

rived at the Urga Promontory, (the S. W. termination of the Sea of Aral.) The time of communication with the rear was kept up by leaving small detachments at convenient points *en route*. Up to this time the column was quite unmolested by the enemy. On the 20th May it arrived before the walls of Kungrad, (on the left bank of the Oxus) which city was after a few trifling skirmishes occupied without serious opposition from the Khivan troops. On the 21st May leaving Kungrad it continued its march further south—continual petty skirmishes now took place with the Khivans whose irregular cavalry perpetually harassed the Russians *en route*. On the 24th May General VEREVKIN was joined by Colonel BAKATINE's column (the 2nd) which had started from Kinderli Bay. The united forces then moved on to attack the fortified town of Khodja Ili, which was occupied by a strong body of the enemy. This place after a somewhat serious engagement in which the Khivans attempted to meet the Russians in the open field was taken and occupied on the 27th May. A halt of two days was here made in order to refresh the troops after the fatigues of their long march; in the cultivated and fertile districts of the country which they had now reached, where forage, food, and pasture were found in abundance. On the 30th May the march was continued parallel to the left bank of the river upon Mankot. No news had yet been heard of General KAUFFMAN or of Colonel MARKOSOFF's troops.

Upon the 1st June the column after crossing several large canals reached at length the banks of the Oxus, at a place called Djelan Toheganak. On the 2nd June Mankot was after another rather obstinate contest occupied by the Russian troops and burnt—the loss of the latter upon this occasion was about ten men killed and some thirty or forty wounded. The losses of the Khivans however, are said to have been so heavy that they abandoned all hope thenceforth of opposing the Russians in the open field. On the 4th June General VEREVKIN still advanced, fighting his way as he went, and with some difficulty holding his ground owing to the great superiority in numbers of the enemy. On the 5th he received an embassy from the Khan, asking for an Armistice which was of course refused. The troops were on this day stopped for a night by a broad canal, the bridge over which had been burnt by the enemy. In order to obviate for the future any further delay from this cause, Colonel LEONTSCHEK with a strong force of cavalry swam across the stream and pushed forward to occupy the bridge in front. He returned at nightfall with news that the Khan had retreated to the capital there to make a last stand with all his available strength.

On the 7th June came the first news from General KAUFFMAN and his column. The letter which came stated that he defeated the enemy wherever he had met him, and

that on the date of the letter (June 3) he was himself on the left bank of the Oxus, and engaged in transporting his troops across from the other side. When he was ready to move forward he would advance by Hazarasp in Khiva. Meanwhile General VEREVKIN's column arrived on the 7th June, to within four or five miles of the capital.

"At this point I will leave him to give some account of the operations of the other columns in their march through the steppe."

(To be Continued.)

RIFLE COMPETITION.

ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The annual competition of the Ontario Rifle Association commenced on Tuesday, the 1st inst., on the Garrison Common. His Excellency the Governor-General arrived on the ground at noon, accompanied by Col. Fletcher, Col. Cumberland, A. D. C., Capt. Ward, A. D. C., and Lieut. Hamilton, A. D. C. His Excellency proceeded to the 200 yards range, and fired the first shot, making a centre close to the bull's eye.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS' MATCH.

Open to all members of Affiliated Associations who are also Members of the Ontario Rifle Association. The first prize to be awarded to the highest aggregate score made by any five previously named members of any one Affiliated Association. The remaining prizes to individual scores. Ranges—300 and 500 yards; five rounds at each range; first prize the Ladies' Challenge Cup and \$50.

TERMS FOR LADIES' CHALLENGE CUP.—The winning Association to have possession for one year (subject to the approval of the Council): the Cup to be returned for further competition previous to the next ensuing Association Match.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES AT 300 YARDS.—First prize, \$15; second prize, \$10; five prizes of \$5; eight prizes of \$4. Total, \$82.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES AT 500 YARDS.—First prize, \$15; second prize, \$10; five prizes of \$5; eight prizes of \$4. Total, \$82.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE FOR AGGREGATE SCORES.—First prize, \$25; second prize, \$15; five prizes of \$10 each; twelve prizes of \$5 each.

FIRST PRIZE—The Ladies' Challenge Cup.

THE DUFFERIN RIFLE CLUB.

	Points.
Capt Gibson	30
Lieut J Pearson	32
Sergt Phillip	27
Sergt W Black	31
Mr H Cooper	31

Total..... 161

The following are the scores of the next six highest teams:

Hastings R A	148
Ontario County R A	148
2nd Brigade G T R	144
15th Battalion	142
Toronto R C	142
Wellington Field Battery	140

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES AT 300 YARDS.

	Points.
1. Pte Sharon, Elgin R A	19
2. Capt Macpherson, Guards	17
3. J H Bishop, Guelph R A	17
4. Corpl Thatcher, 20th Batt	17
5. Capt Johnson, 20th Batt	17

6. J R Mills, 10th Royals	17
7. Capt Lloyd, 12th Batt	17
8. Ensign Wastie, 7th Batt	17
9. Gunner Crowe, W F B	17
10. Asst Surg McDonald, W F B	16
11. Pte Miller, 7th Batt	16
12. Paymaster Strachan, 47th Batt	16
13. Capt Crowther, G T R	16
14. J Upthegrove, G T R	16
15. Sergt McMullen, 10th Royals	16

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES AT 500 YARDS.

	Points.
1. Color-Sergt Mitchell, 13th Batt	19
2. Pte D Sutherland, Simcoe R A	19
3. Sergt Bennett, G T R	19
4. J G O'Leary, O C R A	18
5. Sergt L March	18
6. Capt Surgeon Aiken T R C	18
7. Sergt Cunningham, G T R	18
8. Sergt McMullen, 10th Royals	18
9. Gunner J Little, T R C	18
10. Capt White, O C R A	18
11. Lieut Hooper, G R A	18
12. Pte J R Rowen, B R A	18
13. Capt Mason, 13th Batt	18
14. Sergt Jack, 10th Royals	18
15. Sergt Graham, Guards	17

PRIZES FOR AGGREGATE SCORES.

	300	500	TOTAL
1. Pte D Sutherland, Simcoe R A	16	19	35
2. Sergt McMullen, 10th Royals	16	18	34
3. Sergt Cunningham, G T R	16	18	34
4. Dr Aiken, Toronto R C	15	18	33
5. Ensign Waters, Elgin R A	16	17	33
6. Ensign Wastie, 7th Batt	17	16	33
7. Pte J R Mills, 10th Royals	17	16	33
8. Gunner Crowe, W F B	17	16	33
9. C Sergt Mitchell, 13th Batt	13	19	32
10. Sergt Bennett, G T R	18	19	32
11. J Little, Toronto R C	14	18	32
12. Q M Sergt Kincaid, 14th Batt	15	17	32
13. Sergt Graham, Guards	15	17	32
14. W Cruik, Toronto R C	15	17	32
15. M Jor Gibson, 13th Batt	15	17	32
16. Gunner Edles, 2nd G T Art	15	17	32
17. Lieut Pearson, D R C	15	17	32
18. Paymaster Strachan, 47th Batt	16	16	32
19. Sergt Wright, 10th Royals	16	16	32

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Association was held in the Council tent on September 2, at noon. The President, Mr. John Gordon, occupied the chair, and among those present were Lieut-Cols Skinner, Norris, B B Denison, Jackson, D A G, Lieutenant Col Otter, (Secretary), Rev Mr. Clement, Majors Gilmore and Stollery, Captains Macdonald, Crowther, Holmes and Macpherson, Major Alger (Treasurer), and others. After the transaction of routine business it was decided that in future the annual meetings of the Association should be held at an hour of the day more convenient for the attendance of members engaged in the matches. It was also decided that the rule debarring a man who fails to score eight points at the first range from proceeding further in the match should be struck out, and that the Canada Company's prizes should in future be open to all volunteers instead of only to those who fire in the Battalion or Company matches as at present. The election of members of the Council for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Lieut Col Peck, 20th Battalion, Galt; Hon Major McKellar, 24th Battalion, Chatham; Lieut Col Allwood, 26th Battalion, London; Judge Macdonald, Guelph; Lieut Col C S Gzowski, Esqr Staff, Toronto; Lieut Col Scobie, Toronto; Captain J J Mason, 13th Battalion, Hamilton; Lieut Col Cahill, 45th Battalion, Bowmanville; Lieut Colonel Williams 46th Battalion, Port Hope; Captain Crowther,