

bright; Toronto, fine, variable, light bright; Windsor Mills, fine, steady, light bright; Winnipeg, mild, strong, light clear; York, fine, light variable.

The match on Saturday last was, as all the series will be, fired with the Snider rifle, at 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each range; regimental teams of ten men. Here are the details of the scoring of the first team, that of the

TWENTY-FIRST BATTALION, ESSEX FUSILIERS,

who fired at Essex Centre. The weather was fine, the light good, the wind gusty, eleven o'clock, and the fouling moist. The range officer was Major J. H. Beattie, of the 27th, and the captain of the team Capt. A. E. Jones, of the 21st:—

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|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|
| Pte. G. McKenzie..... | 545545—33 | 2344553—26 | 3454555—31 | 90 |
| Pte. S. B. Green..... | 5555445—33 | 2533455—27 | 3552535—28 | 88 |
| Sgt. S. McAnanny..... | 4545545—32 | 4554455—32 | 3305435—23 | 87 |
| Sgt. J. C. Dixon..... | 5454555—33 | 5435545—31 | 0445334—23 | 87 |
| Pte. A. J. Green..... | 5554545—33 | 5503225—22 | 3545455—31 | 86 |
| Pte. O. Dow..... | 5454445—31 | 4023245—20 | 5354554—31 | 82 |
| Corp. H. McGregor..... | 3555444—30 | 5343555—30 | 4353222—21 | 81 |
| Pte. W. R. Elliot..... | 4453344—27 | 3453425—26 | 3552335—26 | 79 |
| Stf.-Sgt. A. Gow..... | 5455443—30 | 3353525—26 | 5420025—18 | 74 |
| Corp. T. Dresser..... | 5454454—31 | 3504404—20 | 4200450—15 | 66 |
| Totals..... | 313 | 260 | 247 | 820 |

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

The teams are given below in the order in which they now stand, the team totals of the first and second matches being published, together with the aggregate. Next week the individual totals will be given, the teams then being placed in the order of their scores in the second match. This is how they now stand in the aggregate:—

| | 17th May. | 31st May. | Aggregate. |
|---|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. 54th Battalion..... | 807 | 799 | 1606 |
| 2. Halifax Garrison Artillery..... | 797 | 757 | 1554 |
| 3. B Battery R. C. A..... | 748 | 767 | 1515 |
| 4. 13th Battalion..... | 688 | 775 | 1463 |
| 5. 63rd Battalion..... | 756 | 696 | 1452 |
| 6. 21st Battalion..... | 625 | 820 | 1445 |
| 7. 8th Royal Rifles..... | 634 | 799 | 1433 |
| 8. 96th Battalion..... | 677 | 747 | 1424 |
| 9. 45th Battalion, Lindsay..... | 652 | 769 | 1421 |
| 10. 53rd Battalion..... | 683 | 724 | 1407 |
| 11. 12th Battalion..... | 648 | 744 | 1392 |
| 12. 57th Battalion..... | 688 | 694 | 1382 |
| 13. 45th Battalion, Bowmanville..... | 623 | 755 | 1378 |
| 14. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 1st team..... | 638 | 732 | 1370 |
| 15. 82nd Battalion..... | 610 | 757 | 1367 |
| 16. Saskatchewan Rifle Assn..... | 738 | 619 | 1357 |
| 17. Gov. General's Foot Guards, 1st team..... | 614 | 731 | 1345 |
| 18. 43rd Battalion, 1st team..... | 576 | 738 | 1314 |
| 19. Charlottetown Engineers..... | 653 | 633 | 1286 |
| 20. 62nd Fusiliers..... | 598 | 681 | 1279 |
| 21. Queen's Own Rifles, 1st team..... | 622 | 657 | 1279 |
| 22. Victoria Rifles, 1st team..... | 528 | 733 | 1261 |
| 23. Queen's Own Rifles, 2nd team..... | 569 | 680 | 1249 |
| 24. F. Division N. W. M. P. | 616 | 633 | 1249 |
| 25. 90th Battalion..... | 628 | 600 | 1228 |
| 26. P. E. I. Garrison Artillery..... | 551 | 672 | 1223 |
| 27. Halifax Garrison Artillery, 2nd team..... | 600 | 600 | 1200 |
| 28. 43rd Battalion, 2nd team..... | 528 | 630 | 1158 |
| 29. 6th Fusiliers, 1st team..... | 512 | 637 | 1149 |
| 30. Montreal Garrison Artillery..... | 439 | 665 | 1104 |
| 31. 10th Royal Grenadiers, 2nd team..... | 526 | 565 | 1091 |
| 32. 37th Battalion..... | 491 | 590 | 1081 |
| 33. 5th Royal Scots, 1st team..... | 448 | 608 | 1056 |
| 34. Regina Rifle Assn..... | 571 | 465 | 1036 |
| 35. 44th Battalion..... | 395 | 634 | 1029 |
| 36. 9th Battalion..... | 403 | 622 | 1025 |
| 37. 14th Battalion..... | 424 | 570 | 994 |
| 38. C Company I. S. C..... | 511 | 468 | 979 |
| 39. A Battery R. C. A..... | 414 | 559 | 973 |
| 40. 6th Fusiliers, 2nd team..... | 427 | 540 | 967 |
| 41. 38th Battalion..... | 390 | 507 | 897 |
| 42. 35th Battalion, Orillia team..... | 413 | 482 | 895 |
| 43. 35th Battalion, Barrie team..... | 356 | 444 | 800 |
| 44. Governor General's Body Guard..... | 325 | 462 | 787 |
| 45. B Company I. S. C..... | 317 | 437 | 754 |
| 46. 5th Royal Scots, 2nd team..... | 292 | 426 | 718 |
| 47. Victoria Rifles, 2nd team..... | 257 | 421 | 678 |
| 48. 1st P. W. R., 1st team..... | 254 | 389 | 643 |
| 49. Gov. General's Foot Guards, 2nd team..... | Did not fire | 569 | 569 |
| 50. 49th Battalion..... | " | 455 | 455 |
| 51. 65th Battalion..... | 139 | 238 | 377 |
| 52. 1st P. W. R., 2nd team..... | No return | 209 | 209 |

NOTES.

To add to the interest of the regimental shooting, the Grenadiers formed a third team, of men held in reserve for the first and second. They made a total, on Saturday last, of 478, made up as follows: Pte. Fox 64, Pte. Hart 60, Sgt. Smith 58, Corp. Stenman 51, Pte. Dunbar 49, Corp. Patterson 48, Stf.-Sgt. Hutchinson 39, Sgt. Rogers 37, Pte. Bowman 37, Pte. Shand 34. The captain of the team, Capt. C. Greville-Harstone, scored 61 points.

The secretary of the League would like to be notified by such teams as desire to fire the fourth match in camp.

By request, the D. A. G. of the Second Military District has appointed Lieut. A. D. Cartwright, 47th Battalion, as executive officer for League matches at Toronto.

The Ontario corps are going to apply for leave for the League teams to leave camp on Friday, the 27th, so as to be ready for the match on the 28th.

THE ORDER OF FIRING.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—The following incident took place at the 2nd League match: A member of a competing team who was in the last pair to fire at 500 yards, was put on the first pair at 600 yards to help him to put on a larger score, there being better light than when he shot in his turn. Several of us would like to know if this is allowed in team shooting according to the D. R. A. rules. Kindly answer.

TORONTO.

Ans.—The D. R. A. have no special rule covering this point, any desired departure from the fixed order of precedence being left to the range officer to decide upon. We fancy that if a member of a team, firing last at 500 yards, were likely to be compelled to fire in the dark at 600 if last there, the range officer would allow any change which could be effected with another competitor.—EDITOR.

INFORMATION FOR "MARK IV."

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—In answer to "Mark IV." I beg to state that the Executive fully discussed the idea of making it compulsory to have a disinterested party in the markers' butts during the matches, but came to the conclusion that when several teams are firing it was unnecessary, and where only one team is firing, where would you find a disinterested party in the town from which said team came? It would be necessary to bring some person from a town in which a competing team was, and this would only add greatly to the expense and even then one person cannot watch more than two targets in the narrow space there usually is in the markers' butts. If a team wish to cheat they can easily manage it, no matter how many are watching. If we had thought of it we could easily have had a clause by which a man's father, or brother, etc., would be forbidden to mark, but how is a range officer to find out if a competitor has any relations in the markers' butts. These competitions are left largely to the honesty of those competing, and so far there has been nothing to show that everything that has taken place has not been fair and honest.

The reason why B Battery were allowed to fire at 10 a.m., May 17, was that the Battery had a special duty to perform in the afternoon and could not have taken part. We must make certain allowances for the regulars.

The markers, I have ascertained, were those regularly employed on the range, and in no way connected with the Battery.

WM. R. PRINGLE,
Secretary League.

Toronto, 2nd June, 1890.

B BATTERY'S CASE.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—With reference to the letter of Mark IV. in your last issue, permit me to state in your columns for the information of all concerned, that after permission to enter for the League matches had been granted by the Commandant, and the team had been selected, an unexpected request was made by H. H. the Lieut.-Governor of the Province for the services of the band to play at Spencer Wood for an afternoon reception, with which the Commandant, as a matter of courtesy, was anxious to comply. This would take away four at least of our best shots, and entirely demoralise the proposed entry. As the Commandant was desirous of encouraging rifle shooting in the Battery and the entry of a team from this corps, he was good enough to telegraph on the 15th ult. to the secretary of the League to allow us to shoot in the morning of the appointed day, which telegram was answered in the affirmative by the courteous secretary of the League.

We were ourselves very disappointed at having to shoot in the morning, as the light is entirely different, the Levis ranges lying west to east, and we had had no morning practices, but preferred doing so to being out of the match entirely. The wind was blowing a stiff gale (4 of the team shooting outside the left upright at 500 and 600 yards), and there was considerable grumbling at our ill luck. However, the fortunes of war resulted in a thoroughly nasty afternoon, dark and wet, though the wind dropped considerably, so we had had the advantage of shooting in dry clothing as against our gallant local opponents of the 8th Rifles, and apparently most other teams elsewhere. This, I submit, was pure chance.

With regard to the question of markers, the use of the range and markers was asked for officially from the D. A. General of the district, and he detailed the Government markers (not members of the battery at