

senior. The fighting line will advance about 400 paces, halt and lie down, and the supports when in position will send out a connecting file. The supports will advance to within about 180 paces of the fighting line, then halt, and lie down. The reserve will advance about 100 paces, halt, and lie down. *End of first stage.*

[It is supposed that the battalion consists of 8 companies in quarter column.]

The C. O. will then give the signal to advance, and after a few paces to fire. The fighting line will advance a few paces, the rear rank men moving up on the left of the front rank men.

The half companies on the right of the line, and on the left of the line but one (*i.e.* the right half of No. 2 and left half company of No. 3) will fire a volley; under cover of their smoke, the two half companies that have fired first will make a rush of 30 yards, halt, lie down, and fire; under the cover of their smoke the other two half companies will run up, and so on alternately. For drill purposes, the alignment must be kept.

When the fire sounds the supports extend two paces, and gradually diminish the distance between themselves and the fighting line. The reserve will have deployed into line at say about 10 paces interval between the companies, and are also gradually but slowly approaching.

The C. O. will then (for drill purposes) after the firing line has made two or three rushes, give the signal to reinforce. The supports will advance, extending to 4 paces. When within 10 yards, the captains of the supports will call out "Reinforce." The supports will break into double time and fill up the intervals between files, the men of a file always keeping together. [The firing will then be continued on the same principles, substituting companies for half companies. Each captain is now in command of his own company.]

After say two rushes have been made in this way, the C. O. will give the signal to "bring up the reserves." On the signal the reserves will advance and open out to one pace distance between files. In the meantime the C. O. will cause the fighting line to halt and lie down. The reserves, when within 30 yards of the fighting line, will form rank entire; and when they reach the fighting line they will be halted, ordered to lie down, by their own commanders—*i.e.* they form the rear rank of the fighting line. The firing still continuing, the C. O. will then sound the "cease fire." The line will cease fire, still lying down. On the command "prepare to charge," the line will rise up and fix swords. The C. O. will give command "advance," which will only be repeated by the mounted officers, who will be in their places in line. The line will advance in quick time, front rank at trail, rear rank at the slope. "Charge" from the C. O., bugles sounding, drums beating the charge. The line will advance, front rank at the charge, at a steady double, NOT A RUN, rear rank at the slope. The C. O. will then sound the halt. Line will halt, and order arms, left markers will be formed in rear of the line. On the bugle sound for left markers, captains of companies will unfix swords and close their companies. The simplest way of doing so is: Left half companies of the fighting line, two paces step back, slow march. Right half companies, on the right close; left half companies, on the left close, quick march! The reserve companies will step back four paces, form "two deep" and close. [The senior major is with the reserve, the other mounted officers assist the C. O. generally.]

I have written this in a great hurry, and having been nearly a year away from drill I trust if there are any mistakes, such as half companies getting mixed up, your readers will remedy them. I have seen different attacks performed by various regiments, but this is the easiest one to practise, as far as I have seen.

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#### No. 3.—CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

Rank, Name and Corps.	Royal School.	Class.	Course.	Grade.	Percentage of marks obtained		
					Written.	Practical.	Aggregate Percentage.
Capt. F. M. Cole, Montreal Brig. Gar. Art...	Art.	1	Sp.	A	87	80	83
Corp. H. S. Harris, Halifax Brig. Gar. Art...	"	1	Lg.	B	80	85	83
Lieut. S. M. Fraser, 7th Bn.....	Inf.	2	Sp.	A	75	60	67
Lieut. V. W. Shirley, 27th Bn.....	"	2	"	A	81	64	72
2nd Lieut. A. Weir, 32nd Bn.....	"	2	"	A	80	72	76
Lieut. A. B. McClean, 42nd Bn.....	"	2	"	A	66	54	60
2nd Lieut. J. D. B. F. McKenzie, 73rd Bn...	"	2	"	A	70	59	65
Lieut. J. R. Foster, 74th Bn.....	"	2	"	A	68	59	63
2nd Lieut. A. Beaton, 82nd Bn.....	"	2	"	A	69	59	64

### The Militia Pastime.

Major Blaiklock, secretary of the P. Q. R. A., visited Ottawa this week to make preliminary arrangements for the annual competition, opening on the 7th August, and with which Ottawa is to be favoured this year. Capt. Hood, the member of the council whose motion it was that Rideau range should be availed of, has also been in town. The work of putting the range in order will be commenced at once, and everything will be ship-shape for the accommodation of the homeless visitors. It is said to be not improbable that in view of the exceptional opportunity afforded for practice for the Dominion matches there will be a good representation from Toronto and even further west, as well as from Eastern Ontario. The Quebec prize list is an excellent one, the cash prizes amounting to about \$2,000; and these are open to the whole Dominion. The shooting programme is substantially the same as last year, a notable change, however, being that in the two range match at 500 and 600 yards, the Martini rifle replaces the Snider at 600. The printed programmes have not yet been issued, but will be shortly.

The programme of daily arrangements for the annual prize meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, to be held on the Rideau range, Ottawa, from the 3rd to the 7th September, has been issued. Of the Grand Aggregate matches, the Macdougall and Rideau come on Monday; the Manufacturers' and Ouimet on Tuesday; Minister of Militia's and Standing match on Wednesday, and Dominion of Canada match on Thursday, on which day also ties in the Grand Aggregate will be fired. The provincial team match for the London Merchants' Cup takes place first thing Friday morning, and it is succeeded by the Governor-General's match. The afternoon of the second day, Tuesday, is set apart for the military matches; and the "general business meeting" of the association is down for that day also. The extra series matches will go on all week, until noon on Friday. There will be the usual formal presentation of prizes on Friday afternoon.

For the fifteenth annual prize meeting the British Columbia Rifle Association present an interesting programme, well varied, in conjunction with a list of upwards of \$500 in cash prizes besides valuable trophies and prizes in kind. Probably the most useful match on the list, which includes 12 regular and 4 extra series—is that known as the "Laurie Bugle Match," for teams, each to consist of ten militiamen from Victoria, New Westminster, and "C" Battery R.C.A. Team contests will interest a dozen men in a corps involved, for every one outside of the competitors who cares about the outcome of an individual contest; and the more men who can be interested in others shooting, the greater the number who will come forward to try for themselves. The British Columbia matches take place at Victoria, on the 1st of August and following days. The five highest in the grand aggregate will constitute the team to represent the province at the Dominion matches in September.

Nova Scotia distributes \$1,500 in cash prizes, besides the cups, medals and other trophies, at the twenty-fifth annual competition of the provincial rifle association, which commences on the 14th August. The programme, of which we have received a copy, is one of the neatest and most convenient published. Scanning its contents, it will be observed that the association pays more than the average attention to the 200 yards range, firing at that distance being called for in no less than four out of six regular individual matches. Canadian riflemen as a rule are noticeably weak at 200 yards, compared with their performances at other ranges, and it would be well if encouragement of proficiency at this distance were more general than it is at present. Again this year, the Nova Scotia association will confine the 600 yards shooting to the Martini rifle, which also gets a match at Queen's ranges, and a match at 800 and 900 yards, this last being given importance by reason of the fact that its scores will count in the aggregate determining the fifteen to receive free transportation to Ottawa to attend the Dominion meeting. There are two important team matches on the programme, both for trophies presented by Lieut.-General Laurie, M.P., as well as cash prizes offered by the association. One of these trophies, a silver bugle, is for company teams of five; and the other, a silver challenge cup, for battalion teams of ten each.