

the local corps to cross to Levis, but the late hour of the arrival of the vessel would not permit of its being carried out, much to the regret of those who intended taking part.

The 8th Bu. have reason to congratulate themselves upon the record made at the Provincial Rifle Matches, recently held in Montreal, when a number of prizes were secured, when it is considered that but five representatives of the battalion were able to attend, it is much to their credit.

The season's practices has shown steady work and scores made which contained a number of names in the nineties. For the week ending the 17th inst., the following were the top scores:—

|                       | 200 | 500 | 600 | Ttl |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Lieut. W. H. Davidson | 31  | 29  | 32  | 92  |
| Corpl. A. E. Swift    | 31  | 31  | 30  | 92  |
| Lieut. E. R. Hale     | 31  | 32  | 29  | 92  |
| Pte Pugh              | 29  | 30  | 31  | 90  |
| Lieut. R. Davidson    | 30  | 29  | 29  | 88  |
| Corporal Stobe        | 31  | 30  | 27  | 88  |
| Lieut. W. Champion    | 27  | 30  | 29  | 86  |
| Private McKean        | 30  | 28  | 27  | 85  |
| Sergt Dewfall         | 28  | 26  | 26  | 80  |
| Private Douglas       | 32  | 30  | 18  | 80  |

The proprietor of the "Metropolitan Journal" of Montreal, has presented the 8th Royal Rifles, with a beautiful cup for competition at their annual matches. It has been in the window of Capt. Holiwell for some days and has attracted much attention. It will prove a valuable addition to their prizes. This together with the cup recently presented by Lieut. Col. Geo. R. White, will undoubtedly increase the interest in rifle shooting.

Quebec will be well represented at the Dominion Rifle matches at Ottawa, and will doubtless render a good account of themselves. The following have intimated their intention of being present:—

Royal Canadian Artillery.—Lieut. H. A. Panet, Sergeants Bridgeford and Pugh Br. Thompson, Corporal T. Pugh, Gunner W. Pugh.

8th Royal Rifles—Lieuts. W. H. Davidson, R. Davidson W. S. Champion and E. R. Hale, Sergeants Norton and Dewfall, Corp. Swift, Privates Douglas, Goudie, McKean, Stobe, and Campbell.

9th Battalion—Captain L. Routhier, Sergt. Lamontagne, Private DeVerrenes.

The annual matches of the 8th Royal Rifles took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the ranges St. Joseph de Levis. Unfortunately the weather was very disagreeable, raining heavily until eleven and then at intervals. In spite of which quite a number turned out for the occasion and good scores made under the unfavorable circumstances in which they had to take place.

Major Wilson of the Royal Canadian Artillery has returned to Quebec, after

having successfully passed his examinations in England. Congratulations.

Second Lieut. B. R. Armstrong and Fred A. Foster, of the New Brunswick Bn. of Garrison Artillery are taking a course at the Royal school of artillery.

The Quebec Field Battery have just completed their annual training at St. Joseph de Levis. Their annual firing exercises took place on the 21st inst at the Island of Orleans. The battery was inspected by Lieut. Col. Montizambert on the morning of the 22nd inst and returned to town in the afternoon. Their appearance was most creditable and much admired.

The band of the Royal Canadian Artillery performed on the Terrace on the evening of the 17th inst., which was as usual listened to by a large number of the citizens.

On the morning of the 21st inst. H. M. S. "Magicienne and Canada" arrived into port and will be followed in the course of a few days by the "Crescent." It is anticipated that they will remain here for some three weeks. The presence of the Bluejackets in the streets is a welcome sight. A Naval review would prove most acceptable.

The privileges of the Garrison Club have recently been extended to the following officers:—

Vice Admiral J. E. Erskine and Staff, Captain Francis Powell, C. B., Commander T. B. S. Adair and Officers of H. M. S. "Crescent," Captain W. Wilson and Officers H. M. S. "Canada," Capt. Arthur C. Clarke and Officers H. M. S. "Magicienn," The Hon. J. C. Patterson, late Minister of Militia and Defence; Major S. E. Chapleau, Ottawa; Captain F. M. Gaudet, R. C. A., Kingston; Lieut. G. H. W. Tapp, 78th Field Battery, Royal Artillery; and to Messrs. B. K. Armstrong and F. A. Foster, N. B., Bn. Garrison Artillery.

Mr. A. E. Panet, R. E., on leave from India, has been visiting friends in the city.

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### Shooting at Bedford.

HON. A. R. DICKEY PRESENTS THE PRIZES AND RECEIVES AN ADDRESS—NEW LEE-METTFORD RIFLES FOR THE CANADIAN MILITIA—PRIVATE BURNS IN THE OTTAWA TEAM.

The riflemen were greeted with another fine day at Bedford range yesterday, being the third day of the Provincial Rifle Association's annual meeting. There was a large number of visitors on the range, including Hon. A. R. Dickey, minister of militia, Hon. W. S.

Fielding and Major Clark, of the 90th battalion, Winnipeg. There was also present a large number of the fair sex. The shooting was good and some of the competitions were keenly contested. Gunner Campbell, of the H. G. A., won the merchants of Halifax cup with 88 points, and Sergt. McKenzie, of the 63rd, won the consolation prize, with 23 points out a possible 25.

Major Corbin and Private Burns tied for a place on the Ottawa team and in the shoot off Burns won. They shot at the five hundred yards range, and the scores were:

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| Corbin, 4 4 4 4 3 | 19 |
| Burns, 3 2 5 5 5  | 20 |

No. 4 company of the 63rd rifles came out ahead with 247 points, and won the Laurie bugle, in the tenth competition, which was a skinishing match comprised of a team of five men. Gunner Boutiller, of the H. G. A., won the Nursery aggregate with a total of 325 points. Gunner Campbell, of the H. G. A., won the special aggregate and also the grand aggregate.

The prizes were presented by the Hon. A. R. Dickey, and before the presentation took place, the following address was presented to him:

To Hon. Arthur Dickey, Minister of Militia and Defence.

SIR,—The council of the Provincial Rifle association of Nova Scotia, representing the militia of the province, tender you a most cordial welcome upon this your first official visit amongst the members of the force, for it is a matter of especial rejoicing to us as Nova Scotians to have you at the head of the department a fellow Nova Scotian. As a Nova Scotian you need feel nothing but pride in assuming your exalted position, for the reports of the different inspecting officers show that the various branches of the service in this province have ever stood amongst the most efficient in the Dominion.

With a knowledge of several steps taken by you since becoming minister we are encouraged to hope that the active militia has secured a friend who will strive to obtain for that portion of the force the consideration it should receive.

For these reasons we believe it is giving expression to the sentiment of the force, when we tender you a most hearty welcome to-day, assuring you that every corps in the province will endeavor to strengthen your hands by maintaining the proud position now occupied.

We most sincerely trust you will not estimate the heartiness of our welcome by the shortness of this address, for soldiers are not given to the making of long speeches, or the utterance of words of flattery.

In a brief reply, Mr. Dickey said that he would do everything in his power to further the interests of the militia in Canada, and that he would see they were provided with better accoutrements. He also stated that an order to the amount of \$50,000 had been given in London for Lee-Medford rifles, for the use of the Canadian militia.

—Echo 17th.