

does occur, it is more likely, according to present prospects, that when the great crash in the great Republic does arrive, as come it must, the North East border States will rather seek to be annexed to Canada than that Canada should ever see its interest in annexation with a land of General Butler, Rowdy Fisk, and George Francis Train.

RIFLE MATCHES.

The annual meeting and match of the Nova Scotia Provincial Rifle Association was held on the 27th August and following days at Bedford.

On the 27th the firing commenced at 10, a. m. Major Yeoman's was in charge of the field, and remained in command throughout. The other range officers found good reasons for not attending, and made the duty very heavy for the Major; and unfortunately Col, Laurio was very unwell, and unable to attend and give assistance.

The short ranges of the first and second competitions were shot off before lunch, during which the targets were altered, and these competitions were finished in time to take the 6 p. m. train for town.

The average shooting throughout these competitions was very good, only 8 being ruled out in the first, and 4 in the second competition.

About 135 competitors were present, representing the Artillery, Infantry and Rifles of Halifax. The 78th Highlanders from Colchester and Hants, and the 68th King's County, and the Cumberland Provisional Battalion, Lunenburg, Annapolis, and Cape Breton, are, as usual, conspicuous by the absence of competitors.

The markers were kindly furnished by Sir Hastings Doyle from the 60th and 87th Regiments.

SECOND COMPETITION.

The Cogswell Challenge Cup. Cup to be won three times. Ranges 300, 400 and 600 yds. Five rounds at each range.

	Pts.
1st prize, cup and \$30, Gunner Shand,	
1st Halifax Gar. Art.....	55
2nd \$38, Corp'l. J. G. Stenshouse, 63rd..	49
3rd 25, Pte Merson, 63rd.....	49
4th 20, Sergt. H. G. Harris, H. G. A.	49
5th 15, Gunner W. A. Garrison, H. G. A. 48	
6th 5, Pte. J. E. Eaton, 78th	47
7th 5, Sergeant R. Christie, Cumber-	
land	47
8th 5, Ens. Fitch, 78th.....	47
9th 5, Sergt. W. Hardwick, 68th	47
10th 5, Lieut. J. L. Barnhill, 78th.....	47
11th 5, Sergt. J. C. Corbin, 63rd.....	47
12th 5, Pte. C. H. McLeod, 78th.....	46
13th 5, Capt. G. E. Church, Cumber-	
land.....	46
14th 5, Corp. P. Hickey, 63rd.....	46
15th 5, Sergt. P. Taple, 63rd.....	46
16th 5, Lieutenant W. Moffat, Cumber-	
land.....	45
17th 5, Gunner S. Marshall, 1st H. G. A. 45	

On Thursday the All Comers and Battalion matches will come off. For the latter Major Anderson has offered a croquet set as a prize to the best shot of the 63rd. In both these competitions the regulars will take

part; and our men will require to be right on the spot, for there are many crack shots in the Rifles and Fusiliers.

The Wimbledon men were on hand, and Gunner Shand carried off the Cogswell Cup, with the splendid score of 55 out of a possible 60, 6 points ahead of any previous winner.

On Wednesday the shooting was very poor, owing to the violence of the wind, which blew down the refreshment tent, erected by Beech, and scattered the contents, so that it was not worth while to erect it again.

The third, fourth, and seventh competitions were fired. The ground, owing to the heavy rain of the previous night and was very uncomfortable for competitors and spectators.

Gunner Shand also carried off the ladies' cup, but did not come up to his Wimbledon form, making only 47 points instead of 51 points.

The Martini Henry rifles presented by the City of London were also taken with lower scores than was anticipated. To the gratification of every competitor, Corporal Larkin carried off one, and a steady old shot Sergt. Beach of Cumberland, who travelled some 80 miles by bad roads to take the train for Bedford, took another.

THIRD COMPETITION.

	Pts.
1st. Lieut. Mumford, 63rd	33
2nd. Private J. R. Eaton, 68th	33
3rd. Serg Corbin, 63rd.....	33
4th. Corporal Larkin, 63rd.....	32
5th. Ensign McInnes, 63rd	32
6th. Lieut. J. L. Barnhill, 78th.....	31
7th. Gunner Marshall, H. G. A.	31
8th. Sergt. Bishop, 63rd.....	31
9th. Capt. G. A. Taylor, 78th.....	31
10th. Sergt. L. Keddy, 63th.....	30
11th. Corp. Stenshouse, 63rd.....	30
13th. Private A. Filmore, Cumberland..	30
13th. Pvt. Campbell, 63rd.....	30
14th. Corp. Bent, Cumberland.....	30

The long ranges of 4th and 7th Competitions are now being fired.

FOURTH COMPETITIONS

The ladies Cup. Open to all members of the Association. Cup to be won twice. Ranges 200, 500, and 600 yards, Five rounds at each range.

1st. prize Cup, and \$30, Gunner Shand,	
1st. H. G. A.	47
2nd. \$30, Sergt. R. Christie, Cumberland	45
3rd, 25. Pte. H. McKenzie, 63rd Halifax	43
4th. 20, Lieut Moffat, Cumberland..	43
5th. 15, Capt. J. E. Church Cumberland	42
6th. 10, Sergt. W. W. Motzler 1st H. G. A	40
7th. 5, Pte. J. F. Campbell, 63rd Halifax	40
8th. 5, Sergt. J. G. Corbin, 63rd Halifax	38
9th. 5, Corp. J. Larkin, 63rd Halifax.	37
10th. Sergt. P. Taple, 63rd Halifax.....	37
11th. 5, Ensign Mumford, 63rd Halifax.	37
12th. 5, Gunner A. Sleigh, 1st H. G. A. ...	37
13th. 5, Corp'l. Taylor, 68th King's.....	37
14th. 5, Capt. Bland, 1st H. G. A.	37
15th. 5, Corp. P. Hickey, 63rd Halifax	36
16th. 5 Sergt. Hardwicke, 68th King's..	36
17th. 5 Pte C. Church, Cumberland....	36
18th. 5 Sergt. Bishop, 63rd Halifax.....	36

SEVENTH COMPETITION.

This was for the Martini Henri Rifles, (3) and 500 rds. of ammunition with each—open only to officers and men of the Active Militia

who are now *bona fide* members of the force and have been so far at least one year previous to the last July, 1872, and who can be certified as having performed the annual drill for that year, and who have passed through the prescribed course of target practice. Also open to such as were *bona fide* members of the Active Militia in 1870, and since retired therefrom. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards. Five rounds at each range.

Much interest was taken in this match, as many (if not all) the marksmen were anxious to possess one of the wonderful rifles. No one was displeased to find that Larkin, who had so far not done a great deal was "in" for one of the coveted prizes. The three were won as follows:

	Pts.
1st Sergt. M. Black, Cumberland.....	49
2nd Sergt. W. Harris, H. G. A.	48
3rd Corp. Larkin, 63rd	47

This concluded the firing for that day, and the competitors returned to town excepting those who had made their quarters at Bedford.

The principal event of the third day was the Battalion match for Col. Laurio's Challenge Cup.

The Battalion match was fired first. The following teams entered: 63rd Halifax; 68th Kings; 1st Halifax Garrison Artillery, Cumberland Battalion; 78th Provincial Battalion; Hants, Colchester and Pictou; 66th Halifax; 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers, of Her Majesty's Regular Army. The 87th team missed the early train from Halifax, and arrived at the range after the others had completed firing. A meeting of the council of the Association was held, and it was decided to allow the late comers to fire. The match was watched with much interest throughout, there being a keen rivalry between the city and country corps and between the volunteers generally and the regulars. The 63rd Halifax, as was generally expected proved the winners. The 68th Kings came next, winning the second prize, and the regulars stood last on the list. The following is the prize list and score.

SIXTH COMPETITION—BATTALION MATCH.

A silver Challenge Cup—presented by Col. J. W. Laurio. To be competed for annually by ten officers or men from each Battalion, Artillery brigade, or Field Battery of the Active Militia in Nova Scotia, and from each of Her Majesty's regiments or Artillery Brigades serving in this province. The Active Militia must be regularly enrolled members of their corps, and certified by their commanding officers as effective. Cup to be held by the commanding officer and to be used at the Officers Mess of the winning corps. Ranges 300 and 500 yards. Three rounds at each range Entrance fee \$5.

Money prizes added by the Association.	
First Prize	\$20.00
Second	10.00

63rd Halifax.

Sergt. Taple.....	16	18	35
Corp. J. Larkin	16	17	33
Ens. McInnes	17	15	32
Corp. P. Hickey.....	16	15	31
Sergt. Shephard.....	17	14	31