

ashamed to do so if checked by any more responsible person in the butts. We would be sorry to think that any officer or non-commissioned officer in the force would connive at dishonest marking to favour his own corps or injure another, and would strongly urge that an officer or non-com., even though he be of necessity from the corps participating, be placed in the butts to check the marking in League matches.

At the same time there are, in our opinion, no reasons for suspicion of queer practice in the two matches already fired. Apart from the high character of the men participating, of many of whom we have personal knowledge, the scores of the leading teams carry a certificate of honesty upon their face, especially when the returns are analysed shot or shot. Often we have had occasion to compliment the Twenty-first Battalion, the leaders in the second match, upon their efficiency in other respects, and knowing the enthusiasm they have for soldiering, from the commanding office down, it is with special pleasure we note the manner in which they have distinguished themselves with the rifle, for the first time, we believe. We have heard that their range favours them; if so, there is no corps more worthy of favour. As for B Battery, they are entitled to special credit for turning out from their total strength of 150, a team of ten superior to the crack teams of many a crack corps with far better facilities for acquiring skill with the rifle. We commend B Battery's achievements to the attention of the permanent corps particularly. As for the 54th, who now hold first place in the League aggregate, they are well known as a strong shooting organization, and are bound to be dangerous competitors.

By an error of the printer, a wrong date was placed at the head of the list of "Certificates Granted" appearing in last issue. The General Order in which the list was published was No. 5, of 9th May, 1890.

Changes in the Drill Books.

Army orders just issued prescribe the following changes in Infantry and Artillery Drill, to be observed in the Imperial force:—

MANUAL EXERCISES FOR THE RIFLE AND CARBINE, 1885.

A.O. 163—ALTERATIONS.—The following alterations will be made in the Manual Exercises for the Rifle and Carbine, 1885:

Page 11, line 2, *dele* "at the same time place the hollow of the right foot against the left heel, both knees straight."

Page 11, line 26, *dele* "at the same time bring the right foot to its original position."

Page 12, line 1, *dele* "at the same time bring the right foot to its original position."

FIELD ARTILLERY DRILL.

A.O. 164—ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS.—The following amendments will be made in the Field Artillery Drill, 1889, issued with Army Order 128 of 1889:

Vol. I.—Page 43.—Line 14, *after* the word "upwards," *omit* remainder of paragraph, and *substitute* "the right arm hanging easily straight down from the shoulder with the fingers half closed, back of the hand outwards."

Vol. III.—Page 123.—Line 12, *after* the word "The," *insert* "subdivisions of the."

Line 13, *for* "wheels," *read* "wheel."

Line 14, *after* the word "The," *insert* "subdivisions of the"; *for* "wheels," *read* "wheel."

Page 124.—*Omit* second paragraph from bottom of page, as amended by Army Order 439 of 1889, and *substitute* "at the word 'march,' the subdivisions of the right section wheel about and move to the rear dressing by the right, the subdivisions of the remaining sections wheel to the right, and again to the right in succession on coming in rear of the head of the column."

Line 5 from bottom, *after* the words "batteries the," *insert* "subdivisions of the."

Line 4 from bottom, *after* the words "Artillery the," *insert* "subdivisions of the."

Page 132.—Line 7, *after* the word "forward," *under* heading "Section Commanders," *insert* "sub-divisions."

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

The Second Match Fired Under More Favourable Weather Conditions.

Another New Team to the Front—The Windsor Mills Team again score high, and take a good lead—Halifax well up—The League Secretary Answers Mark IV—B Battery's Master Gunner also heard from—Miscellaneous Notes.

Under weather conditions considerably more favourable than those of the former occasion, the second match of the Canadian Military Rifle League was fired on Saturday afternoon last. The returns received by telegraph indicate that 52 teams fired, these including all who took part in the first match, and three new teams, the G.G.F.G. 2nd, the 1st P.W.R. 2nd, and the 49th Battalion. The weather appears to have been generally fine, except for a fishtail wind, which must have been valuable as an experience, even if it did diminish the scores. The only serious complaints heard, as will be seen in the weather report appended, are from Charlottetown, St. John, N.B., and Regina, and a comparison of the scores there made with those of the previous Saturday shows that there was some adverse influence at work in Charlottetown and Regina, at least. St. John did fairly well with an average of 68, an improvement of 8 points per man.

The match resulted in another surprise, so far as the leading team is concerned, the post of honour being taken this time by the Twenty-first Battalion, Essex Fusiliers, with the big score of 820 points. The detailed scores hereto appended show that the strength of the 21st lay particularly in the 200 yards shooting, the weak point with many crack teams. The 54th Battalion, leaders in the previous match, this time tie for second place with the 8th Royal Rifles, their score being 799. The 54th are first in the aggregate, and have increased their lead from 10 to 52 points. The Halifax Garrison Artillery maintain second place in the aggregate, with the good lead of 39 points over the next team, that of B Battery, who improved upon their high score of the first match, when they won fourth place, and now stand third in the aggregate. They have a lead of 42 points over the 13th Battalion, who have risen from seventh to fourth place. The fifth team in the aggregate is that of the 63rd Rifles, formerly holding third place. The big score of the 21st Fusiliers has raised them from the sixteenth to the sixth place. The 8th Royals, Quebec's old time sharpshooters, have risen from fourteenth to seventh. The 96th Battalion show it was more than chance that placed them ninth in the first match, the combined scores of the two putting them one place higher. The 12th Battalion still lead the way for the Toronto corps, and have gone up one place to eleventh in the aggregate. The Grenadiers first team have moved from thirteenth to fourteenth. The Queen's Own Rifles first team have dropped from eighteenth to twenty-first, but their second team, leading the first by 23 points in the match on Saturday, are now twenty-third in place of twenty-sixth. The Ottawa teams are close together, the Guards having risen from twentieth to seventeenth and the 43rd Battalion from twenty-fourth to eighteenth. Montreal's ill fortune continues, but her teams have nearly all improved their position, the leaders, the Victoria Rifles, being twenty-second in place of twenty-eighth. The two teams of the 45th are showing well to the front, Lindsay rising from eleventh to ninth and Bowmanville from seventeenth to thirteenth. Amongst the most noticeable "drops" are the Saskatchewan Rifle Association from the fifth to the sixteenth place; the 57th from the sixth to the twelfth; the Charlottetown Engineers from the tenth to the nineteenth; and the 90th Battalion from the fifteenth to the twenty-fifth.

THE WEATHER.

The following are the reports received of the weather, wind and light: Barrie, fine, gusty, light good; Belleville, fine, variable, light bright; Bowmanville, clear, fishtail, light bright; Brantford, fine, fishtail, light bright; Charlottetown, misty, squally, light dull; Essex Centre, fine, gusty, light bright; Halifax, fair, front, light dull; Hamilton, fine, fishtail, light bad; Kingston, fine, variable, light bright; Lindsay, cloudy, mild, light good; Montreal, fine, variable, light bright; Ottawa, hot fishtail, light bright; Niagara Falls, fresh, strong, light bright; Peterborough, fine, moderate, light bright; Port Arthur, fair, fishtail, light very variable; Prince Albert, fine, gusty, light variable; Quebec, fine, strong, light dull; Regina, cold, rain, gale, light bad; Sherbrooke, fair, light variable; St. John, N.B., rain, squally, very dark; St. John's, Q., fair, fishtail, light