrook, Guards.....	16
Lieut. Harrison, 93rd.....	18	Pte. Curtis, 45th.....	16
Pte. Thomson, 8th Rifles.....	18	Corpl. Douglas, 8th Rifles.....	16
Staff-Sergt. Curzon, 10th Royals....	18	" Fowler, 10th Royals.....	16
Mr. Hall, Prescott.....	18	Pte. Lang, 31st.....	16
Tptr. Coates, Prescott TroopCav....	18	Sergt. McKay, 90th.....	15
Pte. Grigg, 31st.....	18	Capt. Billings, 43rd.....	15
Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd.....	18	Col.-Sergt. McCrae, P.W.R.....	15
Col.-Sergt. Menzies, 43rd.....	18	Pte. Ronan, 12th.....	15
\$4 prizes—		Tpr. Crowe, W.B.F.A.....	15
Capt. Dennistoun, 57th.....	18	Pte. Kambery, 5th R.S.....	15
Pte. Dunn, 8th Royals.....	18	Capt. Deyell, 46th.....	15
Major Hughes, 45th.....	18	Sapper Anderson, Char. Eng.....	15
Lieut. Blackmore, 63rd.....	18	Mr. C. S. Scott, Ottawa.....	15
Sergt.-major Huton, Prescott Tr. C.	18	Lieut. Desbarats, V.R.C.....	15
Pte. McMartin, 5th R.S.....	18	Sergt. Heron, 43rd.....	15
Corpl. Blake, 57th.....	18	Corpl. Lordly, 62nd.....	15
Tpr. Cooke, P.L.D.G.....	18	Sergt. Baird, 50th.....	14
Pte. Hall, 79th.....	17	" Blair, 78th.....	14
Pte. Scott, 6th Fus.....	17	Pte. Pearce, 31st.....	14
Mr. J. Johnson, T.R.C.....	17	Eleven 14's were counted out.	

THE MACDOUGALL CUP MATCH.

The Macdougall match, consisting of five shots at 400 and five at 600 yards, was fired next. This was open only to efficient militiamen, and had to be fired in uniform. With the first money prize, there goes the handsome challenge cup presented to the association by Lady Macdougall, when her husband, General Sir Patrick Macdougall, was commander-in-chief of the forces. The cup has to be won twice consecutively to become the winner's property, and Monday's competition leaves its final possession still undecided. The scoring was considerably higher