

Pte J G Thompson.....	26	23	14	63
Pte J W Benn.....	23	20	20	63
Pte W Getley.....	25	21	14	60
Pte G Williamson.....	23	21	15	59
Pte Haswell.....	24	19	16	59
Pte C S Dean.....	24	20	14	58
Pte C Wattleworth.....	21	21	16	58
Sergt H G Duncalf....	24	24	7	55
Lieut D Anderson.....	23	19	13	54
Pte T Birch.....	23	20	10	53
Corpl G Ferguson.....	18	15	20	53
Lieut Hornblower.....	21	13	19	53
Pte J Johnson.....	21	21	8	53

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These matches were both fired late in the evening, to the great disadvantage of the Canadian team. The Canadians are not accustomed to fire matches or even practice after six o'clock, whilst that is the time usually selected by their opponents, and the light suiting them they had a much easier task before them than had they met the team at midday light. Moreover, I am assured that the ammunition served out to the Canadians was mixed, that is, the packages presented to them by the 5th Lancshires were re-packed boxes of 1873 and 1874 ammunition, instead of being that of either one year or the other. I have no desire to write harsh words over the matter, but when it was distinctly understood that both teams were to use 1874 ammunition, it seems hardly fair that the Canadians should be presented with two kinds so re-packed that the slightest suspicion of all not being according to arrangement was never dreamt of. The Lancashire men, moreover, used 1873 ammunition, which is infinity preferable to that of 1874, so that they had not only the light, but what I call "sharp practice" in winning the match. The firing was also delayed, much to the detriment of the Canadians, and the Lancashire men were careful enough to put their own men ahead, to get possible advantage of the light, and get their firing through. I have made minute enquiries from various sources into what I have written, and I am convinced of the correctness of the statements penned.

THE SCORES AT ALTAR.

I append a complete list of the shooting at Altcar, which will be very interesting to Canadian volunteers. Sergt. Cooping's score and that of Major Gibson, of the 13th, require special note. The 93 of the former on the 1st July, and the 89 of the latter on the 9th July, have never been equalled at Altcar ranges: -

RECORD OF PRACTICE MADE BY THE DOMINION TEAM OF 1875 AT ALTAR RIFLE RANGE, NEAR LIVERPOOL. RANGES - 200, 500, AND 600 YARDS.

NAMES.	JULY 1.		JULY 2.		JULY 3.		JULY 6.		JULY 7.		JULY 8.		JULY 9.		TOTAL.
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
Fulton Waters.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	160
Sergeant Pinder.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	160
Sergeant Loeble.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	160
Sergeant Vahl.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	160
Sergeant Stevens.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	160
Sergeant Power.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	160
Sergeant Harris.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	160
Private Bell.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	160
Major Gibson.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Captain Arnold.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Sergeant Hill.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Captain Nelson.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Private Cooping.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Private Lave.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Private Paulin.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Ensign Finch.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Sergeant Hunter.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082
Ensign Wright.....	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	93	89	1082

WEATHER: - 1st July - Fine. Light wind, a.m. Rain. " p.m.
 2nd " Bright. " a.m. Cloudy. Strong wind, p.m.
 3rd " Heavy rain. No practice.
 4th " Sunday. Fine.
 6th " Bright. Fresh wind, a.m. High " p.m.
 6th " " Light " a.m. " " a.m.
 " " " " " p.m.

This last practice represents match with 1st Lancashire Volunteers.
 7th July - Bright. Light wind. a.m. " " " p.m.
 " " " " " p.m.

At these last two practices Wimbledon targets were used. The latter practice of the two represents score of match with 5th Lancashire Volunteers and 1st Cheshire.
 8th July - Calm. Light wind. a.m. " " " p.m.
 9th " Rain. No practice. a.m.

THE TARGET ARRANGEMENT.

The principal on which the targets are worked is the same this year as last; but the mechanical details have undergone some alteration, which, however, does not affect competition. The chief change is in the substitution of a windlass for the counter-weight and balance adopted in 1874, in which the marker had to apply the weight of his body to move the targets up and down. The new

system involves much less labour, and is greatly approved by those markers who, having had the experience of last year, have tried it. The second novelty consists in stretching the paper targets on a slight movable wooden frame, which besides having certain advantages in the way of preventing possible "splashes," admits of the target being shifted, when injured, with greater convenience than was formerly possible. Wooden beams have also been placed over certain parts of the marking trenches, to guard the markers still more perfectly against the chance of wounds, which chance is now reduced to a minimum. Lastly, a new "danger disc" has been introduced. This is a small red disc at the end of an arm pivoting on a point in the centre of the upper part of the "dummy." If a hit is made on any part of the target, the marker at once brings this disc into view by giving the arm a quarter circle turn, which causes the disc to appear under the bull's eye of the real target. If the hit is one which counts, the usual shifting of the target takes place, leaving the arm of the red disc in a vertical position. If the hit is on the corners of the rectangular target—which are of a light brown, not black, colour this year—and therefore does not count, the red disc will remain up for a space, and then be brought down again into the trench. For the long ranges the iron targets with Hill's marking remain as they were last year. The system of "double marking"—i.e., with the disc on the dummy and with "Bland's patches" on the real target—will again be on its trial this year.

Col. Brunel will be pleased to hear that his improvements on last year's target are highly spoken of, and that there is a probability of his plan been tried at Wimbledon. The sketch of his target, now lying in the tent near me, has been examined by a large number of officers and men of the different corps encamped on the ground, and is highly thought of.

THE DECISION OF TIES.

This all important question has now been definitely settled. The Council, as I stated in a former letter, have, in consequence of the large increase of entries, to resort to the practice of 1873, and decide all ties by the system known as "counting backwards." You will confer a favour on many Canadian riflemen by giving the new rules, as it will be an index of what they may do in Canadian competition.

Ties will be decided as follows:—

IN THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.

1. FIRST STAGE.

FOR THE SILVER MEDAL, BADGE, AND £60.
 a. By the aggregate score made in three consecutive rounds fired by each competitor at a 600 yards carton target.
 b. By firing single shots at a 600 yards carton target.

FOR THE LAST PLACE IN THE SIXTY.

c. By firing single shots at a 600 yards carton target, until the ties be decided. The order of other places in the sixty will not be decided.

2. SECOND STAGE.

a. By the aggregate score made in the First Stage.
 b. If still a tie, by the aggregate score made in five rounds each at 1,000 yards.
 c. If still a tie, by continuing to fire five rounds again and again at 1,000 yards until decided.