

18TH BATTALION, COUNTY OF
PRESCOTT.

Rifle Match and Presentation of Prizes.

At the Rifle Match of the 18th Batt. Rifle Association of the County of Prescott, held at Hawkesbury, the following are the scores of the successful competitors in the various matches:—

Match No. 1.—1st Prize, Silver Cup presented by Lieut.-Col. Higginson. 2nd Prize, \$8, 3rd \$5, 4th \$4, 5th \$3, 6th \$2, 7th \$1.

Ranges, 5 shots at each—

	400yds.	500yds.	Total.
1. Capt. C. T. Higginson.....	34443..	34443..	36
2. Lt. J. W. Higginson.....	43442..	30444..	32
3. Lt. J. Vankleek.....	24343..	22434..	31
4. Pte. Chas. White.....	23344..	32333..	30
5. Pte. Wm. Byers.....	23234..	23434..	30
6. Corp. S. McMahon.....	33334..	22243..	29
7. Sergt. A. P. Campbell.....	34334..	33024..	29

Match No. 2.—Open to members of the Association only. 1st Prize, \$10 from N. D. McLeod, Esq., Reeve of West Hawkesbury. 2nd Prize and subsequent ones, \$2 each.

Ranges, 5 shots at each—

	200yds.	400yds.	Total.
1. Sergt. P. T. Saucier.....	34433..	34334..	34
2. P. D. Leroy.....	33332..	44433..	32
3. Capt. McIntosh.....	24333..	44342..	32
4. Pte. W. Ellis.....	24342..	43433..	32
5. Surg. Harkin.....	22323..	44344..	31
6. Capt. C. T. Higginson.....	42222..	44443..	31
7. Pte. A. Leroy.....	33342..	33243..	30
8. Lt. J. Vankleek.....	23233..	33343..	29
9. Lt. P. McIntosh.....	33223..	33433..	29
10. Sergt. Fitzgerald.....	22333..	33244..	29
11. Lt. J. W. Higginson.....	32234..	34323..	29
12. Sergt. J. Clarke.....	24222..	44342..	29
13. J. G. Higginson, Esq.....	23233..	33324..	28
14. Pte. C. Whyte.....	33233..	43322..	28
15. Ensign Pallec.....	33233..	33233..	28

Match No. 3.—Company Match. 1st Prize, a Rifle presented by the Hon. Lieut.-Colonel Hamilton; 2nd Prize, \$9, 3rd \$6, 4th \$3.

Ranges, 4 shots at each, 300, 500 and 600 yards.

No. 2 Company, Rifle.

Capt. G. W. Johnson.....	23
Lieut. J. Vankleek.....	17
Ensign D. McPhee.....	12
Pte. J. Mode.....	22
Pte. J. Gibson.....	13
Sgt. A. P. Campbell.....	24—114

No. 6 Company, \$9.

Lieut. J. W. Higginson.....	26
Sergt. J. Clarke.....	19
Sergt. Fitzgerald.....	14
Corp. Ellis.....	22
Pte. W. Caskill.....	17
Pte. R. McDonald.....	15—113

No. 1 Company, \$6.

Capt. C. T. Higginson.....	26
Sergt. J. Dandy.....	23
Sergt. F. Leroy.....	9
Corp. S. McMahon.....	27
Pte. Chas. White.....	19
Pte. Thos. White.....	9—113

No. 5 Company, \$3.

Capt. McIntosh.....	17
Sergt. D. Lothian.....	10
Sergt. T. Stirling.....	18
Pte. R. W. Leudrum.....	18
Lt. P. McIntosh.....	22
Sergt. P. T. Saucier.....	23—108

Match No. 4.—1st Prize, Revolver presented by T. M. Hersee, Esq.; 2nd Prize \$8, 3rd \$5, 4th \$3, 5th \$2, 6th \$1.

Ranges, 5 shots at each—

	400yds.	600yds.	Total.
1. Surg. Harkin.....	33343..	32432..	30
2. Pte. W. H. Byers.....	43443..	03333..	30
3. Capt. G. W. Johnson.....	34332..	42332..	29
4. Capt. D. McIntosh.....	44223..	30242..	26
5. R. Pattee, Esq.....	43432..	04033..	26
6. Sergt. S. Higginson.....	44343..	22040..	26

Match No. 5.—1st Prize, Revolver by A. Kimball, Esq.; 2nd prize \$6, 3rd \$4, 4th \$3, 5th \$2, 6th \$1.

Ranges, 5 shots at each—

	200yds.	300yds.	Total.
Pte. D. Leroy.....	23333..	23323..	27
Sergt. A. P. Campbell.....	33333..	22423..	27
Lt. P. McIntosh.....	32322..	34223..	26
Corp. S. McMahon.....	33342..	39223..	25
Capt. C. T. Higginson.....	33333..	02432..	25
J. G. Higginson, Esq.....	33342..	42022..	25
Pte. C. White.....	32222..	33322..	24

Match No. 6.—1st Prize, Hotel-keepers' purse, \$15; 2nd \$8, 3rd \$5, 4th \$4, 5th \$3, 6th \$2, 7th \$1. Open to non-commissioned officers and men.

Ranges, 3 shots at each—

	300.	400.	500.	Total.
1. Sergt. P. T. Saucier.....	222..	432..	434..	26
2. Pte. W. Byers.....	222..	234..	333..	24
3. Pte. Thos. White.....	222..	344..	330..	23
4. P. C. White.....	203..	423..	233..	22
5. Pte. J. White.....	222..	343..	204..	22
6. Sergt. P. Sterling.....	200..	343..	334..	22
7. Sergt. A. P. Campbell.....	322..	032..	233..	20

Match No. 7.—Company Match. A Silver Bugle presented by the Ladies of the County.

Ranges, 3 shots at each, 400, 500 and 600 yards.

For this match five companies competed. The day was exceedingly stormy, blowing right down the range with heavy snow showers, the target at 600 yards being at times invisible. Companies 4, 5 and 6 dropped out after coming to the 600 yards range, and the contest remained between companies 1 and 2—being won by No. 1 company by a score of 108 to 85. The following is the score of No. 1 company:

	Total Points.
Capt. C. T. Higginson.....	21
Pte. J. White.....	16
Corp. S. McMahon.....	14
Pte. W. Byers.....	16
Pte. C. White.....	19
Pte. Thos. White.....	22—108

Match No. 8.—1st Prize, a Silver Watch presented by Mr. Vincent Lortie; 2nd Prize, \$8, from N. Burwash, Esq.; 3rd Prize, a Horse Hay Fork, from Mr. G. Smith.

Range, 5 shots at 500 yards.

	Total.
1. Sergt. P. T. Saucier.....	17
2. Sergt. R. Leroy.....	17
3. Capt. G. W. Johnson.....	16

Match No. 9.—Open to members of No. 1 and No. 6 companies only. Mechanics' Match. 1st Prize, a Set of Harness; 2nd, a Pair of Saws; 3rd, a Pair of Planes; 4th, a Square and Scratchawl; 5th and 6th, \$1.

Range 400 yards, 5 shots.

	Total.
1. Pte. J. White.....	16
2. W. H. Byers.....	16
3. Wm. McCaskill.....	15
4. S. McMahon.....	14
5. F. Leroy.....	13
6. C. White.....	12

For the first two days the weather was mild with a light breeze from the left front. The third day was soft and snow falling in the early part, but the afternoon was fine and calm. But the fourth day was exceedingly stormy and cold rendering the shooting extremely difficult.

The Presentation.

On Thursday evening, New Year's Eve, the distribution of the prizes took place at the Headquarters of the Battalion in Hawkesbury Village. The spacious drill shed was decorated for the occasion, and a large assemblage of the Volunteers and their Lady friends, &c., took place in expectation of the dance which followed the presentation. At the north end of the drill shed was displayed the Royal Arms' motto with the Crown. At the South end there were two stars of bayonets between which was displayed the motto "Paratus et Volens" (Ready and Willing), with the words "British Empire" surmounting all in large letters. At the west side of the room was the motto "Defence, not Defiance," and at the east end was erected a platform on which the prizes were displayed and the Committee took their places under the rich draping of flags which surmounted it, whilst festoons of evergreens hung on the walls, over which patriotic mottoes were scattered. There were about 300 persons in the room, including many of the resident gentry and their families.

The proceedings commenced by Sergeant Major Crote, on the invitation of the Committee ascending the platform from which he gave the song of "The Red, White and Blue" with good effect, the company joining in the chorus, after which

Lieut.-Colonel W. Higginson, 18th Battalion, said that it gave him much pleasure to meet the Battalion on the present occasion for the purpose of presenting the prizes to the several successful competitors at the Rifle Match lately held by them. He felt proud of their progress. In the month of April last, the Dominion Rifle Association was formed, and after a while the Rifle Association of this Battalion was organized and affiliated with it. The members had soon after an opportunity of testing their skill in other places, and at the late Dominion Rifle Match at Laprairie, at which about forty Battalions of Volunteers were represented, this Battalion took the fifth place in the Battalion Match. He was equally proud of this Battalion for the good conduct which characterised them on all occasions, more particularly when called to the frontier to repel the threatened invasion of the Province. He had no doubt they would maintain this good character, and be at all times ready and willing to defend their Queen and country. As they had a good deal to do before the dancing commenced, for which, no doubt, the ladies were impatient, he would not any longer detain them but would call on Mr. Sheriff Treadwell who would briefly address them before the distribution of the prizes.

Mr. Sheriff Treadwell then ascended the platform and opened his remarks by allusion to the Volunteer movement in Great Britain, the general adoption of the Rifle and the modern improvements upon it, and its extension to all branches of the service which, added to the loyalty of the British population, rendered them a formidable foe to any antagonists. After passing allusion to the services rendered to the army by the late Duke of York while Commander-in-Chief, so ably seconded in after years by the lamented Prince Consort, he referred to the rise and progress of the Volunteer movement in Canada which had excited the surprise of veterans and satisfied the most sceptical that with such material even the western peninsula of the Province was defensible, and this was fully established in 1866, on the Niagara frontier, when the Volunteers from all points hastened to the front to defend their country. On that occasion the 18th Battalion were early at the post, and among those who accompanied them were their late Adjutant Lieut. Robertson, to whose memory he paid a just tribute, one who was loved and esteemed by the men of the Battalion. He then paid a tribute to the exemplary conduct of the officers and men of the Battalion while on the frontier, and the kind and friendly feeling which they cherished towards each other. The Battalion had been successful in their competition at other rifle matches out of the county, carrying off a fair share of prizes, whilst competing among themselves their scores had done them the highest credit, and he was sure they they would be ever as ready as they had been on former occasions to take the field in defence of their Queen and country. (Applause.)

The distribution of the prizes then commenced, Colonel Higginson calling on Capt. Chas. T. Higginson, No. 1 Company, and presented him with a handsome Silver Cup, the first prize in the first match. The money prizes amounting to \$23 were then distrib-

ed to the other successful competitors in this match who were severally called up for the purpose.

2nd Match.—The first prize was presented to Sergt. P. Saucier, by N. D. McLeod, Esq., the donor, and the other prizes of the match were in like manner distributed.

3rd Match.—Col. Higginson now came forward with a very superior Rifle presented by Hon. Jno. Hamilton, late colonel of the Battalion, and read a letter from Mr. Hamilton expressing his regret that illness in his family rendered it impossible for him to be present on this occasion. He then called on Capt. G. W. Johnson, the winner of the Rifle, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to hand it to him. The money prizes were also distributed.

Col. Higginson then presented to Dr. Harkin, the highest shot in match No. 4, the very handsome Revolver given by T. S. M. Hersey, Esq., which was much admired. The winners of the lesser prizes were afterwards called forward and received the rewards of their success.

Private Leroy, the winner of the Revolver presented by A. Kimball, Esq., was the called forward and presented with his prize which Col. Higginson observed, though not so showy or handsome a weapon as the preceding one, he had no doubt in the hands of the winner would be found a useful one. The lesser prizes of this match were then distributed.

The Hotel-keepers' prize, Match No. 6, was next transferred to Sergt. P. Saucier, and the lesser prizes following to the respective winners.

Col. Higginson then took up the Ladies' prize, a handsome Silver Bugle from the establishment of H. Prince, Montreal, presented by the Ladies of the County, and said he would call on Mr. Dartnell to present it on the part of the Ladies to the successful Company.

Mr. Dartnell then ascended the platform and said he had been informed since he came into the room that he had been selected to present this very handsome Bugle on behalf of the Ladies of the County to the successful Company No. 1. He knew not why he should be singled out for the purpose. Possibly, the Ladies being characterised by modesty, and Irishmen being as they all knew, noted for their modesty also, they may have thought he was likely to prove a suitable deputy. But possibly also it might be that as the fighting propensities of Irishmen are as noted as their modesty, and as the Volunteers of the 18th Battalion are reputed to be as pugnaciously inclined on all fitting occasions that a link between the Ladies and the Battalion might be formed, but be this as it may, it gave him sincere pleasure to carry out their wishes on the present occasion and present this Bugle to the successful Company. He had known the Battalion since his first coming into the County and could truly endorse the encomium which the Sheriff had just pronounced upon them. He had himself witnessed their orderly and soldierlike bearing when called to the frontier in 1866 to repel the aggression upon the Canadian soil which then menaced us. They were not so unfortunate on that occasion as other Volunteers who came into collision with the invader, but composed as this Battalion is, of true hearted British Canadians, English, Irish, Scotch and French, all actuated by the same spirit of loyalty and attachment to the throne and to our free British institutions he had no doubt that had the same opportunity been given them they have acquitted themselves as gallant soldiers. (Cheers.)

During the past summer the Battalion had been brought together for the first time for their period of annual drill, and while all were proud of the fine appearance of the Battalion, all felt the want of two great essentials—one was that of music to enliven the camp and, the other, colors to rally round. Whilst the re-organization of the Battalion under the new law was in the future, nothing could be done to supply these wants, but that re-organization being now a matter of certainty, the Ladies of the County decided to offer as a prize at the late Rifle Match the Silver Bugle now before them to be competed for by the companies of the Battalion, and thus give the first note of that music which might be otherwise provided hereafter. There has been a hard struggle for it and it has been won by No. 1 Company's score of 108, being 23 points above the next competing Company, and he doubted not that if ever that Bugle should call them to face the foe in defence of their country they would be true to their motto and be "Ready and Willing" to take their place in the foremost rank. (Cheers.)

He would state to them now that the Ladies had been so successful in their collections for this Bugle that after defraying the expenses they had nearly as much more left which they proposed to lay by for another purpose, and their hope was that between this and the period when the Battalion would be going into camp next year for their annual drill the amount might be so augmented that they would be able to present to the Battalion on that occasion a stand of colours. (Loud cheers.) Thus they had everything to encourage them on the re-organization of their Battalion now, we may say, an accomplished fact, and he was sure with a little effort on their own part a practical plan for procuring a drum and fife band could be carried out; this would be for after consideration. It now only remained for him to carry out the intention of the Ladies and (calling Capt. Charles T. Higginson of No. 1 Company to the front of the platform) presenting to Capt. Higginson for the use of Number One Company the Prize Bugle which he hoped the company would long hold. (Cheers.)

Mr. Vincent Lortie then presented the eighth prize, a Silver Watch, to Sergt. P. Saucier, and said he thought it could not be in better hands to take care of it (Sergt. Saucier

being a watch-maker) and it gave him pleasure to present it. He would only further say that if his kind patrons increased their favors to him in the next year as they had done in this now closing he might be able to offer a gold watch at their next match. (Cheers and laughter.)

The Mechanics' prizes, Match No. 9, were next presented in the progress of which Mr. G. Smith, the donor of the Horse Hay Fork, was called on to explain the mode of working it, which he did, and then presented it to the winner, Corp. George Johnson, with the remark that if he were as good a farmer as soldier he would find it a useful article.

This closed the presentation, and the dancing commenced and was continued into the New Year's morning.

A FRIGHTFUL TALE.

A Husband Buried Alive by his Wife and her Lover.

(From the Memphis Avalanche, Dec. 30.)

A private letter received from near By-hallia, Mississippi, yesterday, contained a few particulars of a horrid affair brought to light a few days ago.

Tom Still, a coloured man employed as a foreman on Mrs. Bronson's plantations, lived with his wife, several hundred yards from Mrs. B.'s residence. A negro, known as Edmond Tuntall, was a frequent visitor, and it had long been suspected by Still that improper relations existed between his wife and the pretended friend. It was evident that Mrs. Still was much more interested in Edmond than her husband, and the latter, not having the courage to confront the destroyer of his peace with his suspicions, simply sought to protect himself against any effort to put him out of the way. One morning last week Still was missing from the plantation. Mrs. Bronson's inquiries elicited from Mrs. Still that he went out to feed some hogs on another portion of the place the night before, and had not since been heard of. Mrs. Bronson doubted the story on its own merits, and the evident confusion of the woman, added to what was already known of the situation of affairs, caused her to suspect foul play. Several servants were summoned, and a search was instituted. After two or three hours spent fruitlessly in different portions of the plantation, a member of the party was attracted by the presence of some fresh earth at the head of a ravine about fifty yards from Still's cabin. In a moment the startling discovery was made of some one's knees protruding. The fresh, loose earth was hastily removed, and Still's remains, horribly mutilated, were dragged out on the ground. His head and face contained a number of frightful gashes, evidently inflicted with an axe. Mrs. Bronson at once ordered the arrest of Mrs. Still and Edmond Tuntall, as the murderers. Upon being taken in custody by the negroes, Mrs. Still made a full confession of guilt. She said she loved Tuntall, and that her husband was in the way of her happiness. They had long ago determined to rid themselves of him. Recently she sought to kill him by putting poison in his coffee; but Still, who seemed to suspect the design, complained that the coffee was bitter, and threw it into the fire. On the night of the murder Edmond came to the house, it being understood that Still was to be removed. Outside he secreted an axe. After being outside a short time Mrs. Still found a pretext to send her husband out into the yard, Edmond stealthily followed, axe in hand. Suddenly increasing his pace, he overtook the unsuspecting victim, and with a powerful blow from the axe felled him to the ground. Other blows followed, until he believed the bloody work done. Mrs. Still joined him, and together they carried the mangled body to the ravine. It was placed on the ground until a grave, between one and a half and two feet deep, could be prepared. But while forcing the victim in it the murderers were startled at discovering that life was not extinct. The body moved, and sounds came from the mouth of the supposed corpse. Nevertheless, Still was crammed into the hole; and once in Edmond jumped upon it, and, in that manner, forced it below the surface. With their hands the partners in crime scooped in sufficient earth to cover the remains of the murdered husband and friend; and then, hastening to his cabin, passed the night together! The confession was made with as much unconcern as though involving a mere peccadillo, and Edmond offered no contradiction. It almost frenzied the colored auditors, who insisted upon wreaking summary vengeance. But Mrs. Bronson interposed, and instead of dangleing on the adjacent limbs of a neighbouring tree, they were manacled and sent to the Holly Springs jail.

MORE ADULTERATIONS.—The *World's* investigations into the groceries retailed by the New York dealers have made some astonishing developments concerning the articles "bicarbonate of soda," (salaratus) and "cream of tartar." The bicarbonate of soda contained 10 per cent. of chloride of sodium (salt) and sulphate and silicate of soda; and the cream of tartar was a mixture of terra alba, or plaster of Paris, and tartaric acid, the terra alba counting 80 per cent. of the whole, and the sample containing not one particle of cream of tartar. These samples were from a well known manufactory, and are sold throughout the country by retail establishments.

"Why is a certain prominent member of the Legislature like a telescope? Because you can draw him out, see through him, and shut him up."—*Globe*.

Who is he—BLAKE or BOYD?