

RIFLE COMPETITION.

KING'S COUNTY RIFLE MATCHES.

The annual rifle matches of the King's County Rifle Association came off at Sussex, on Friday, September 25th, under the direction of the resident, Capt. Langstroth, with the assistance of the secretary, Lt.-Col. Beer. The day being fine and warm, and the marking good, made the time pass pleasantly to all, though the high wind kept down the scores.

Firing, after it commenced, was kept up without intermission until all the matches were completed, and although a commencement was not made until 10:30 a.m., yet all was completed by 3.30. p.m., leaving a margin of two hours to catch the train.

FIRST COMPETITION.

In the first competition at 200, 500 and 600 yards, five rounds at each range, the winners and scores were as follows:—

1. Corpl. Wm Langstroth, 8th R. C., 52 points, county cup, silver medal and	\$15
2. Lt. Col. Beer 74th Batt 52 pts.	10
3. A Langstroth R M 49 pts.	8
4. Corpl F Sprout 8th R C 48th pts. ...	6
5. Sergt White 74th Batt 43 pts.	5
6. Corpl Wayman 8th R C 43 pts.	5
7. Major Wetmore 74th Batt 42 pts. ...	5
8. Trooper T Fowler 8th R C 41 pts. ...	4
9. Cornet S Langstroth do 41 "	5
10. Sergt W Parlee do 41 "	4
11. Capt O R Arnold 74th Batt 41 pts.	4
12. Capt E Arnold 74th Batt 39 pts.	2
13. Sergt A Mace 74th Batt 35 pts.	2
14. Pte Leggett 74th Batt 33 pts.	2
15. Trooper A McAfee R C 33 pts.	2
16. Sergt Ketchum 8th R C 32pts.	2

SECOND COMPETITION.

In the second competition, at 300 and 500 yards, five rounds at each range, the winners and scores were as below:—

	Pts.
1. A Langstroth, R.M 49 pts Jones cup and	\$10
2. Trooper A McAfee 8th R C.	35
3. Lt.-Col Beer 74th Batt.	35
4. Cornet S Langstroth 8th R C.	35
5. Ensign Armstrong, 74th Batt.	34
6. Capt. W Langstroth 8th R C.	31
7. Sergt W Parlee 8th R C.	30
8. Corpl. F Sprout.	30
9. Troop. 'T' L Peters.	30
10. Pte Leggett, 74th.	29
11. Major D P Wetmore 74th.	29
12th Adj. O R Arnold.	28
13. Corpl. W Wayman 8th R C.	28
14. Trump R Parlee.	27

THE CONSOLATION.

was fired at 400 yards. 5 rounds at each range, and the following are the winners:—

	Pts.
1 Private E Smith. 74th.	24
2 Pvt C Baird, 8th R C.	19
3 Corpl Warden.	18
4 Sergt H. Arnold 74th.	16
5 Sergt Baskirk,	15
6 Capt H Hallett 8th R C.	11
7 Sergt H Dixon 8th R C.	11
8 Troop. A Duffy 8th R C.	9

In this match Pte E Smith, 74th Batt. made 24 out of a possible 25. After the prizes were distributed the annual meeting for the election of officers was held, when Capt and Adj. Arnold, 74th Batt., was elected President for the ensuing year; James Domville, Esq., M.P., 1st vice President and Capt. Langstroth 2nd vice. President, Lt.-Col. Beer was again elected Secretary and Treasurer, and on the usual number of council being provided for, the meeting broke up amid sundry congratulations upon its success.—*St John Telegraph.*

OTTAWA FIELD BATTERY SHOOTING MATCH.

Ottawa, October 15.

MATCH NO. 1.
1st prize, Driver Martin; 2nd, Driver Gray; 3rd, Corporal Dunnet; 4th, Gunner Thompson; 5th, Sergeant Gray; 6th, Sergt Major Stewart; 7th, Sergeant Major Anderson; 8th, Sergeant Major Stewart; 9th, Gunner Thomas; 10th, Driver Marland; 11th, Gunner Henderson; 12th, Gunner Saunders.

MATCH NO. 2.
Lieut. Billings, 1st prize; Sergeant Grey, 2nd; Driver Grey, 3rd; Sergeant Askwith 4th; Sergeant Major Stewart, 5th; Gunner Thompson, 6th; Captain Stewart, 7th; gt. Anderson 8th; Corporal Dunnet, 9th; Gun Barry, 10th; Sergt. Bray, 11th; Lieutenant Savage, 12th.

MATCH NO. 3.
Driver Gray, 1st prize; Sergeant Grey, 2nd; Gunner Thompson, 3rd; Lieut. Savage, 4th; Sergeant Anderson, 5th; Sergt. Askwith, 6th; Driver Martin, 7th; Corporal Dunnet, 8th; Bombadier Percy, 9th; Driver Norton, 10th; Sgt. Barry, 11th, Sergeant Wilson, 12th.

MATCH NO. 4.
Owing to the darkness this match was not finished, but at the time of breaking up gave the following results:—Gunner Barry, 1st prize; Bombadier Percy, 2nd; Driver Marland, 3rd; Sergeant Wilson, 4th; Gun. Saunders, 5th; Gunner Rogers 6th; Gunner Henderson, 7th; Driver Norton, 8th.
Captain Stewart and officers of the Battery acknowledged with thanks the following contributions, which were inadvertently omitted in the list last evening:—One meerschaum pipe, presented by John Ross tobaccoist; value \$5; one book, J. Durie & Son, \$2.—*Citizen.*

THE GERMAN GUN VESSELS IN SPAIN.

The *Daily News* correspondent at Santander says, under date of August 25:—
"On arriving here from Marshal Zabara's headquarters at Miranda, I was surprised to see two vessels of war in the harbour, flying a flag which in the twilight appeared to be the St. George's ensign. A closer inspection, however, soon showed that although the ground was of the same white colour, the bars (similarly placed to ours) were different, being black instead of red. They were the long expected German gun vessels *Nautilus* and *Albatross*. As I afterwards learned from the officers, the resemblance of the flag to the British is due to our own Princess Royal, to whose well known good taste the design was entrusted in 1856. Naturally enough the banner of St. George formed the model, and well indeed has the subject been carried out by the august artist.
"The *Nautilus* and *Albatross* left Kiel on the 7th instant, and what with the attractions of the Solent (where the ships were

carefully inspected and on several occasions visited by the imperial Crown Prince and Princess), and a few days' stay at Plymouth, the magnificent harbour of which and Lord Mount Edgecumbe's fine seat on the opposite side their officers greatly admired, their arrival here was delayed until yesterday. This morning, accompanied by Dr Mohr, the special correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette* (poor Capt. Schmidt's constant companion), I went on board both vessels, and to my agreeable surprise found that nearly all the officers spoke English with fluency. In the German Navy the greatest attention is paid to modern languages, a precedent which our own would do well to follow, although who can find fault when English seems to be the universal language? Go to what part of the world you will—alas I poe. Savin again I she always makes the rule by forming the exception—English is spoken, well or badly; still it is taking the place of the French, which has hitherto borne the sway. The senior officer in command is Captain Zentish, of the *Nautilus*. Both ships are identical in size, guns, tonnage, and horse power of steam engines, in fact, having both lately been built on the same model. This is their first commission, and notwithstanding that the last week an July alone was employed in appointing the the officers, calling together the men, and in making ready for sea, yet here they are nearly in perfect order. The *Albatross* has, however, outstripped her companion in that neatness in general appearance which is characteristic of the best navies. Although somewhat larger than Her Majesty's ship *Fly*, which was here a few days ago, I could almost imagine myself on board that vessel from the extreme cleanliness everywhere visible. The *Nautilus* and *Albatross* draw twelve feet of water (the *Fly* only nine feet), are 175 feet in length and of 150 horse power; each has four guns, two 75 and 38 pounders respectively, Krupp's of course. Captain von Nostitz, of the *Albatross*, might well be taken for an Englishman, both from his language and personal appearance. Whilst I was on board his ship, I could not fail to be struck by the contrast between the physical appearance of the fair haired blue eyed giants before me, and that of some Spaniards of rank who came to pay an official visit. The vessels are entirely of wooden construction—our *Fly* is partially iron plated and propelled by the new twin screws. The instructions which the commanders have received from their Government are said (and with truth I have reason to believe, although the officers were naturally reticent in this respect) to be 'not to interfere in the slightest manner in the blockading the coast or in attacking the Carlists, but entirely to watch the interests of their countrymen.' What will be done in case of any fresh outrage inflicted on any German subject, it is not difficult to imagine. I would rather not be in either of Don Carlos's ports on the Cantabrian coast if my friend Dr. Mohr, or any of the German, should share the fate of Captain Schmidt, or be subjected to any ill treatment by the supporters of Absolutism. Not only might the coast towns suffer like Stephenson's coo, but who knows what other damage might not in that case arise to the Royalist cause, to say nothing of the possible complications connected therewith? The stay of the vessels in this harbour will be limited to three days, after which proceeded to Santona, and afterwards to Portugaleto and the river Nervion if the passage of the bar is deemed safe. After that nous verrons.