

not fear to meet them under any circumstances. As to their style, it must first be remarked that after every shot each American carefully cleans out his rifle—a practice which on no account would be allowed in competitions under the auspices of the National Association, and which certainly is undreamt of in connection with the Echo Shield match. Necessarily the possession of a clean barrel for every shot must prove an advantage which would have to be allowed for in comparison with the shooting of others who are compelled to go on with a match where nothing of the kind is permitted. Most of them fire with a pad between the cheek and the butt of the rifle, which gives as comfortable and easy position to take a fine sight. At least one of the team although using a breechloader, loaded from the muzzle, which practice is also disallowed by the National Association. All these little differences between the home and foreign marksmen are as interesting as they are important. As has been said, the weather was not bad for shooting at this time, the light being good and the wind which prevailed being from the right front. The winning score was 133, out of a possible of 150 points, or 13 above an average of centres. Capt. Caulfield only missed once, and his total of 1.6 is 6 over the average of centres. Appended are the detailed scores:—

THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE CUP.

1000 Yards.

	Total.
Major Fulton	133
Captain Caulfield	126
Mr R C Coleman	119
Capt Bruce	117
Mr Ballard	108
Colonel Gildersleeve	105

The test of shooting with a match rifle is in the first ten rounds, for it is in these that the highest skill of the marksman is exhibited, inasmuch as he has to judge of the elevation, the windage, the allowance to be made for haze, defective or too brilliant light, &c. After these niceties have been adjusted, high scoring becomes comparatively a matter of plain sailing. It is interesting, therefore, to make a comparison between the first ten shots of six competitors in any R.F. Wimbledon Cup, who fired at the same ranges, at the same distance, and under exactly similar conditions as the American team. The respective scores are as follows:—

AMERICANS.

Major Fulton	39
Captain Caulfield	39
Mr Ballard	35
Mr R C Coleman	34
Captain Bruce	31
Colonel Gildersleeve	28

Total..... 208

Average per man, 34.33.

HOME RIFLEMEN.

J Ward, 6th Cheshire	46
J Rigby, Irish Rifle	45
H Whitehead, Surrey	44
W Clark, Queen's Edinburgh	41
T Whitelaw, 1st Lanark	41
W H Gilder, 8th Middlesex	41

Total..... 251

Average per man, 42.3.

It will be observed that the lowest score of the home marksmen is above that of the Americans, and that the average per man of the ten rounds is eight points higher for the

natives of Great Britain over that of those of the United States. But take another; the aggregate scores of the first fifteen rounds of the Americans were:—

Major Fulton	62
Captain Caulfield	62
Mr R C Coleman	56
Capt Bruce	55
Mr Ballard	52
Col Gildersleeve	46

Now, the first six men in the Scotch Eight registered with their fifteen shots at 1000 yards, in the Echo Shield match last year at Wimbledon, as follows:—

W Clark	62
Edward Ross	62
R H W Dunlop	62
T Whitelaw	60
R B Bury	51
Sergt W Fergusson	52

The average of the Scotch men was 58.53, while that of the Americans was 55.166. The first six men in the English Eight, with 15 rounds at 1000 yards, had totals of

Major Radcliffe	63
Martin Smith	61
Private Evans	61
Private Hexton	61
Sir H Halford	58
Col Fenton	55

which gives an average of 59.5 per man. In the same way the average of the first six in the Irish Eight is exactly the same as the Scotch division, so that, judged according to the standard laid down—and it is a fair one, according to the ruling of experienced riflemen—the American marksmen, are by their shooting to day scarcely up to the highest Wimbledon form.

In the

ALBERT PRIZE.

for the small bore, at 200, 600, and 900 yds., all the American Riflemen entered. They secured 2 out of 40 range prizes:

AGGREGATE PRIZE WINNERS.

	Total.
L S Cortes, Sussex	99
Lieut Wyatt, 13th Salop	99
T Whitelaw, 3rd Lanark	99
E Johnson, London	98
Pte McVittie, Dumfries	97
Sergt Gilder, M.A. (18th)	95

These it will be noticed are all British Riflemen.

THE AMERICAN SCORES.

	Total.
Colonel Gildersleeve	94
Mr L H Ballard	91
Captain Bruce	90
Colonel D'Arcy	87
Captain Caulfield	84
Captain Coleman	83
W Yale	77

RIFLE PRACTICE.

The following Rifle practice of No. 5 Company, D. R., at their ranges at Birkford on August 1st, may be of interest to some of our readers. Ranges 200 and 300 yards.

	200	300	T'l.
A Hamier	13	8	21
Sergt Bussell	14	11	25
R Cotton	12	13	25
Fraser	8	8	16
F Brown	9	8	17
G Whale	10	7	17
W Brown	8	9	17
H Parfield	15	13	28
G Radfield	11	8	19

J Whale	12	10	22
B Boney	11	9	20
R Muir	12	11	23
J Stevenson	9	7	16
J Clement	10	11	21
Capt Wetmore	11	17	28

PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual Competitions of the Provincial Rifle Association opened at Frederikton yesterday morning. The arrangements carried out in contemplation of the match by the local Association have been highly approved, and thus far everything is working with the utmost satisfaction. The weather was delightfully fine at the opening, with a slight wind from the right which maintained all day, or until the firing ceased. About 100 marksmen, gathered from all parts of the Province are present taking part in the matches.

We append the matches and scores up to date.

FIRST MATCH.

	Pts.
National Silver Medal and \$120. 500 and 600 yards. Five rounds at each Range:—	
Lt G H Cogle, 74th Batt., Medal and \$15	39
Pte Perkins, 71st	29 \$10
Gun Chas, No 4 Battery	34 10
Sergt Pinder, 71st	37 5
Pte Cranfleire, 67th	37 5
Bomb D F Johnston, No 7 Battery	37 5
Trooper Otty, 8 Cavalry	36 5
Pte Winter, 71st	36 5
Trooper A Longstroth, 8 Cavalry	36 4
Ens Johnston, 71st	36 4
Lt J D Burt, 67th	36 4
Sergt Appleby, 67th	35 4
Corp Longstroth 8 Cavalry	35 4
Qr M Hogg 71st	33 4
Gun F Pallen, 7 Battery	33 4
Sergt Hunter N B E	33 3
Corp Pallen, 7th Batt	33 3
Hun Mills, 10th Batt.	32 3
Capt M'Gee, St. George	32 3
Pte J Denley, R M	32 3
Lieut M'Leod, 67th	31 2
Pte F P Thompson, 71st	31 2
Lieut M'Lean, 2nd	31 2
Capt Bixby, R M	30 2
Lt Col Beer, 74th	30 2
Pte Nesbitt, 10th Batt.	30 2
Pte Ferguson, 6th	30 1
Pte C W Hart, R M	30 1
Lt Dobbie, W F A	30 1
Sergt F Sproul, 8 Cavalry	29 1
Major Ketchum, 67th	29 1

SECOND MATCH—All COMERS.

Open to all. Entrance 50 cts. Ranges 500 600 yards. 7 Rounds at each Range, Governor General's Medal and \$100

	Pts.
Lt Col E B Beer, 74th Medal and \$10	54
Cornet S Langstroth, 8th Cavalry	53 \$10
Lt Kirkpatrick, 67th	53 10
Capt Parley, Eng	54 10
Lt Johnson, 71st	51 8
Adj O R Arnold, 74th	51 5
Sergt Weyman, 8th Cavalry	50 5
Pte Mills, No 10, Batt.	49 5
Pte Thompson, 71st	49 4
Sergt Carmichael, Eng	48 4
Sergt Loggie, 71st	48 4
Lt Col Morris, 71st	48 4
Sergt T Sproul, 8th Cavalry	48 2
J Perkins, 71st	47 2
Major Suckney, R M	47 2