

THE RIFLE.

THE annual Thanksgiving Day competition shoot of the 5th Regiment at Clover Point brought out over 70 contestants, and although the intense cold made accurate shooting difficult, some very good scores were made. So many were the contestants that the final matches were shot in the twilight, making hits a matter of good judgment rather than sight. There were over 200 prizes, and as they were presented by merchants and business men of the city, Mayor Beaven, as the representative of the city, made the presentations to the winners at the drill hall at the close of the concert given by the band of the regiment. The principal matches were:

Team Match :—Bankers' trophy, value \$30, presented by the combined city banks; awarded to the team of five members representing any one company. **Aggregate match.** Trophy to be won twice to become the absolute property of any one company. 1st, No. 2 Company, 306; 2nd, No. 3 Company, 296; 3rd, No. 1 Company, 257.

Bulls Eyes :—For the greatest number of bulls' eyes, Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, bronze medal, presented by Capt. E. H. Fletcher, R.L.—Sergt. Bailey, 9 bulls eyes out of 19 shots.

No. 1 Match :—1st prize, "A" class, silver cup, presented by Mr. R. B. Esnouf—Sergt. Bailey, 30. 1st prize, "B" class, silver match safe, presented by Mr. J. Wenger—Gnr. A. Bostock, 28. 1st prize, "C" class, half-dozen silver spoons, presented by Mr. E. J. Salmon—Gnr. C. Tod, 28.

No. 2 Match :—1st prize, "A" class, gold medal, presented by Lieut.-Col. Gregory—Sergt. McDougall, 33. 1st prize, "B" class, gold medal, presented by Mayor Beaven—Gnr. J. Godson, 27. 1st prize, "C" class, silver medal, presented by Mr. W. H. Pennock—Gnr. Penketh, 19.

Aggregate Match :—1st prize, "A" class, presented by Hon. J. H. Turner—Gnr. F. Richardson, 78. 1st prize, "B" class, Lieutenant-Governor's medal—Sergt. Russell, 60. 1st prize, "C" class, Senator's medal, presented by Senator McInnes—Gnr. H. Fox, 45.

No. 3 Match :—1st prize, "A" class, silver cup presented by the association—Gnr. Richardson, 23. 1st prize, "B" class, silver clock and thermometer, presented by Mr. J. T. Bethune—Gnr. H. Howeh, 12. 1st prize, "C" class, porcelain vase, presented by Mr. Robert Jamieson—Gnr. H. Fox, 17.—Victoria Colonist.

It is interesting to note that in the Mediterranean fleet the physical drill with rifles has been stopped in nearly all the ships, as

it is found that there is danger of injury to the mechanism of the Lee-Metfords. The Admiralty will supply bar LLBs to take the place of the rifles.

Rifleite powder, made by the Smokeless Powder Co., London, Eng., has again scored over all other makes. At the New South Wales Rifle Association's meeting the three highest scores were made with the Martini-Henry rolled case cartridges loaded with Rifleite .450. It is to be hoped that the Canadian military authorities will give this powder the fair trial which has hitherto been refused. It is hinted that the authorities in the War Office at home are financially interested in Cordite, and they therefore refuse to give any chance to Rifleite or other smokeless powders.

ST. JOHN'S GATE TO GO.

St. John's Gate, Quebec, which was erected in 1867, is to be removed, or at least such is the present intention of the City Council, who will apply to the Militia Department for authority to remove it and build in its place a gate somewhat in keeping with those of St. Louis and Keokuk. The present one is not deemed sufficient for the traffic on that thoroughfare. This is doubtless the beginning of a number of required changes in connection with the fortification walls and military properties. There is ample room for improvement in the way of repairs to the walls throughout the entire length of the same and unless taken in hand soon they will certainly demand more than an ordinary repair. When the question is taken up it is to be hoped that wood work will not be again used to replace masonry, as was done on a former occasion. PATROL.

A VIEW OF THE HIGHLANDERS.

The issue of "The Navy and Army Illustrated" for November 27 is of peculiar interest to the Toronto garrison, as well as to the militia of Canada generally, for it contains a capital full-page photogravure of the 48th Highlanders. The view is one which was taken when the battalion was in camp at Hamilton for its Queen's Birthday outing this year, and shows the Highlanders in quarter column, wearing their white shell jackets. The entire number is good, some fine wrestling views and a sketch of the Burma regiments being particularly interesting.

THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.

The banquet at Guildhall given to the Lord Mayor, George F. Faudel Phillips, Esq., was one of more than usual brilliance this year. Among the many distinguished guests present were Lord Salisbury, Prime Minister; his grace the Duke of Devonshire; United States Ambassador Bayard, etc. Specially chosen again for the occasion was that splendid vintage of 1889 of G. H. Mumm & Co.'s "Extra Dry" which is now coming to Canada.

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