

MILITARY BALLADS.

II.

MARCHING IN.

ON THE OCCUPATION OF THE CITADEL OF QUEBEC BY THE
FIRST CANADIAN GARRISON.

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Old England's music timed the march,
Old England's banner flew
Above our ranks, as towards the Fort
Of England's power we drew,
And the portal never crossed by foe
Flew wide to welcome in
Old England's younger self, and bid
A nation's life begin.
There stood a figure by the gate,
Stalwart and stern of mien,
Such as the soldier's form should be
Such as has oft been seen
Against the sunset on the hill,
When the day went down in blood,
And the shattered hosts of the baffled foe
Rolled back their ebbing flood.
As still and passionless it seemed
As the fort's granite wall,
Yet could it wake to fiery life
At England's trumpet-call.
Medals it wore, the noble meed
Of many a field of fame,
From yonder heights to Egypt's strand
And India's skies of flame;
But nobler was the heart beneath
Still ruled by Duty's power,
Alike in triumph's time of pride
And dark disaster's hour.
The heart that fought for Honour's sake,
When fortune's prize was lost,
Like the flag that bears the red cross still
Shot-torn and tempest-tost.
As past that form we marched, we seemed
To hear in the music's swell:
"Old England well hath kept the post,
Keep ye the post as well.
"Rich is the store she leaves her heir
In mine, in farm, in fold,
But she leaves a treasure richer far
Than corn, or mine, or gold.
"Proud will she be to see you grow
In wealth by land and main,
But prouder when misfortune's power
Is met and leaves no stain.
"This Fort that yesterday was ours,
That is your trust to-day,
Stands where, while 'Victory' rent the sky,
Wolfe's spirit left its clay.
"Swear that if e'er by fortune's spite
To yonder foe it fall,
He shall enter not through the gate
But o'er the ruined wall.
"That flag ye bear and we have borne,
On the unconquered rock
Gleamed through the gathering mists of death
Upon the eyes of Brock.
"Swear, if again the invader come
Vaunting, as then he came,
Defeat perchance that flag may know,
But never shall know shame."

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The halt is called, the guard relieved,
Old England's work is done:
As the new warder took his post,
A nation's life begun.

YORK.

Nova Scotia Provincial Rifle Association Matches, 1892.

The twenty-ninth annual prize meeting of the provincial rifle association began on Bedford range on 16th ult., about 150 marksmen present. The weather was delightful, but a fishtail wind and variable light interfered somewhat with the shooting. Col. Murray, and Capt. Brown, 66th P. L. F., were the officers in the charge of the range; Major Weston, 66th, was secretary, and the arrangements were good. Captain Corbin, the veteran shot of the 63rd, again headed the list in the provincial rifle association gold medal competition, and having won it twice it becomes his property. The scores were as follows:

1ST COMPETITION—NURSERY—\$66.

Restricted to members of the association, as in third competition, who have never won a prize at any meeting of this association. Range, 200 yards. Seven rounds. Rifles, Snider.

\$8—Staff-Sergeant Carter, 93rd	26
7—Sergeant Young, 69th	26
6—Gunner Robinson, H. G. A.	26
5—Gunner Gray, H. G. A.	26
4—Bugle Major Studd, 63rd	25
3—Corporal Creed, H. G. A.	25
3—Sergeant Fitch, 69th	24
3—Sergeant Skinner, 66th	23
3—Sergeant Robinson, H. G. A.	22
3—Private Duggan, 66th	21
3—Corporal Theakston, H. G. A.	21
2—Private Johnston, 66th	21
2—Gunner Killen, H. G. A.	21
2—Gunner Curran, H. G. A.	20
2—Private Kripps, 66th	20
2—Sergeant Shiers, 63rd	20
2—Corporal Jensen, H. G. A.	19
2—Private Harvey, 66th	19
2—Private Williams, 63rd	18
2—Gunner Graham, H. G. A.	18

2ND COMPETITION—AFFILIATED MATCH, \$100.

Restricted to members of this association, as in third competition, who have never won a prize at any previous meeting of this association, and who are entered as affiliated members. Range, 400 yards. Seven rounds. Rifles, Snider.

\$10—Gunner Killen, H. G. A.	30
8—Gunner Currie, H. G. A.	30
7—Sergeant Robinson, H. G. A.	30
6—Private Bullock, 63rd	28
5—Sergeant Fitch, 69th	27
5—Corporal Theakston, H. G. A.	27
5—Sergeant Shiers, 63rd	26
5—Sergeant Skinner, 66th	25
5—Private Johnston, 66th	25
4—Gunner Morton, H. G. A.	23
4—Gunner Clark, H. G. A.	23
4—Private Harvey, 66th	23
4—Sergeant Alves, 66th	22
4—Private Kripps, 66th	20
3—Gunner Graham, H. G. A.	20
3—Corporal Creed, H. G. A.	20
3—Gunner Robinson, H. G. A.	19
3—Bugle Major Studd, 63rd	19
3—Private Rowe, 66th	18
3—Gunner Burbridge, H. G. A.	17
2—Private Whelpley, 63rd	15
2—Lieutenant Crowe, H. G. A.	15
2—Corporal Jensen, H. G. A.	15