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AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,  
To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1869.

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### FORTHCOMING PRIZE MEETINGS, RIFLE MATCHES, &c.

—Province of Quebec Rifle Association  
Prize Meeting commences at Montreal on  
the 24th August. Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, Sec-  
retary.

The annual R. A. Match of Peterboro,

will be held on the 31st August. The prize  
list will be published as early as possible.

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association  
Prize Meeting commences at Toronto, Ont.,  
on Tuesday 6th of September.

The Third Brigade Division Rifle Associa-  
tion Match will take place at the rifle ranges  
in Port Hope on Friday the 27th of August  
next. Forty-four prizes are offered, rang-  
ing from \$30 to \$2, and amounting in the  
aggregate to \$292.

Provincial Rifle Association of Nova Scotia  
annual prize meeting commences at Bed-  
ford Range, Halifax, on the 24th inst.

District of Bedford Rifle Association,  
second annual prize meeting commences at  
St. Armand Station, Que., on Tuesday,  
August 21st. Over 60 prizes are offered.

—A portion of the barracks at St. John's,  
Que., was destroyed by fire lately. Loss  
estimated at about \$10,000 or \$12,000.

—PERSONS visiting the capital, who wish  
to enjoy one of the most delightful river  
trips should not fail to come by the Ottawa  
River Navigation Company Steamers. They  
are fitted up in first class style and remark-  
able for the popularity of their officers and  
the safety and expedition of their passages.

—The St. John *Telegraph* states that Lieut-  
enant Governor Wilmot has received a des-  
patch to the effect that Prince Arthur will  
arrive at Halifax in one of the Inman steam-  
ers about the 21st inst., and that after hav-  
ing made a tour of the maritime provinces  
he will reach Quebec about the 14th Sep-  
tember.

—The programme for 1869 of the Provin-  
cial Rifle Association of Nova Scotia has  
come to hand and shows a really splendid  
list of prizes in cups, medals and money.  
There are eight competitions in all, and,  
to judge from the precision with  
which the rules of the meeting are laid  
down, we anticipate a very successful  
gathering. We would be obliged if the  
gentleman who kindly sent us the program-  
mes would also forward us an account of the  
scores. It will be observed that the Pro-  
vince of Quebec Association meeting comes  
off on the same day.

—At a meeting of the Elora Rifle Associa-  
tion held in that city lately, Mr. Newman,  
the late Secretary, tendered his resignation,  
which was accepted and Major A. G. McMil-  
lan appointed to fill his place. The follow-  
ing are the committee for the current year:  
Majors Clarke and McMillan, and Capt. Mc-  
Bride.

On motion of Mr. Culloden, seconded by  
Capt. Leech, it was resolved that subscrip-  
tions be solicited, and that if a sufficient  
amount be raised, it is desirous that this As-  
sociation become affiliated with the Dominion  
Rifle Association of Canada; and that the  
following gentlemen be a Committee to  
solicit such subscriptions: Major Clarke,  
Capt. McBride, and Mr. R. O'Donoghue.

THE death of Marshal Neil creates another  
gap in the ranks of distinguished soldiers of  
the second empire. And it is no wonder  
that Napoleon should deeply feel the loss of  
one who has stood by him so well and whose  
readiness and fidelity were always to be re-  
lied upon. The Emperor after the *coup  
d'état* was careful to surround himself with  
men who up to the present have proved  
themselves worthy of the confidence he re-  
posed in them. Brilliant, but often un-  
scrupulous, they upheld imperialism in  
France with singular ability. There was  
very little of the statesman in the character  
of the deceased marshal, but as a soldier he  
possessed organizing and administrative  
faculties of no mean order. He was a true  
specimen of the French military character.  
Brilliant, fearless, unhesitating he marched  
straight towards his object unaffected by  
anything like conscientiousness, and was a  
General well calculated to inflame the en-  
thusiasm of such men as compose the French  
army. As chief of the Bureau of War he  
was looked upon with misgiving, more es-  
pecially by Prussia to which nation  
he never concealed his animosity. The Em-  
peror will find it difficult to supply his place  
and will feel more keenly his loss at the  
present time when his throne is less secure  
than at any former time. The bold spirits  
that aided him in the overthrow of the re-  
public are gradually passing away from the  
side of the Emperor who, although a tyrant  
and a usurper, has ruled France to more ad-  
vantage to herself than any of his immedi-  
ate predecessors.

The public life of Marshal Neil is closely  
connected with the history of the second  
empire, and his services have been such as  
to render his name memorable amongst  
those who staked their lives and fortunes  
on the success of a man whom none can ac-  
cuse of forgetfulness or ingratitude.

RIFLE SHOOTING which has now become one  
of the most popular institutions in Canada,  
has an immense influence in supporting the  
Volunteer cause, and has done much to fos-  
ter a military spirit amongst the young men  
of the country. Unlike other popular out-  
door games which require the display of  
those physical qualities of nerve and endu-  
rance which give character to the men of  
the day, it is attended by the most lasting  
and beneficial results. He who would be a  
good marksman must live regularly and  
practice moderation in his pleasures. Vir-  
tues which, as a general thing, do not dis-  
tinguish the young men of the present day,  
nothing is so essential to a rifleman as steady-  
ness of nerve and clearness of vision, and  
these can only be obtained and preserved by  
careful and temperate habits, so that the  
reward and honor of being a crack shot are  
not the greatest of the benefits derived from  
rifle competition. This fact is now well es-  
tablished, and those who take the deepest  
interest in the welfare of the youth of Can-