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# An Apology.

Our issue of Sept. 1st was delayed beyond all reason, owing to the editor having been laid up and unable to attend to business. Scores of the aggregate of the Ontario Rifle Association matches and all the scores of the Dominion Rifle Association matches were omitted, together with a good deal of the missing matter in this number, and to complete the record of the season will insert some more in our next and trust our subscribers will bear with us. New arrangements are being made, whereby local news from the large military centres will be livelier than it has been, and we hope to show a great improvement in the course of the next few weeks.

# The D. R. A. Matches.

The features of the D. R. A. matches was undoubtedly the protest against the use of 1894 ammunition, and the rejection from the aggregate by the executive, of the scores made in the "Macdougall" and "Hamilton Powder Co."

We presume the executive deliberated carefully over this matter before giving their decision but we think that we are voicing the opinion of the large majority of competitors in stating that such a measure should not have been decided upon, on the rather negative evidence of the use of 1893 ammunition by some of the competitors. Our opinion is that if there was not evidence enough to incriminate any of the competitors and prove conclusively that they had used the '93 ammunition, there was not enough to warrant such a step as was taken.

Moreover, we believe that this was the feeling expressed by a good proportion of the executive committee.

The Ranelagh Cups won by the team of the 12th at Bisley were on view in the tent of the council, and together with the St. George's Challenge Vase, won by Sgt. King at Bisley, attracted much attention. Well done, Canada. The Queen's may come next.

The development of the social phase of the D. R. A. meeting is a most pleasant feature of the meeting and one which will tend in a great measure to assure its success and bring new shots to the matches. Many will be attracted by the prospects of a pleasant week to whom rifle shooting alone would not be an inducement to leave their homes.

The Vics' Maxim attracted much attention, and its signal victory in its trial with the Gatling, was the cause of much joy in this popular regiment's camp.

We again have to apologize for the incompleteness of this issue and trust our readers will bear with us. Next issue will, we hope, be on time and will need no apologies.

## At Levis Camp.

Lieut. Col. d'Orsonnens was summoned to the Levis camp last week. It is reported that the commandant of St. Johns, who is also the deputy adjutant-general for this district, is to be transferred to Sherbrooke, where, it is said, the headquarters are to be established, and that Major Young will be placed in charge of the R. R. C. I. in St. Johns. The fact that Gen. Herbert objects to every company of this regiment having a colonel gives some color to the rumor.