

the men refused to go any further, and getting out he got a waggon and drove on in the direction of where the battle of Ridgeway was at this time commencing, after going as far as the man could drive him, he walked on and gave Lieutenant Colonel Booker the message.

It will be necessary to leave Lieutenant-Colonel Booker's column on their way to Ridgeway, and go back to Colonel Peacock, whom we left at Clappawa gathering up information, and trace the causes which led to his telegram directing Lieutenant-Colonel Booker to delay an hour.

As mentioned in the beginning of this chapter, Colonel Peacock's reinforcements were to join him some time in the morning, and being anxious that there should be no delay in starting, he telegraphed back to Hamilton and St. Catharines, directing that the re-inforcements should bring with them a supply of cooked provisions, so that no delay should be occasioned by waiting to get breakfast for the men, after they arrived.

At about 4.30 a.m. the expected reinforcements came up, and after being unloaded, Colonel Peacock mentioned to the officers commanding that he should start at six o'clock, it being then nearly five. They at once objected on account of their men not having any breakfast, and very little to eat the whole previous day, and they had been unable to bring anything with them, and they were unprovided with haversacks in which to carry it. Being unwilling to set out upon a very severe march, to finish probably with a severe battle, and through a country where it would be difficult to get food, Colonel Peacock decided it would be better to wait an hour to enable the men to get breakfast, and immediately telegraphed to Lieutenant-Colonel Booker to delay his march an hour. This message, it will be remembered, did not reach Lieutenant-Colonel Booker till he was already engaged with the enemy. Had he started at the proper time he would have received the message before he left, for even to have reached Stevensville at 9.30 it was not necessary for him to have left Port Colborne until six, he was at the battle ground three miles from Stevensville at 7.30, and, if not interrupted, would have reached Stevensville at 8.30, about an hour earlier than Captain Akers mentioned. This mistake of one hour led to his not receiving the message to delay, and therefore caused him to be really three hours too soon.

It must not be forgotten, that, at the time Colonel Peacock decided to wait, that there was no reason for him to fear any ill result from the delay. At the time he expected that a heavy battle would take place, before the Fenians would be driven out, and that instead of the object being to prevent them getting out of the country, the opinion of every one was, that the great difficulty would be to drive them out, and that he was right in proceeding cautiously with that object in view. At any rate he anticipated that the tug would have prevented their escape.

Such was the plan of campaign adopted, such were the orders given, such the mistakes made, such the exact position of affairs as each column marched off to perform its allotted share in the contemplated operations. How these combined movements dovetailed into each other, how they became disjointed in their working and confused in the execution, will be better understood by following the course of the three columns into which our forces were divided, considering first, Lieutenant-Colonel Booker's command and the engagement it entered into;

secondly, the march of Colonel Peacock's column; and thirdly, the expedition on the tug "Robb," under the guidance of Lieut. Colonel Dennis and Captain Akers.

(To be continued.)

HASTINGS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

(COMPILED FROM THE INTELLIGENCER.)

The second annual Prize Meeting of this Association commenced on the morning of the 9th inst., under favourable circumstances, so far as attendance was concerned, the number of competitors being large, including several of the crack shots of the district. The weather, however, was not propitious, rain commencing to fall shortly before nine o'clock, continuing, with slight intervals of sunshine, throughout the day. The tournament was opened by Mrs. Robertson, the lady Mayoress, making the usual bull's eye. At 11 o'clock, the clouds having broken up a little, the first match, the All Comers, was commenced: the entries numbered 32 being in excess of those of last year. The following is the score:—

No. 1.—ALL COMERS MATCH.

Open to all comers, with any rifle, in any position. Ranges 300 and 500 yards. Five shots at each range. Entrance fee, 50 cts.

- 1 Silk Hat and Shirt by W. Johnson and \$2 by Association, \$7.25—Dr. Oronhyatekha, 49th Batt., 31 points.
- 2 Kane's Arctic Expedition. by R. P. Jelliff, \$5—Capt. Nunn, G.T.R., 26 points.
- 3 Picture and Frame, (Balmoral Castle), by Lacroix & Grant, \$4—Corp. Wilson, G.T.R., 26 points.
- 4 Life of Jefferson Davis, by J. R. Mason, \$3.50—Capt. Crowther, G.T.R., 26 pts.
- 5 Vest by Robertson & Henry, \$3—Private Griffin, G.T.R., 26 points.
- 6 Gridiron. by M. Gillen. \$2.50—Private Sheehan, G.T.R., 24 points.
- 7 Bottle Eau de Cologne, by L. W. Yeamans and \$1 by Association, \$2.50—Ensign Stewart, 15th Batt., 24 points.
- 8 Bottle Brandy, by B. Truensch, and \$1 by Association, \$2.25—Capt. Hulme, 15th Batt., 24 points.
- 9 Butter Knife, by John Lewis, and 50 cts. by Association, \$2—Lt. Dean, 40th Batt., 24 points.
- 10 Pair Ladies' Prunella Boots, by R. M. Clarke & Son, \$2—Ensign Geroux, G.T.R., 23 points.
- 11 Ink Stand, by F. J. Jus and \$1 by Association, \$2—Capt. Webb, 40th Batt., 23 points.

The second Association Match commenced at three o'clock with considerable spirit. There were 30 entries. If the weather is favourable it is expected this Match will be concluded about seven o'clock this p.m.

The Rifle Tournament of the Hastings Rifle Association was resumed on the morning of the 10th inst. at 9 o'clock, Major M. Bowell, M.P., being the officer of the day. The weather was delightful, clear sky, with very little breeze, the only discomfort being the extreme heat. The heat, however, did not weaken the ardor or enthusiasm of the competitors, nor did it affect the accuracy of the firing, which was a decided improvement upon that of yesterday. Very little time was lost, the admirable arrangements made by the Council enabling everything to

go off like clock work. The Association Match which was commenced yesterday afternoon was resumed shortly after nine o'clock. This match was open only to members of the Association. Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards; five shots at each range, Government Rifle. There were thirty-five entries, and as the prizes comprised some of the most valuable on the programme the competition was spirited.

NO. 11.—ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Open only to Members of the Association. Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards. Five shots at each range, Government Rifle. Entrance fee, 50 cts.

The following are the prizes awarded in this match:—

1. Breech-loading rifle by Hon. B. Flint, \$25.
2. Silver Goblet by the Mayor, \$15.
3. Two English Sovereigns by Major Wallbridge, \$10.
3. Cricket Bat by E. R. Benjamin, and \$1 by Association, \$9.
5. Australian Sovereign by W. Docter, \$5.
6. Photograph of winner by L. Forrest, \$5.
7. Photograph Album by Lt.-Col. Campbell, \$4.
8. Cradle by L. Roenigk, \$2.50.
9. Rocking Chair by T. Cherry, and \$1 by Association, \$2.50.
10. Meerscham Pipe by Thomas Lockerty, \$2.
11. Felt Hat by J. F. Mendell, \$2.
12. Four Cans Lobsters by Legate & Abott, and \$1 by Association, \$2.
13. Electro Wash Bowl by T. Linkwater, and \$1.50 by Association \$2.
14. Coal Oil Lamp by J. H. Hambly, \$2.

The following are the names of the competitors in this match, and the score of each:

Ens. G. Hanwell, 15th Batt.	25
Corp. S. Kennedy, G.T.R.	41
Capt. W. C. Nunn, do	30
Pte. M. Sheehan, do	26
Sergt. W. Clark, do	37
Lieut. Teal, do	30
Pte. Mills, do	36
Pte. Wensley, do	16
Capt. S. S. Lazier, 15th	30
Sgt. Bennett, 15th	31
Capt. Hulme, 15th	39
Maj. Stephens, 15th	30
Ens. Stewart, 15th	31
Pt. Griffin G.T.R.	14
Ens. Geroux, G.T.R.	40
Sgt. Mills, G.T.R.	44
Pt. Chas. Allen, G.T.R.	42
Corp. Wilson, G.T.R.	35
Pte. J. Northcott, G.T.R.	18
Lt. Marshall, G.T.R.	40
Sgt. D. Gerow, 15th	24
Sgt. W. J. Byam, 49th	27
Pt. W. Moren, 40th	25
Pt. C. Woodcock, 49th	26
Capt. Crowther, G.T.R.	40
Pt. W. Mathews, G.T.R.	23
Pt. J. Middlemas, G.T.R.	19
Pt. Jarvis, G.T.R.	16
Dr. Oronhyatekha, 49th	42
Lt. A. Robertson, 15th	35
Capt. A. C. Webb, 40th	39
Lt. N. B. Dean, 40th	41
Lt. Jas. Lister, 15th	14
Sgt. R. Burke, 15th	31
Pt. John Geddes, 49th	21

It will be seen that several of the above are ties. In accordance with the Wimbledon regulations they were decided first by the score made at the longest distance in the competition, and if still a tie and there be three distances, by the score made at the second distances. If still a tie, by the fewest