

RIFLE MATCH.

The Rifle Match under the auspices of the St. Catharines Rifle Association commenced here on Tuesday morning the 16th ult., on the Club ranges. The attendance was not so large as we could have wished, in view of the importance of the occasion; for we are of those who believe that, like gallant little Switzerland, Canada should endeavor to make every one of her citizens, who does not possess some physical disability, a soldier and a marksman. The advantages of this may be seen in the great and gratifying success obtained by Capt. Westover and his gallant band of home guards over the Fenian horde, which was driven panic-stricken across the border at Pigeon Hill. The Fenians were miserable shots, and were armed with the American rifle, which is much inferior in accuracy and range to the Snider, with which our Volunteers are supplied; and the consequence was that while the Fenian bullets were whistling wildly about, or falling short, our projectiles told with deadly effect upon their dismayed ranks. To return to the Match. The day was bright and beautiful, but the wind rather too strong to favor the most exact shooting. Notwithstanding this drawback, however, the shooting, we are pleased to observe, showed marked improvement so far as the Enfields were concerned, over previous occasions. The scene was most lively and picturesque; the green banks of the creek being gay with flags, and dotted with the varied uniforms of the different arms of the service. We noticed among the competitors representatives of the Artillery, Capt Gregory's Cavalry Troop, the 19th and 44th Battalions, and a small but very formidable deputation from the Victoria Club, of Hamilton. With great wisdom and liberality the Club threw the first two matches open to those who had never won over \$5.00 in any public match, for the purpose of inducing the younger members of the Volunteer force to enter and compete, and they charged no entrance fee to the first match for Volunteers, so that there might be no pecuniary hindrance to free competition. In the match open all comers, the Hamilton deputation did remarkably well, nobly redeeming the laurels which had been won from them by the St. Catharines Club team on their own ground on a former occasion. We are certain that the members of the St. Catharines Club will gracefully yield the palm on the present occasion to their gallant opponents, and strive to do better in future. We understand that the Hamilton Club have procured 15 Metford Rifles from England. The Metfords are considered by many superior for long range shooting to any other rifle, and all using the same kind of rifle, when one man gets the elevation properly, he can coach all the others. In the matches open to Small bores and Sniders, the Sniders were allowed a certain number of points, and the result proved that the allowance, at the moderate ranges, put them on a par with the Small bores. At the long ranges, and in a high wind, however, the allowance would have to be great to bring them on a level with the best English Small bores. The late match has proved a success and done a great amount of good, and we hope that the St. Catharines Rifle Association will persevere in the work they have undertaken, in spite of sneers and

abuse from those who are too mean and penurious to give anything, or who have axes of their own to grind, and they may rest assured that they will be supported and encouraged by the liberal and patriotic amongst our citizens, by those who love and revere the flag of our Mother land and by those who are determined, rifle in hand, to defend the integrity of our glorious new Dominion against "All comers." Below we give the scores of the winners:—

FIRST MATCH.—County Match, open to Volunteers of the County of Lincoln only, who have never won a prize exceeding \$5 at any public meeting Rifles, Enfields, Snider-Enfields or breech-loading Spencers. Ranges 200 and 400 yards; five shots at each. No entrance fee.

	200	400	T'l.
\$6 Corporal J. McLaren.....	14	18	3
5 Sergeant T. H. Disher.....	10	18	28
4 Sergeant Rogers.....	12	16	28
3 Private Boyd.....	16	12	28
2 Sergeant Jukes.....	13	14	27
1 Private Coon.....	13	13	26
1 Corporal R. Sword.....	14	12	26
1 Corporal Thorndell.....	14	12	26
1 Private Dalgetty.....	11	13	24
1 Gunner A McLaren.....	13	11	24
1 Lieutenant Holmes.....	13	10	23
1 Corporal Ness.....	9	13	22
1 Captain Walker.....	12	10	22
1 Sergeant Wiley.....	13	9	22
1 Captain Kane.....	8	12	20
1 Sergt.-Major Shellew.....	9	10	19
1 Private R. Abbey.....	11	7	18
1 Private G. Hodgkinson.....	9	8	17
1 Corporal Halliwell.....	6	8	14
1 Private J. Connors.....	8	6	14
1 Sergeant Ross.....	7	6	13

SECOND MATCH.—Open to members of the St. Catharines Club only, who have never won a prize exceeding \$5. Any breech-loading rifle with open sights. Ranges 200 and 400 yards; 5 shots at each. Entrance 25 cts.

	200	400	T'l.
\$5 J. Sistrerson.....	14	19	33
4 Lieutenant Holmes.....	14	17	31
3 A Cook.....	4	16	30
2 Sergeant J. H. Disher.....	14	16	30
1 Private G. Coon.....	10	19	29
1 Corporal Sword.....	13	16	29
1 Private Boyd.....	13	16	29
1 Corporal W. Lossing.....	14	14	28
1 A. Letty.....	11	16	27
1 Thomas Beattie.....	12	15	27

THIRD MATCH.—Open to members of the St. Catharines Club only Any rifle. Ranges 300 and 500 yards; five shots at each. Competitors firing with Enfields or Snider Enfields to receive three points. Entrance, 25 cents. First prize, a Snider Enfield Rifle, with bayonet. Presented to the St. Catharines Rifle Club by the Ontario Rifle Association:

	Rifle.	300	500	T'l.
Dr. Goodman—Whitworth.....	43343	34444	34	36
Capt. Haney, 44th—Snider.....	43224	33343	34	34
Capt. Thompson—Snider.....	34244	32333	34	34
A. Cook—Snider.....	43444	02333	34	34
Corp. May—Marston.....	33333	34443	33	33
Sergt. J. H. Disher—Snider.....	42322	33443	33	33
George Disher—Rigby.....	32343	33443	31	31
Sergt. Storrs—Snider.....	33322	24323	30	30
J. B. Disher—Rigby.....	43333	34340	30	30
J. Turner—Snider.....	33333	03334	30	30
W. Lossing—Snider.....	22222	33343	26	26
R. Sword—Snider.....	03333	23333	26	26
John Cawker—Kerr.....	24322	22343	27	27

FOURTH MATCH.—All Comers—Any Rifle; 300, 500 and 700 yards 5 shots at each. Entrance 50 cents. First Prize, \$10; Second \$8; Third \$6; Fourth \$5; Fifth \$4; and Sixth \$2.

	Rifle	300	500	700	T'l.
J. Little—Metford.....	33334	44434	43444	54	54
J. Adam—Rigby.....	23233	43444	44344	51	51
J. Mason—Metford.....	33334	44343	43433	51	51
G. Disher—Rigby.....	34433	43334	33434	51	51
Corp. May—Marston.....	43334	34434	33343	51	51
J. Brass—Metford.....	33	33	43343	44433	50

FIFTH MATCH.—Rifle Derby, with \$20 added by Club—open to all comers, any Rifle; Range 600 yards, 7 shots. Entrance 50 cts. Competitors using Enfield Rifles to receive 3 points, 10 per cent of entrance fees to be deducted by Club towards expenses. First Prize 3-10ths; Second and Third 2-10ths; Fourth, Fifth and Sixth, 1-10th each.

	Rifle	600 yds T'l.
\$7 62 J. J. Mason—Metford.....	3444344	26
5 08 J. Brass—Metford.....	4334434	25
5 08 J. Adam—Rigby.....	4444333	25
2 54 Geo. Disher—Rigby.....	4342444	25
2 54 J. McLaren—Snider.....	2324453	25
2 54 Corp. May—Marston.....	3432432	23

SIXTH MATCH.—Consolation Match—open to all unsuccessful competitors. 1st Prize Lieut. Murray—Silk Hat and \$2. 2nd do N. Parnall—Cruet Stand. 3rd do Mr. Frederick—Daily Journal 1 year. 4th do H. Wilson—Summer Coat. 5th do J. C. Green—Mr. Beeton's Prize. 6th do M. Bierney—Picture and Frame. —St. Catharines Constitutional.

A TELEGRAPH SHIP IN THE CHANNEL.

Her Majesty's ship *Brisk*, granted by the Admiralty to the International Mid-Channel Telegraph Company, has been successfully moored at the entrance of the English Channel by Rear Admiral Hall, C.B. Her bearings lie:—Bishop Rock lighthouse, N. by E. distant thirty-three miles; Wolf Rock, N.E. ½ E., distant forty miles; Land's End, N.E. ½ E., distant forty-nine miles; Lizard E. by N. ½ N., distant fifty-six miles; and Ushant, S. by E. ¾ E., distant seventy miles. The vessel is painted black, with the words "Telegraph Ship" in white letters on her sides. She has three masts, and at the top of the main mast a large black cone will be hoisted during daytime, and a powerful globular light at night, elevated thirty feet above the sea, which in clear weather should be seen from a distance of six miles. A flare-up light will also be shown every fifteen minutes during the night, from an hour after sunset to an hour before sunrise. During foggy weather, day or night, a bell will be rung continuously for half a minute every quarter of an hour; and for the first six months, or until the 1st day of October, 1870, a gun will be fired every quarter of an hour, and after that date every hour. The Commercial Code of Signals for use of all Nations will be used on board, to the exclusion of all other codes, and none other can be noticed. The telegraph ship has on board a stock of first-class provisions, and also a limited supply of coal, for vessels in immediate need. A steam tug is attached as a tender, having her head quarter at Penzance, and ready at very short notice to attend to orders by telegraph from the vessel. During the prevalence of light winds she will be usually with the ship, ready to render such services as may be requisite, such as landing passengers, towage, receiving messages from passengers for conveyance to and transmission from the telegraph ship. In cases of any salvage rights accruing to the company by assistance rendered to vessels in distress or otherwise, it has been determined, in order to avoid the delay of litigation, to refer the amount of such claim in all cases to the decision of the Committee of Lloyd's Salvage Association.