

THE RIFLEMEN'S IMPERIAL FEDERATION

DETAILS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH GREAT GATHERING AT WIMBLEDON.

Unusually High Scoring Prevails—But Canada's Representatives Come Well to the Front—The Personnel of the Team, and its past Wimbledon attendance—Honour List for this year.

Since last issue the Wimbledon meeting has terminated, the distribution of prizes taking place last Saturday, and the riflemen have regretfully bid farewell to that famous common. The Canadian team were to have been inspected on Thursday last by the Duke of Cambridge, President of the N. R. A., but at the last moment he wrote to say that he was "unavoidably detained"—the detention being caused, it is said, by shamefacedness at the prospect of meeting with the riflemen whom he has selfishly dispossessed of their favourite meeting place. Col. Bond then hastily arranged with Lord Wantage, chairman of the council, and Col. Eaton, commander of the camp, to perform the function, and the Princess Louise and Marquis of Lorne also promised their attendance. In connection with the ceremony an "at home" was held—a brilliant affair, at which many Canadians were present by invitation, including Mr., Mrs., and Miss Bunting and Mrs. Procter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riordon and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Cattnach, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Mr. Donald MacMaster, Q.C., Mrs. Dawson, Mr. McIntyre, Q.C., Ottawa; Mr. MacMaster, Montreal; Mr. McLeod Stewart, Mayor of Ottawa; Capt. Harston, Mr. W. P. Atkinson, Senator Dickey, Dr. Sterling Ryerson, Mr. Donald Robertson, and others. Sir Charles Tupper also attended. The Princess Louise, who was dressed in deep black, was received by Lord Wantage, and on entering the enclosure she welcomed all whom she knew. The Marquis of Lorne also shook hands with his Canadian friends, and chatted with them about the Dominion.

The team having been inspected by Colonel Eaton and Lord Wantage, the latter, in addressing them, and speaking for the English volunteers; expressed his delight in seeing them in Old England. Wimbledon common, he said, had cemented their friendship, and he hoped some other place would be found where the British volunteers could meet their Canadian brethren. The Marquis of Lorne said it was a great happiness to meet Canadians once more at Wimbledon, and in the name of the Princess he congratulated them on their feats of arms, although they had lost the Kolapore Cup by 13 points. All those who had held office in Canada wished to be regarded as her good friends. The number of ex-Governors was becoming very large, and he hoped that when Lord Stanley returned they might have an ex-Governors' meeting, which ought to be a very pleasant gathering. Colonel Eaton congratulated the team on their appearance, and remarked that Lord Stanley's son, now present, would convey to the Governor-General the good wishes expressed. He congratulated them on their shooting ability and good camp behaviour.

Colonel Bond, in replying for the team, expressed their hearty gratitude for their reception and treatment. All those returning to Canada had warm recollections of the kindness and welcome extended them. As long, he said, as the meeting of the association was held in England where all could meet on a common and equal ground, they would find a team from Canada endeavouring to do their best to beat the finest shots in the world.

CANADA'S REPRESENTATIVES.

Before proceeding to narrate the achievements of the Canadian team of 1888, we will give its composition and a few interesting details concerning the members of this the seventeenth representative Dominion team to visit Wimbledon:

In command—Lieut.-Col. Frank Bond, 1st P.W.R.
Adjutant—Capt. Joshua Wright, 43rd Rifles.

No on list.	Name and rank.	On team before in
1	Lieut. E. A. Smith, St. John Rifles	1882-87.
2	Sergt. S. Case, Halifax Garrison Artillery	
3	Lieut. H. C. Chamberlin, 43rd Rifles	1882-83.
4	Staff-Sergt. W. Achall, Q. O. R.	1883-85.
5	Lieut. C. K. Fiske, 63rd Rifles	
6	Lieut. J. Dover, 78th Highlanders	
7	Pte. W. S. Duncan, Q. O. R.	
10	Lieut. H. H. Gray, G. G. F. G.	1879.
11	Staff-Sergt. A. Wilson, 33rd Infantry	1881-82-86.

12	Sergt.-W. A. Adams, 62nd Fusiliers	
14	Sergt. W. Short, G. G. F. G.	1885.
15	Sergt. J. W. Marks, 6th Fusiliers	1882.
17	Gunner Campbell, Halifax Garrison Artillery	
18	Pte. R. McAfee, 1st P. W.R.	
19	Capt. G. A. McMicking, 44th Infantry	
20	Sergt. H. Miner, 71st Infantry	1885.
22	Pte. J. H. Morris, 45th Infantry	
23	Gunner A. Wilson, Halifax Garrison Artillery	1884.
24	Lieut. F. S. Vaughan, 5th Royal Scots	1877.
27	Capt. E. G. Zealand, 13th Infantry	

The meeting opened on Monday the 9th, and for the two weeks of its continuance the weather is described, by papers to hand by the last mail, as emphatically detestable for spectators and competitors, except for shooting purposes, for which latter it was on the whole exceptionally good, and scores ruled high above the average.

OPENING OF THE QUEEN'S.

In the first stage of Queen's, 7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, the leading score was a good steady 96—30, 33, 33; nine 95's followed, including one with a "possible" at 500 and only 28 at the last range; then there were nine 94's, one with a possible at 500 and 26 only at the succeeding range; eight 93's followed, and in these again there was a possible at 500, with a 29 on each side; next on the list were thirteen 92's and seventeen scores of 91, notable amongst the latter being one in which an unlucky 26 at 500 was sandwiched in between 33 and 32. There were thirty scores of 90 and forty-one of 89, in the latter being included the only "possible" at 600 yards made by the 300 who passed into the second stage. Next come forty-nine 88's and sixty-two 87's. In the unverified list published by the *Volunteer Service Gazette*, Sergt. Miner of the 71st Bn., the only one of the Canadians to get into the second stage of the Queens' appears amongst these 87's, being 232nd on the whole list, the range totals with which he is credited, being 29, 32 and 26; the cable despatches gave his score as 91, but this was wrong. There were seventy-seven scores of 86, but of these only sixty-one were included in the 300, the last one being 28, 32, 26. Sergt. Short of the G.G.F.G., the second Canadian, was amongst those thus counted out, he being 309th with 31, 31, 24. In the fourth hundred, who in dropping out of the match at the first stage get £2 prizes to console them, there were sixteen 86's; seventy-nine 85's and five 84's, seventy-seven others of the last value being counted out. In the 400 the following was

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232nd, Sergt. Miner, 71st	Second Stage	29	32	26	87
308th, Sergt. Short, G.G.F.G.	£2	31	31	24	86
369th, Lieut. Chamberlin, 43rd	2	31	28	26	85
385th, Capt. McMicking, 44th	2	29	30	26	85

Last year the highest score in the first stage of the Queen's was 95; thirty-nine 83's then came into the 300; and seventy-four 82's into the 400.

The Martin's Challenge Cup competition, seven shots at 600 yards, was won with a possible. There were 111 prizes, and sixty-eight scores of 30 points were counted out, eleven only of that value coming in. The Canadians stood as follows:

14th, Lieut. Chamberlin, 43rd	£4	33
48th, Sergt. Wilson, 33rd	2	32
61st, Lieut. Smith, St. John Rifles	2	31

Last year this cup was taken with 34, and one 29 came in.

The Alexandra match—seven shots at 500 and 600 yards—also showed higher scoring, because while last year's top score was 68 against only 64 this, there were in 1887 forty-six 52's amongst the 325 prize-winning scores, whereas in 1888 seventy-seven 53's are counted out, and only six in. Canada did exceptionally well in this match:

14th, Gunner Campbell, H. G. A.	£5	27	34	61
15th, Lieut. Dover, 78th	5	29	32	61
42nd, Sergt. Wilson, 33rd	4	32	28	60
120th, Capt. McMicking, 44th	3	33	24	57
161st, Lieut. Smith, St. John Rifles	2	30	26	56
217th, S. Sergt. Ashall, Q. O. R.	2	29	26	55
273rd, Sergt. Short, G. G. F. G.	2	27	27	54

The standing match at 200 yards—The Alfred—was won with a score of 33 points, the only one of that value, and for which the competitor received £20. There were five 32's and twenty-one 31's, the remainder of the 124 prizes going to sixty 30's and thirty-seven 29's, sixty-four of the last-named being counted out. Canada secured only one prize:

77th, Lieut. Chamberlin, 43rd	£2	30
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This match was taken with 31 last year, and a long string of 28's came in then.

These were all the matches completed up to the date of the last English papers to hand. Publication of the details will be continued next week, by which time pretty complete information will be available.