

nor General, Sir John Young, K.C.B., and was won by that enthusiastic young rifleman Color-Sergt. Norris of the 8th Batt., Quebec, who has been making such good shooting during the season in similar matches. Capt. Bell, G.T.R., Brockville, who came second, made the exceedingly large score of 61 points, in his two minutes, at 400 yards, firing 19 shots. Sergt. Norris sits and Capt. Bell adopts the lying down position. Lieut. Col. Brunel, of the 10th Royals, at 400 yards, in his score of 50 points, made the great number of ten bulls-eyes.

1st prize Cup and Sovereigns		200	400	
		yds.	yds.	T ¹
Col.-Sgt. Norris, 8th Batt. Que.	59	54	113	
2nd prize \$75.				
Capt. Bell, 2nd G. T. R.	51	61	112	
3rd prize \$40.				
Dr. Oronyateckha 49th	50	56	106	
4th prize \$25.				
Private Jennings, Q. O. R.	57	49	106	
Prizes of \$15.				
Lieut. McNabb, O. F. B.	47	50	97	
Ensign Wastic, 7th London	51	46	97	
Lieut. Gibson, Toronto G. A.	49	47	96	
Gr. Arnold, Montreal Art.	54	41	95	
Capt. Fletcher, 21st Batt.	47	47	94	
Capt. Johnston, 20th Batt.	48	45	93	
G. Leet, 54th.	40	51	91	
Capt. Dawson, London	51	39	90	
Col. Brunel, 10th Royals	39	50	89	
Pte. Clune, G. T. R.	50	39	89	
Prizes of \$5.				
Col. Creighton, Nova Scotia	39	45	84	
H. Leet, 54th.	42	42	84	
Corp'l Shaw, Q. O. R.	42	42	84	
A. Bell, do	42	42	84	
Col. Gillmor, do	41	42	83	
Ens. Delemare, do	39	42	81	
Capt. Werner, 14th.	41	40	81	
Sergt. Doudiet, 43rd.	42	38	80	
Capt. O'Malley	47	32	79	
Gr. A. L. Russell, T. G. A.	37	42	79	
Gr. Thompson, do	39	37	76	
Pte. Field, 5th.	39	34	73	
Corp. English	40	34	74	
Corp. Ferguson 8th.	43	28	71	
Ens. Morrison, Q. O. R.	32	38	70	
Pte. Fulcher	30	40	70	
Pte Jackson, G. T. R.	30	40	67	
Pte Elliot	28	36	64	
Pte. Morgan	34	21	55	
Pte. Johnston, 51st.	26	21	47	

Notwithstanding that this match had been tried by a great number the bottom scores are not very poor, and the makers never dreamed of getting a prize. Many who heard of such scores as 61, 56, etc., and could not make over 40 at the first range either did not try again or even go to the 2nd range, imagining that nothing under 85 points would stand well. Several also had not time to try more than once as they were required elsewhere. Quite a number wished to try their luck at the conclusion of the match, but by that time "cease firing" had sounded for all. Almost every one who fired at both ranges secured a prize, much to the disgust of several who had not competed and were quite able to make a more respectable figure than 47. There are a couple of details in this match which will require to be attended to before next year to secure fair play for all. As there was no order as regards position some were aiming

when "present" was given and so got in an extra shot, and as they had plenty of time to aim it was a good one; others waited for the word before presenting. Time should begin from the first explosion. Again, as loading was from "pouch or pocket," and nothing further specified, some had extra large pockets and other pouches specially prepared, with the cartridges easy of access, other slung a large pouch loosely from a belt and had the cartridges quite at hand, whereas the Volunteer who presumed everything would be conducted *en regle* was poorly prepared to face such advantages, and no doubt some did not compete in consequence. The officer who could use a side-pocket had a manifest advantage over his comrades in the ranks.

THE RUNNING MAN.

was industriously pegged at daily by an impatient crowd, each one anxious to show how easy it was to hit what, five to one, he was sure to miss, or else strike on some disgraceful locality and be fined ten cents for the benefit of the pool. The object of the marksmen being only about 150 yards off received numerous "mortal hits" in the head and in the vicinity of the heart, each hit being worth on an average I believe about half a dollar, one-third of the fee being retained for current expenses. General Wyndham and, I hear, the Adjutant General both succeeded in killing him dead twice, but "there's no rest for the wicked" and every half minute he had to run the gauntlet. There were no "Carton" targets provided as promised. It was expected that several Americans would be present to compete and were the prize list a little less restricted as regards 2nd stages and the Association Match I was informed by a couple of prominent shootists from New Jersey, they at least would have attended. Could we not provide a special list for them next year, as is the case when the Belgians or Swiss visit Wimbledon. Possibly the proposed international match by Lord Elcho between England and America may lead the way to such desirable results.

Altogether the second meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association has been a great improvement on its predecessor and everything worked with rapidity and harmony. Concerning those who have been instrumental in securing such praiseworthy results I shall have something to say in my next letter.

FROM MONTREAL.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Two hundred and thirty three mortal pages make up the report on the Militia of the Dominion lately issued by the government press. It goes considerably into figures, and awes us by the tremendous strength of the Canadian Militia; 37,170 men all told, effective, and fully armed and equipped, ready to shed their last blood in defence of their country! What does L. C. say to that? We are also told in it that, "the thorough organization of the military strength of the Dominion, has occupied the careful attention

(mark it well) of the Department." To go further into figures, I find that an abstract of the nominal strength of the several corps of active militia, as they now stand, set down the total of all arms, for Ontario, 21,816; Quebec, 12,637; New Brunswick, 1,789; Nova Scotia, 928; Dominion total 37,170. Is L. C. satisfied now and will he hand me over the \$200? I need it much, and it would come in so handy.

"L. C." writes at once a masterly, fearless and thoughtful letter, and in his lengthy remarks argues every point to sustain his ground, and I would recommend all who have not read his letter to do so.

It is a notorious fact, and which I am in a position to prove that Brigade majors, and other inspecting officers are in the habit of "cooking" their reports, and making false representations as to the strength and efficiency of corps, in order to draw extra allowances &c. False representations and delusions seem to be the rule all round, the country is fleeced, the Volunteers humbugged, and your correspondent angry.

Disguise the fact as you will, Mr. Editor, the Bill has proved a mistake and the sooner amendments are made the better. "L.C." is doing the country a service, and if his representations reach the proper quarter they must be productive of some change in the state of affairs. At present there is something rotten in the state of Denmark, and Sir George has the remedy. Military Schools are next to shams and fifty dollars is a great temptation, and as one remarked to me not long ago "I can't get anything to do so I join the Military School and that will put me over till busy times." The Militia department wants a thorough cleansing and new stock put in; clothing should be effective, nationality in matters of precedence should be laid aside; then there may be some hopes for the country. Recruiting for the Papal army is going on, the Military School furnishing many of its officers. It is rumoured that it is the intention of the Government to reduce the number of Brigade Majors in Quebec to three, if so so much useless expenditure will be diverted from a wrong channel.

Exchanges into the Royal Canadian Rifles will no longer be permitted as it is understood that the regiment will be disbanded at some early date.

Prince Arthur stopped here but two hours on Monday and then left *en route* for London. He is having a good time of it, but who pays the piper?

Volunteer matters are dull, everyone has the sulks; the weather has been bad and the grand total of the Dominion army including the names of several who are defunct and a few thousand who have left the country, is 37,170. B.

[We hope our correspondent can, as he says, prove his assertions regarding the Brigade Majors. From our knowledge of those officers we do not believe they would be guilty of such conduct.—ED, VOL. REV.]