

lent dinner, in the new exhibition buildings, provided by the people of the town.

After the dinner Col. Wilkinson addressed the regiment thanking all for responding to the invitation, and for their steady, soldierly bearing. The Colonel was greeted with three rousing cheers and a tiger. The men were then dismissed to enjoy the programme of sports for the afternoon. At 5.00 p.m. the assembly was sounded, the regiment reformed, and headed by the band, marched to the M. C. R. station, and passed to their respective company headquarters. All were pleased with their outing, and the conduct of all was most exemplary.

FUSILIER.

Winnipeg.

Perhaps you have been thinking about writing an obituary for "Buckshot," with gratitude to the "grim" hand that put a stop to your Winnipeg Correspondent, but the old man with his scythe has not seen fit to reap his harvest yet, and you are likely to hear occasionally from the "Bull's eye" of the Dominion.

There has been little time to write letters this spring. We Manitobans—thinking of a probable failure in the Ontario crop—have been going to seed lately and we can assure you that a bountiful supply of No. 1 hard will be procurable about the middle of August.

Referring to our favourite sport, rifle shooting, we notice that the goth have not yet taken first place in the League. We are not altogether disappointed at this, but look forward to better results. I am a little of the opinion that our firing point is rather too far from the targets. Of course any little difficulty of this nature can be altered. We were told that the redoubtable Inman was not up to his usual form last match, and that Macklin disappeared in a cloud of dust shortly after finishing his 600 yards score. It has been rumoured—but we cannot speak with certainty—that white spots will be marked along the bank for those who use the V.

The prizes offered this year by the Winnipeg club are very numerous. They are also handsome in design, and valuable. This rifle association deserves the patronage of all lovers of shooting. Its members are all practical men, both in business and at the butts. They have spared neither money nor time to make the rifle popular, and from the number who participated in the practice last Saturday the number of tickets sold, and the general harmony and genial good fellowship evinced on the range, one need be no prophet to foretell a great measure of success. Of this company Mr. E. L. Drewry, a gentleman who takes a great deal of pleasure in encouraging all manly sports, is the president, and is ably assisted by the indefatigable secretary, Mr. S. S. Kennon. We might mention others who deserve it, but will reserve the knowledge for a future occasion. That is if you want to hear again from—

BUCKSHOT.

The Rifle.

The Grenadiers are without the valuable assistance of that veteran marksman, Staff-Sergt. R. McVittie, in their matches this season. Some time ago he met with a severe accident by which his left arm was temporarily disabled, and his doctor says he will not be able to use it for shooting for nearly two months yet.

The Executive Committee of the Toronto City Council have unanimously asked the Council to apply for an injunction to stop volunteer rifle shooting at the ranges on Garrison Common. This action if taken will no doubt bring to a head the agitation for the closing of the ranges which the riflemen have so long fought.

The Ottawa club shot at 800 and 900 yards on Saturday with Martinis, seven shots at each range. The attendance was smaller than usual. Capt. S. M. Rogers took the dessert spoon in the first class with 52 points; J. A. Armstrong being close up with 51. H. McKay headed the third class with 46, and F. W. Smith the second class with 43, a teaspoon being the prize in each of these classes.

A rifle match which created a great deal of interest took place on Garrison Common on Saturday afternoon between the bachelors and benedicts of the Sergeants' Mess of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, the latter winning by 41 points. The victors will be entertained by the vanquished at a banquet on the first Monday in July, at the Sergeants' Mess. Lieut. Knifton was the range officer. The ranges were 200, 400 and 500 yards, 5 shots. The teams consisted of fourteen men each. The married scored 652 and the single 611.

A couple of months ago we noted that Armourer Sergeant Ronan, of the Twelfth Battalion, Toronto, had placed upon the market his new style orthoptic, which in its experimental form received no little commendation last season from the few who had an opportunity of trying it. The experience this spring has been no less happy, very high scoring having been done at Toronto by riflemen using the new invention, and

trials made at Ottawa also being quite satisfactory. The Ronan orthoptic differs from those to which we have been accustomed in that it is not at all in the shape of spectacles. It consists simply of a tiny metal cup, held in position in a corner of the eye by a two-pronged handle also of metal which passes between the rifleman's hat and his head and is thus securely held. The cup is so small that the rifleman's vision is not limited by it save when he is actually taking aim, and then the sights appear beautifully distinct through the aperture.

A few weeks ago a challenge was given by Major Peters, "C" Battery, R. C. A., to Captain Young, "D" Company, I. S. C., to fire a match on any day between the 5th and 10th of May, 20 officers, non-commissioned officers and men on each side; ranges, 200, 300 and 400 yards; five shots at each range. The Company fired on the 7th and the Battery on the 9th of May, the scores being as follows:—"D" Company, 1,022 points; "C" Battery, 981 points.

We have pleasure in recommending to the use of Canadian riflemen the excellent score book published by Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, of St. John, N.B., whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue. Each page of the book makes full provision for recording all the particulars of a three-range match, including a separate target diagram for each distance. Contained in a substantial cloth cover, the score sheets are so simply held in place that when filled they can be readily removed and new blank sheets inserted, thus giving a new book at a trifling cost. Every rifleman desiring a score book at once complete and so simple as not to be confusing, should give this one a trial.

The second spoon competition in connection with the Vancouver Rifle Association took place on the range at Lynn's Farm, Vancouver, B.C., on Saturday, the 17th May. Dr. Bell-Irving won the spoon with the excellent score of 94. The ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards:—

Dr. B. Irving	31	34	29	94	J. D. Stuart	28	25	23	76
C. E. Tisdall	31	31	26	88	H. Smalley	28	27	21	76
W. H. Forrest	29	29	29	87	C. R. Slater	25	31	16	72
H. Shelton	25	30	24	79	U. McGirr	29	19	23	71
H. A. Brocklesby	28	30	21	79	H. Collins	26	27	18	71

NOVA SCOTIA'S INTER-PROVINCIAL TEAM.

The third and final match to select a team to represent Nova Scotia in the inter-maritime competition, to be shot at Charlottetown to-day (Thursday, 12th June), took place on Bedford range on the 5th. The day was a bad one for good shooting. Martinis were used, at 200, 500 and 600 yards. The scores were as follows:—

Capt. Corbin, 63rd	30	33	28	91	Lieut. Stevens, 66th	29	25	27	81
Maj. Garrison, H.G.A.	31	29	29	89	Major Egan, 63rd	29	23	27	79
Capt. Bishop, 63rd	29	27	28	84	Lieut. Flowers, H.G.A.	30	26	22	78
Bom. Campbell, H.G.A.	32	24	28	84	Col. Walsh, 63rd	27	27	23	77
Sergt. Mumford, 63rd	26	33	25	84	Capt. Harris, H.G.A.	26	29	22	77
Sergt. Harris, H.G.A.	27	32	25	84	Sergt. Murray, H.G.A.	30	26	18	74
Lieut. Dimock, H.G.A.	28	33	23	84	Sgt.-Maj. Lockhart, 63rd	26	20	27	73
Capt. Adams, H.G.A.	30	27	25	82	Lieut. Dixon, 63rd	25	28	16	69

The team will be composed of eight men. The total scores are:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	T'l.		1st.	2nd.	3rd.	T'l.
Lt. Dimock, H.G.A.	87	82	84	253	Capt. Bishop, 63rd	76	81	84	241
Maj. Garrison, H.G.A.	87	76	89	252	Lt. Flowers, H.G.A.	79	82	78	239
Bom. Campbell, H.G.A.	81	85	84	250	Capt. Corbin, 63rd	72	73	91	238
Capt. Adams, H.G.A.	85	83	82	250	Sg.-Maj. Lockhart, 63rd	74	67	78	234
Sergt. Harris, H.G.A.	84	80	84	248	Sergt. Mumford, 63rd	76	73	84	233
Major Egan, 63rd	84	80	79	243	Lieut. Dixon, 63rd	75	78	69	222
Lieut. Stevens, 66th	78	83	81	242	Sergt. Murray, H.G.A.	88	57	74	219
Capt. Harris, H.G.A.	91	74	77	242	Lt.-Col. Walsh, 63rd	76	61	77	214

Major-General His Royal Highness Arthur Duke of Connaught, now making a flying trip through Canada on his way to England from India, was born May 1st, 1850. He entered the Woolwich Military Academy as a cadet in 1866, became a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers in 1868, and a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery in 1869, a lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade in the same year, and a captain in 1871. His staff services are: Brigade-major at Aldershot in 1873; brigade-major to the cavalry brigade at the same quarters in 1875, in the October of which year he was appointed assistant adjutant-general at Gibraltar, which post he held until April, 1876. In 1880 he was made a general of brigade at Aldershot. Besides holding other appointments, the Duke is colonel-in-chief of the Royal Rifle Corps and personal aide-de-camp to the Queen. He served for several years in the Dominion as a subaltern in the Rifle Brigade, being stationed in Montreal. He saw active service in Egypt in 1882, being in command of a division at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir. For several years past the Duke has been in command of the forces of the Bengal presidency, which command he has just resigned. He is accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught, General Sir John McNeil, Col. and Mrs. Cavaye, and Dr. Kilkelly. The reception accorded the Duke and Duchess has been very enthusiastic at every Canadian city visited, and the volunteers of Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec have furnished guards of honour for the occasions.