

or third round, and this practice will be repeated until the target is included in a bracket of not more than 50 yards by two well observed rounds. A group of three to six shell will then be fired at the mean of these two ranges, and if from $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ the rounds are short the range may be considered to have been found.

(e) The order will then be given "Stand fast." Section, with shrapnel, fuze, load," slow fire, &c. After observations of these two rounds the other section will be ordered to load, the fuze being altered if necessary. One more round of shrapnel well then be fired from each gun.

3. The attention of all ranks is specially directed to sections 8 and 9, Chap IV, Vol. II., F.A. Drill, omitting "shooting at moving objects," and "Replacement of ammunition," &c.

4. The officer commanding is not limited to the employment of Nos. 1 as layers, the two best marksmen in each sub-division should be generally selected for this purpose, and should fall in as Nos. 7 and 8.

5. The range party will keep a careful record of each round, judging by observation only. It is desirable, if possible, to signal them before shrapnel are fired.

The range record will be read out to the whole battery after practice is over, and the general results commented upon by the officer commanding and the inspecting officer. Sectional officers should keep a record of each round, showing range, deflection, and result, both as observed from the battery and by the range party.

6. It is most important to bear in mind that the instructional value of the above practice depends in a great measure upon its being carried out with every precaution supposed to be necessary in actual service; in consequence the greatest exactitude and celerity are indispensable in every movement.

No competition whatever will be sanctioned.

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29th May, 1891

MARITIME INTER-PROVINCIAL MATCH.

The sixth inter-provincial rifle match was shot on the 11th inst. on the Bedford range and resulted in victory for Nova Scotia. Five years ago the matches were agreed upon by the councils of the rifle associations of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island. The conditions of the match are similar to those for the Kolapore cup. Martini-Henry rifles are used, and the ranges are 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each, with two sighting shots at the option of each competitor. The teams compete for a trophy, on which is engraved each year the name of the winning team, and remains during the year in the possession of the winning association. Each member of the winning team also receives a badge. The trophy was manufactured in London from designs by Elkington. The cup is of the design of an old fashioned silver gilt bowl, with ebony base; to this is attached four silver shields, three bearing the coats of arms of each province, and the fourth is for the names of the winning teams. The Nova Scotia team is selected by a series of competitions, the eight highest securing places. In New Brunswick back records are taken—the shooting at the previous Provincial and Dominion competitions for part of the team, the remaining being chosen by the executive. This year's match makes the honours equal between the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick—three victories to each. The scores of the five previous matches were:

1886—MONCTON.

New Brunswick	234	243	225—701
Nova Scotia	239	224	200—693

1887—CHARLOTTETOWN.

Nova Scotia	229	226	190—655
P. E. Island	231	194	172—597
New Brunswick	229	190	152—571

1888—HALIFAX.

New Brunswick	235	223	203—661
Nova Scotia	239	206	201—646
P. E. Island	224	208	184—616

1889—ST. JOHN.

Nova Scotia	230	235	193—658
New Brunswick	223	206	164—593
P. E. Island	197	161	155—588

1890—CHARLOTTETOWN.

New Brunswick	227	198	192—617
P. E. Island	222	207	168—597
Nova Scotia	205	202	180—587

The riflemen got to work about 10.30 o'clock, at 200 yds., and when the first pair had fired Nova Scotia led by two points. The second pair fired and Nova Scotia was still leading by one point. The third pair changed this into a lead of nine points for New Brunswick, and when the pairs finished at 200 yards the standing was:

New Brunswick	229 points.
Nova Scotia	221 "
P. E. Island	208 "

At 500 yards the wind was very tricky and the New Brunswick men gained a still further lead on the first pair, increasing it to seventeen points, which was still further advanced to twenty-two points when the second pair had finished. When the third pair had concluded the lead had come down to eighteen points, and when all had fired the teams stood:

New Brunswick	452 points.
Nova Scotia	439 "
P. E. Island	438 "

Luck came on after this range and the match was still anybody's. When the first pairs fired at 600 yards it was P. E. Island that led—by six points. The second pairs changed this for a lead to Nova Scotia of one point, a position maintained to the end, and Nova Scotia stood seventeen points ahead, thus winning the trophy for the third time.

From the scores which are given below in detail, it will be noticed that Captain Bishop made the magnificent score of 97 points, out of the possible 105, winding up his work with 34 out of 35 at 600 yards.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Captain Bishop, 63rd	33	30	34—97
Sergeant-Major Case, H. G. A	23	31	33—87
Gunner McEachran, H. G. A	27	25	30—82
Captain Anderson, H. G. A	30	26	26—82
Lieutenant Stevens, 66th	27	27	24—78
Private Wilson, 63rd	25	29	23—77
Captain Maxwell, H. G. A	29	25	21—75
Lieutenant Flowers	27	25	22—74
Total	221	218	213 652

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Captain Hartt, St. John Rifles	31	30	26—87
Captain McRobbie, 8th Cavalry	28	29	29—86
Private Burns, 62nd	29	29	28—86
Lieutenant McAvity, 62nd	28	24	28—80
Sergeant Henderson, 62nd	26	26	27—79
Lieutenant Smith, St. John Rifles	30	27	21—78
Lieutenant Langstroth, 8th Cavalry	29	32	9—70
Lieutenant Perkins, 71st	28	25	16—69
Total	229	223	184 635

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Sergeant Longworth, 82nd	29	32	31—92
Captain Weeks, Engineers	28	31	27—86
Sergeant Connolly, P. E. I. Gar. Artillery	24	30	28—82
Sergeant Davison, Engineers	30	21	26—77
Sergeant Anderson, Engineers	24	30	23—77
Corporal Hooper, 82nd	21	29	25—75
Captain Crockett, 82nd	25	29	19—73
Captain Davison, P. E. I. Gar. Artillery	26	29	13—68
Total	207	231	192 630