

Whether placed in that light or as duties derived from colonial imports the results would be the same, so that so far from the colonies being a charge on that patient and much abused animal the British tax payer, the representative of the tribe of Isaacar has quietly been adding to his comfort by the labors of the colonists.

In the discussion which ensued on the reading of this paper it was shown that the trade followed the flag, that the actual profits derived from the foreign trade bore no proportion to that derived from the Colonies and that the greatest calamity that could befall the British manufacturers would be the adoption of that course on which John Bright, Gladstone and his colleagues had tried to force the colonies, and their independence would be followed by discriminating tariffs which would speedily reduce the importance of Manchester.

The proportion of British trade to the United States is just *twelve shillings and two pence sterling* per head, to France *six shillings*, Spain two shillings and eleven pence, and Russia eleven pence, Portugal ten shillings and four pence, and Holland £2 16s. 8d. sterling.

This exhibit does not tell for the advocates of disintegration. The civil war in the United States disabled England's most formidable commercial antagonist, and nothing will revive the competition except the separation of Canada from the empire. Three years after that event British manufactured goods would be as great a rarity in the North or South American continent as they are now on the Pamir steppes, and it would be very doubtful indeed if they would not experience a corresponding decline elsewhere.

If England can boast of her advanced school of political philosophers, Canada can show her small coterie of *doctrinaires*, but we have a protection from their machinations which the mother country lacks, and it is an overwhelming preponderance of the agricultural interest, who know what taxation means, and who will not be influenced by the aspirations of youthful advocates, the dreams of broken merchants, nor the plottings of effete politicians.

During the discussions on this very interesting paper a question was raised as to the value of land in the colonies. Speaking for British North America of its 3,000,000 square miles of an area, over two thirds are arable lands, and the vast proportion of it richer soil than is to be found in the British Isles.

The remaining portion is forest, mountain, and pasture lands, valuable in no ordinary degree, producing minerals of all descriptions from gold in paying quantities to coal.

What the future relations to the Empire may be will rest with the statesmen of Great Britain—not of the Whig Radical School.

Mr. Edmund the Home Rule Candidate has been returned to Parliament from Wexford after an easy contest.

RANGE REPORT.—Continued.

Names and Number of Rounds.	Pts. Gained.			Total.	Time.	Wind and Remarks.
	Elevation.	Direction.	Fuse.			
Gunner Russeau, 1 solid shot.....	3	1		4		
2 do	4	2		6		
3 do	4	3		7		
4 shell.....	4	3		7		
5 do	0	0		0		
Total	15	0		21	8.49	
Sergt. Lavoie, 1 solid shot.....	1	2		3		
2 do	2	3		5		
3 do	3	3		6		
4 shell.....	0	0		0		
5 do	4	12		16		
Total	13	10		24	9.20	
Gunner Lambert, 1 solid shot.....	1	2		3		
2 do	2	3		5		
3 do	3	3		6		
4 shell.....	0	0		0		
5 do	4	12		16		
Total	11	9		21	11.10	
Gunner Smith, 1 solid shot.....	0	0	0	0		
2 do	0	0	0	0		
3 do	4	3		7		
4 shell.....	4	3		7		
5 do	8	1		9		
Total	16	6		22	6.15	
Gunn. J. McDonald, 1 solid shot.....	3	3		6		
2 do	3	3		6		
3 do	3	1		4		
4 shell.....	4	2		6		
5 do	0	0		0		
Total	13	9		22	.15	
Corporal Small, 1 solid shot.....	1	3		4		
2 do	4	3		7		
3 do	4	3		7		
4 shell.....	0	0		0		
5 do	0	0		0		
Total	12	9		21	7.22	
Gunner Cannon, 1 solid shot.....	1	2		3		
2 do	0	0		0		
3 do	0	0		0		
4 shell.....	4	2		6		
5 do	4	2		6		
Total	13	6		18	7.25	
Bombr. Holland, 1 solid shot.....	0	0	0	0		
2 do	3	3		6		
3 do	3	3		6		
4 shell.....	0	0	0	0		
5 do	2	8		10		
Total	8	9		17	8.45	
Bombr. Chapman, 1 solid shot.....	0	0	0	0		
2 do	2	3		5		
3 do	2	1		3		
4 shell.....	2	1		3		
5 do	2	1		3		
Total	8	6		11	9.30	
Gunner Farron, 1 solid shot.....	0	0	0	0		
2 do	0	0	0	0		
3 do	0	0	0	0		
4 shell.....	3	2		5		
5 do	3	2		5		
Total	6	4	2	12	7.50	

I certify that the foregoing is an official copy of the Range Report of Competitive practice of "B" Battery School of Gunnery.

M. DUCHESNAY,
Lieutenant & Adjutant.

MEMO.—(40) Forty men competed, but (1) man was ruled out on account of his having been assisted in the laying of his gun.

M. DUCHESNAY,
Lt. and Adjutant.

The following are the names of the 12 non commissioned officers and men who have become Artillery Marksmen, and as such are entitled to wear Gold lace badges of cross guns.

NAMES.	Pts.	Time.
Sergeant G. Stewart.	40	m. 8.40
Qr.-Master Sergt. P. Connolly..	39	10.15
Gunner T. Gilchrist	38	6.55
Bombr. F. Labbie	37	10
Bombr. G. B. Morrisette.....	36	6.36
Gunner E. McDonald.	35	6.44
Serg. Maj. A. Lynden.....	35	7
Gunner M. McKenzie.....	35	7
Sergt. J. Reynolds....	35	8.3
Gunner Bilodeau.....	35	8.35
do D. Wilson	35	9.35
do F. H. Fortier.....	34	7.30

Lt.-Colonel T. B. Strange, Commandant of the School of Gunnery (B Battery) having requested permission to present a silver badge to be worn by the winner of the highest score for combined Artillery and small arm practice, the request made is hereby acceded to, and the offer thankfully acknowledged.

Major Montizambert of the Quebec Garrison Artillery at present attached, to the School of Gunnery Quebec (B Battery) having requested permission to present a challenge cup to be held by the best shot each year, in the School of Gunnery, to become the property of the winner who holds it two consecutive years, the request made is acceded to and the offer thankfully acknowledged.

By Command of His Excellency the
Governor General.

P. ROBERTSON-ROSS, Colonel,
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Canada.