

behalf, seemingly preferred to keep silence rather than run the risk of having the abuse wrongly heaped upon the General turned upon them as sympathisers. It is not, therefore, a matter for surprise that he has come to the conclusion to abandon in disgust the attempt to favourably impress a determinedly hostile jury, and to put himself out of the way of further insult by withdrawing from the Canadian service.

It was on the 12th July 1884 that Sir Fred. Middleton, then Col. F. D. Middleton, C.B., assumed the command of the Canadian Militia, taking the local rank of Major-General. For his services in the North-West in 1885 (in recognition of which the Canadian Parliament awarded him a vote of thanks and \$20,000), he was promoted by the Imperial authorities to the rank of Major-General, and made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. When later he had about reached the limit of age for employment as a Major-General, he retired from the Army with the honorary rank of Lieut. General, and about the same time the Dominion Government extended until 1892 the term of his command here, which in the ordinary course of events would have expired on the 12th of July, 1889. Having thus marked their appreciation of the special value of his services to this country, it is a pity that the Government did not interfere to shield General Middleton from undue punishment for an untoward act into which he was led by other public servants, who are seemingly to go free whilst their victim suffers for having unwisely yielded to their selfish solicitation.

The Rifle.

The Ottawa Rifle Club competition on Saturday last, Martini rifles, Queen's ranges, thus resulted: Dessert spoon, 1st class, Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 92; tea spoon, 1st class, J. A. Armstrong, 89; dessert spoon, 2nd class, H. McKay, 86; dessert spoon, 3rd class, D. McMartin, 78.

Frontier Rifle Association.

The twenty-eighth annual prize meeting of this Association took place on the farm of Mr. Alex. Thomson, near the village of Huntingdon, on Tuesday, 24th June. The weather was very warm. The wind, from the left front, was gusty, and consequently the scoring was not above average. The attendance was smaller than usual, from various accountable reasons. The new match, the McEachren, on the programme this year for the greater encouragement of young shots, was well patronized.

Trial match—5 rounds each, at 200 yards. Open to members of the 50th who never won over \$2 :—

\$6 Pte. Hugh Paton, 50th..... 18	\$2 Pte. Wm. Erskine, 50th..... 13
5 Corp. L. Roberts, 50th..... 15	2 Pte. W. Arthur, 50th..... 10
4 Pte. John Jolly, 50th..... 13	2 Pte. John McCaig, 50th..... 4
3 Pte. Wm. J. Goundry, 50th..... 13	1 Pte. Fred. Henderson, 50th..... 2
3 Sergt. Loque, 50th..... 13	

McEachren Match—200, 400 and 500 yards, 5 rounds at each. Open to members of the 50th who never won over \$4 at any previous match :—

\$5 Pte. Wm. Goundry, 50th..... 51	\$2 Pte. Wm. Erskine, 50th..... 43
4 Corp. L. Roberts, 50th..... 48	2 Sergt. Loque, 50th..... 40
3 Pte. W. Arthur, 50th..... 44	1 Hugh Patton, 50th..... 39
3 Jos. Ross, Paymaster, 50th..... 44	1 Corp. P. McNaughton, 50th..... 35
2 Pte. Geo. Tibin, 50th..... 43	1 Pte. John Watson..... 28

Frontier Match—200, 400 and 500 yards, 5 rounds at each. Open to all members of the Association :—

\$8 Sergt. Baird, 50th..... 67	\$2 Pte. Geo. Tibin, 50th..... 53
6 Dr. Dickson, Hemmingford..... 62	2 Pte. R. G. Dunsmore, Corbin... 49
5 Lt. McFarlane, 50th..... 60	2 Pte. J. W. Stark, Huntingdon... 49
4 Dr. Wells, Huntingdon..... 58	1 Pte. D. McFarlane, 50th..... 48
3 Lt. Baxter, 50th..... 57	1 Pte. Wm. J. Goundry, 50th..... 48
3 Pte. Wm. Sloan, 50th..... 57	1 Corp. D. McNaughton, 51st..... 46
3 Pte. W. Arthur, 50th..... 56	1 Corp. L. Roberts, 50th..... 45

Association Match—500 and 600 yards, 7 rounds at each. Open to all members of the Association :—

\$8 Pte. D. McFarlane, 50th..... 48	\$2 Pte. W. J. Goundry, 50th..... 27
6 Sergt. Baird, 50th..... 44	2 Lt.-Col. McLaren, 50th..... 23
5 Lt. McFarlane, 50th..... 42	1 Pte. Wm. Sloan, 50th..... 22
4 Lt. Baxter, 50th..... 42	1 Pte. J. W. Stark, Huntingdon... 18
3 Dr. Dickson, Hemmingford..... 42	1 Pte. R. G. Dunsmore, Corbin... 14
3 Dr. Wells, Huntingdon..... 39	1 Corp. L. Roberts, 50th..... 11
2 Corp. D. McNaughton, 51st..... 32	

Company Challenge Match.—5 rounds at 400 yards by word of command :—\$8 and cup presented by Dr. Wells, No. 2 Company, 50th Batt., 47; \$6, No. 3 Company, 50th Batt., 44.

Extra Series.—5 rounds, 500 yards—Lt. McFarlane, 50th, butter cooler from W. B. Saunders, 21; Sergt. Niven, 50th, vernier from Lt. Col. McLaren, 20; Dr. Dickson, Hemmingford; ½ dozen silver knives and forks from Mrs. Moir, 19; Pte. D. McFarlane, 50th, \$1, 19. Aggregate in Matches, 3, 4 and 6.—Sergt. Baird, No. 4, 50th, D. C. R. A. medal, 130.

The Military Rifle League.

Two of the score sheets of the third match, fired on the 14th June, which had not arrived in time for insertion last issue, have since come to hand, and are here printed, together with the scores made on the 28th June by the team of A Battery, R. C. A., who could not fire on the 14th June in consequence of repairs to the range being in progress. The scores of the 96th Battalion in the third match have not yet been received.

[200, 500, 600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS, SNIDER RIFLES.]

F DIVISION N. W. M. POLICE.				D. Williamson..... 26	22	20	68		
Stf.-Sergt. W. Parker.	32	29	21	82	A. Goodfellow..... 28	18	18	64	
Sgt. H. Bailey.....	30	26	23	79	W. J. Bishop..... 26	23	15	64	
Const. A. R. Carmichael	31	21	22	74	Jas. McKay..... 30	15	11	56	
Const. R. B. Harley..	24	24	21	69	J. Stewart..... 24	20	11	55	
Const. E. B. Creighton.	28	29	12	69	Totals..... 274	224	177	675	
Supt. A. B. Perry....	27	24	15	66	A BATTERY R.C.A. (FIRED 28TH JUNE).				
Corp. W. Kerr.....	29	22	13	64	Stf.-Sgt. Bridgford...	26	26	21	73
Insp. F. Norman....	30	22	9	61	Gr. Roothame.....	26	29	18	73
Const. O. St. Denis	30	20	8	58	Major Drury.....	28	22	19	69
Sgt. A. E. G. Montgomr'y	23	19	12	54	Gr. Rousseau.....	24	26	18	68
Totals..... 284	236	156	676	Corp. Bramah.....	30	22	16	68	
SASKATCHEWAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.				Gr. Robinson.....	24	20	20	64	
F. C. Baker.....	28	27	21	76	Sgt. Harris.....	17	23	15	55
J. L. Johnson.....	25	26	23	74	Bmbr. Ross.....	16	20	14	50
Geo. McKay.....	29	23	22	74	Sgt. Hewgill.....	29	8	13	50
T. T. Agnew.....	31	24	19	74	Bmbr. Davies.....	16	19	13	48
R. J. Pritchard.....	27	26	17	70	Totals..... 236	215	167	618	

Correspondence.

[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

THE CRITICS FURTHER CRITICISED.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—In your issue of the 26th June, what purports to be "A Friend of the League" displays to my mind biliousness and dyspepsia raging at fever heat. "Physician cure thyself" before interfering with honest straightforward discussion of different passes that arise as we wend our way through the C.M.R.I. series.

First, he attacks Geo. A. McM. All riflemen who have met Geo. A. McM. know him to be at all times sanguine, and if failure was prophesied by him, it was without knowing that our worthy League secretary, who is the promoter, had thoroughly canvassed the Dominion from end to end, and had had words of commendation and encouragement to proceed with the project warranting general support, moreover the letter that appeared in the columns of your paper in the early spring signed G. A. McM. did not give evidence of a bilious turn of mind, nor do the scores that he succeeds in compiling warrant "Friend's" closing epithet.

Secondly, he takes hold of "Mark IV." I think, Mr. Editor, had the "Friend of the League" been half as earnest in his desires and convictions as "Mark IV." he would have manfully stood forth and claimed entire freedom from even a semblance of unfairness on the part of the "Battery." We know they can shoot and shoot well too, but is it not the right of all interested to comment upon what may appear outside of the usual. I think the "Friend of the League" would have done infinitely more towards cementing a friendship between the worthy Battery and our citizen shots by alluding to the criticism as anything but insulting. "Friend's" bilious attack must have been somewhat severe when he penned that word "insulting." The question arose in the mind of "Mark IV." and was put by him; all that was sought was a straightforward answer in a manly way.

The "Essex Centre" scoring alluded to by our "Friend" has been ably championed by themselves in a praiseworthy manner; it remains for "G" to accept the challenge, or defeat, or possibly both.

To the writer's mind no letter more unworthy of the columns of your paper than that of a "Friend of the League" could have appeared therein; better, in his own closing comment, confine himself to a few words of commendation of the League and its purposes.

"MARTINI."

Montreal, 30th June, 1890.