

to war with each other, and certainly a struggle carried on by the United States in behalf of a South American republic would be so unpopular with the Americans themselves, as soon as ever the inevitable losses and burdens of it began to be felt, that it would be abandoned almost as hastily as it was entered into.

As one of the English papers remarked, it is difficult to see what pretext the United States has for interfering in a dispute which is entirely confined to two foreign powers. It would have been still more pertinent to ask what the Americans expected to get by it? The interests of the States are in no ways affected by the boundary line of Venezuela, nor are there any advantages which that state would offer in return for American support which would not be more than counterbalanced by the expenses and losses of a month's war. There is, of course, that old dream, not yet wholly given up, of the acquisition of Canada, but though this country could be, and possibly would be overcome and held, the ultimate retention of it, if that ever took place, would not be after a year's, or two years', or five years' struggle, but after one which would equal in duration the contest with the first Napoleon. Canada would not be worth such a price to the Americans, to say nothing of the possibility of their not getting the article after they had paid for it.

No doubt that the Venezuela government would be only too happy to be backed up by the United States, though we are not clear that that would make much difference if England is convinced of the justice of her claim; and it has, we are told, granted a mining concession in the disputed territory to an American syndicate, in the hope of involving our cousins in the quarrel. The hope is a very faint one. We presume that the syndicate does not much care whether its mines are in Venezuela, or in British Guiana, so long as it has them, and it is not likely that England will disposses the actual owners and occupiers of the land when she establishes her right to the territory.

**Hemmingford Rifle Association.**

The following is a report of the annual matches held on the 10th and 11th ult.

NO. 1. TRIAL MATCH.—200 yds., 5 shots.	
1—Pte. E. Gervais, No. 4, 51st	20 \$5 00
2—Pte. J. Perry, Troop	18 4 00
3—Geo. Fisher, No. 4, 51st	17 3 00
4—Pte. F. Greenway, No. 1, 51st	17 2 50
5—Pte. J. Greenway, No. 1, 51st	17 2 50
6—Lieut. Dowling, No. 1, 51st	16 2 00
7—Pte. J. English, No. 3, 51st	14 2 00
8—Pte. E. Inkell, No. 1, 51st	13 2 00
9—Pte. Wiggins, Troop	13 1 50
10—Pte. Geo. Kingsbury, No. 4, 51st	12 1 50
11—Sergt. Gowdey, Troop	10 1 50
12—Pte. W. Orr, No. 3, 51st	10 1 00
13—Pte. E. Ellerton, No. 3, 51st	9 1 00
14—Pte. Kingsbury, No. 3, 51st	9 .50
15—Pte. J. Keddy, No. 3, 51st	8 .50
16—Pte. J. Collings, Troop	7 .50
NO. 2. ASSOCIATION MATCH.—200, 400 and 500 yds., 5 shots at each.	
1—Pte. D. McNaughton, Troop	66 \$7 00
2—Mr. S. Cochrane	63 6 00
3—Pte. D. Emerson, No. 3, 51st	61 5 00
4—Pte. W. N. McNaughton, Troop	61 4 00
5—Capt. Orr, No. 1, 51st	58 3 00
6—Pte. W. F. Stewart, Troop	57 2 50
7—J. Wadsworth, Troop	57 2 50
8—Pte. J. Greenway, No. 1, 51st	57 2 00
9—Pte. A. McNaughton, No. 3, 51st	57 2 00
10—Pte. T. Goundery, 50th	55 2 00
11—Sergt. T. Stewart, Troop	54 1 50
12—Capt. McKay, No. 4, 51st	54 1 00
13—Mr. W. Thomson	54 1 00
14—Capt. Barr, Troop	54 1 00

15—Lieut. W. C. Barr, Troop	53 1 00
16—Pte. W. N. McNaughton, Troop	53 1 00
17—Pte. G. Emerson, No. 3, 51st	52 1 00
18—Lieut. J. F. Sriver, Troop	52 1 00
19—Pte. J. Gonndery 50th	52 .50
20—Capt. Allen, 51st	51 .50
NO. 3. COMPANY CHALLENGE MATCH.—400 yards, 5 shots.	
1—Sergt. Stewart, Troop	23 \$5 00
2—Capt. Allen, 51st	22 4 00
3—Pte. W. L. Stewart, Troop	22 3 00
4—Capt. D. McNaughton, Troop	21 2 50
5—Capt. McFee, 60th	21 2 50
6—Pte. W. H. McNaughton, Troop	21 2 00
7—Sergt. Greenway, No. 1, 51st	21 1 50
8—D. A. Cunningham	20 1 50
9—S. Cochrane	20 1 50
10—Major McFee, 51st	20 1 50
11—Surgeon de Moulpied, 51st	19 1 50
12—Lieut. Col. Lucas, 51st	19 1 00
13—Lieut. W. C. Barr, Troop	19 1 00
14—Pte. Geo. Keddy, Troop	18 1 00
15—Lieut. J. F. Sriver, Troop	18 1 00
16—Pte. W. McNaughton, Troop	17 .50
17—Pte. Geo. Emerson, No. 3, 51st	17 .50

TEAM PRIZES.	
1—Staff Lieut.-Col. Lucas	87 10 00
2—Troop. Capt. Barr	83 7 50
3—No. 1, 51st, Capt. Orr	71 5 50
4—No. 3, 51st, Capt. McKay	70 4 00
NO. 4. LADIES MATCH.—500 yards, 5 shots.	
1—Capt. Barr, Troop	23 \$4 00
2—J. Wadsworth, Troop	22 3 00
3—Pte. W. H. McNaughton, Troop	20 2 00
4—Capt. Allen, 51st	20 2 00
5—Pte. W. T. Stewart, Troop	19 1 00
6—Pte. H. Wiggins, Troop	19 1 00
7—Pte. D. McNaughton, Troop	18 1 00
8—Lieut. J. F. Sriver, Troop	17 1 00
9—Capt. Orr, No. 1, 51st	17 1 00
10—Lieut. Dowling, No. 1, 51st	16 1 00
11—Pte. A. McNaughton, No. 3, 51st	16 .50
12—Pte. W. N. McNaughton, Troop	14 .50
13—Capt. McKay, No. 3, 51st	12 .50
NO. 5. SWEEPSTAKES.—500 yards, 5shots.	
1—H. A. Johnson	25 \$5 00
2—Surgeon de Moulpied, 51st	22 3 00
3—Lieut. Dowling, No. 1, 51st	21 2 00
4—Pte. W. N. McNaughton, Troop	21 2 00
5—Pte. D. McNaughton, Troop	21 1 50
6—Capt. Orr, No. 1, 51st	21 1 50
7—S. Cochrane	21 1 50
8—Pte. W. H. McNaughton, Troop	19 1 00
9—Lieut. J. F. Sriver, Troop	18 1 00
10—Capt. Barr, Troop	17 1 00
11—Pte. W. F. Stewart, Troop	17 1 00
12—Capt. McFee, 60th	17 .50

NO. 6. CONSOLATION.—400 yard, 5 shots	
1—J. M. Robb	20 \$4 00
2—Lieut. W. N. Cairns	12 3 00
3—D. Dowling	11 2 00
4—Geo. Jackson	5 2 00
5—Hugh Orr	4 2 00
HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE IN NOS. 2, 3, 5.	
1—Pte. D. McNaughton, Troop	108 D.R.A. medal
2—S. Cochrane	104 \$3 00
3—Pte. W. H. McNaughton, Troop	101 2 00

A beautiful silver cup, the gift of Lieut. Col. Cole, of Montreal, to the active members of the 51st Batt. making the highest aggregate score in Nos. 3 and 4 was won by Capt. Allen with 42 points.

Argenteuil Rifle Association.	
The shooting matches of the Argenteuil Rifle Association held at St. Andrews, Que., October 4th and 5th resulted as follows:	
NO. 1—NURSERY MATCH—400 YARDS.	
1—N. Robinson	\$3.00
2—Dr. G. F. Shaw	2 00
NO. 2—ASSOCIATION MATCH.]	
Ranges 200, 400, and 600 yards, 5 rounds each range.	
1—Geo. Armstrong	54 Pts.
2—Thos. Burwash	53
3—Dan. V. Cameron	52

The postponed matches of the District of Bedford Rifle Association were fired on the range on Hon. G. B. Baker's farm at Sweetsburg on the 8th and 9th ult. The weather, although dry, was cold and a very strong gusty three o'clock wind blew all the time, making "possibles" almost out of the question. Some pretty good scores were put on, however, and keen interest in the shooting was evinced by not only the older habitués of these matches but by young and aspiring shots as well. Subjoined are the scores of the prize winners:—

MATCH NO. 1.—200 YDS., 5 ROUNDS, SNIDER RIFLES.	
1—Dr. Dickson	23 Pts.
2—Major Jamieson	21
3—Sergt. Hawley	20
4—Capt. A. McFee	20
5—Lt. Col. Amyrauld	20
6—Corp. Seale	19
7—Pte. A. Lay	19
8—H. G. Phelps	19
9—Lieut. Moffatt	19
10—Capt. G. B. Hall	19
11—H. Laraba	19
MATCH NO. 2.—400 & 500 YDS, 5 ROUNDS SNIDER RIFLES.	
1—W. H. Wright	45
2—Capt. C. Hall	43
3—Dr. Dickson	42
4—Mr. A. Newell	41
5—Mr. A. Richardson	40
6—Major Jamieson	39
7—H. Laraba	38
8—Sergt. Hawley	37
9—Major Bulman	36
10—Lieut. Bump	35
11—Lieut. Richardson	35
12—Lt. Greeley	34
13—Capt. Billings	33
14—Dr. Martin	33
MATCH NO. 3.—400 YDS, 7 ROUNDS, SNIDER RIFLES.	
1—A. Newell	31
2—Lt. Richardson	30
3—Lt. Greeley	27
4—Lt. Moffatt	26
5—Capt. Billings	26
6—H. Laraba	26
7—Lt. Bump	25
8—Dr. Martin	25
9—Maj. Jamieson	25
10—Maj. Bulman	24
11—Trump. Seale	23

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