

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRIZES.

(ABRIDGED FROM THE MORNING CHRONICLE.)

Pursuant to announcement the prizes fired for at the competition, which closed at Bedford on Friday evening, were presented to the winners thereof on Saturday afternoon. The weather, so important an element in the success of outdoor undertakings, was all that could be desired.

A special train with five passenger, and four platform cars, left Richmond Depot at 12.15 for Bedford. All the cars, one of which was reserved for the ladies, were crowded to their utmost capacity. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, General Doyle, Admiral Palmer, of the U. S. man-of-war *Rhode Island*, and His Worship the Mayor proceeded in this train. Vice Admiral Hope sailed to Bedford in the *Duncan's* steam launch, and arrived there soon after the train.

The Halifax Volunteer Battalion, and the band of that corps, went up in the 12.15 train.

The arrangements made for the ceremony were very good. A canopy was erected in a suitable locality on the grounds, under which was a dais ascended to by two steps, whereon were placed chairs for the accommodation of His Excellency and others. A tent situated in close proximity to the canopy was reserved for the ladies, and this was crowded to excess during the whole of the ceremony. About half past one o'clock His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by Vice Admiral Hope and Admiral Palmer, of the United States, arrived and took a seat under the canopy. Vice Admiral Hope occupied a chair to the right of His Excellency, and Admiral Palmer sat on his left. The Halifax Volunteer Battalion was then formed in hollow square, and the distribution of prizes commenced. The names of the successful competitors were called out by Colonel Pryor, President of the Provincial Rifle Association, and the prizes handed to the winners by His Excellency. The Cogswell cup was presented by the lady of the donor. The City of Halifax prize, divided in three sums of money, was presented by the lady of His Worship the Mayor, on which occasion His Worship made a brief but highly appropriate speech. He complimented the members of the Volunteer Battalion on the attention they had bestowed on drill, and also on their general efficiency. He felt convinced that, in case of trouble, they would rush to the defence of the flag which had waved over Nova Scotia since the days of Cornwallis. Upon the presentation of Colonel Laurie's prize, competed for by married officers and sergeants, members of the Association, the Colonel made a few