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THE BISLEY MEETING.

The service papers to hand this week give results of the second week's shooting at Bisley, and we gather from the *Volunteer Service Gazette* the following information as to Canadian prize winners.

As shown last week, five Canadians won places in the three hundred who shot in the second stage of the Queen's. Two of these failed to reach the first hundred who shot in the final stage, and retired with scores and prizes as follows:—

	1st stage.	2nd stage.	Total.	
230th. Pte. Ellis, G.G.F.G.	87	84	171	£4
271st. Lieut. McAvity, 62nd.	83	82	165	£4

The lowest aggregate to get a place in the hundred was 181, this being three points less than inners. At the close of the second stage Lieut. Davidson of the 8th Royal Rifles was only three points behind the highest aggregate, taking third place with 197 whilst the two ahead of him tied at 200. In this stage Sergt. Horsey moved himself up from 208th place to 51st, and Col-Sergt. Henderson from 188th to 60th. Lieut. Davidson made steady shooting in the final, and finished fourth with the total of 264 points, only five points behind the leader. Sergt. Henderson by a brilliant effort raised himself to ninth place. He was unfortunate at 800 yards, starting with a miss and an outer but at 900 yards his 42 was the best score put together by anyone in the hundred. These were the complete scores of the three who headed Davidson, and of the Canadians in the final stage:—

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Total.	
1st. Pte. Dear, Queen's Edm.	84	104	81	269	£250
2d. Bug. Sgt. Hill, 10th Mid.	85	107	76	268	60
3rd. Sgt. Gibbons, 5th Mid.	91	101	74	266	40
4th. Lieut. Davidson, Canada	88	100	76	264	30
5th. Col. Sgt. Henderson, Canada	82	101	76	261	15
6th. Sgt. Horsey, Canada	83	103	54	240	8

The shot for shot scores of the above in the final were as follows:—

	200 yards.	300 yards.	400 yards.	500 yards.	600 yards.	700 yards.	800 yards.	900 yards.	Total.	
Dear	3545254554	42	4554343533	39						
Hill	3132455153	38	5243434355	38						
Gibbons	3551553552	43	3253520335	31						
Davidson	2353395555	39	3433293535	31						
Henderson	0233533555	31	3444545445	42						
Horsey	2355125555	41	0230530000	13						

It will be noticed that but for the two misses, so easy to occur at the long ranges, Lieut. Davidson would have achieved the fame of winning the Queen's prize, an honour to which no Canadian ever before came so near as he has on this occasion.

The Prince of Wales prize is shot for only by those who hold the silver medals of the N. R. A. awarded one to each affiliated association for competition at their annual prize meetings. Though the number of competitors is thus limited, it is to be presumed that they are all picked marksmen. For the fourth time the honour of first place was won by a Canadian, Capt. McMicking leading with 97 points out of 110 possible—7 shots at 200 yards and 15 at 600:—

1st. Capt. McMicking, 44th	97	£100
9th. Pte. Kambery, 5th R. S.	90	5
17th. Major Weston, 66th	88	3

There were 19 prizes, and two 87's were counted out. It will be noticed that the commandant of the Canadian team, Major Weston, exercised his right to shoot in this match.

The Tyro is a match restricted to those who have never won a prize from the N. R. A., and the prizes are awarded on the scores made in the first stage of the Queen's. Three Canadians came in:—

5th. Lieut. Davidson, 8th R. R.	88	£3
7th. Pte. Ellis, G. G. F. G.	87	3
39th. Lieut. McAvity, 62nd	83	2

The Corporation of London prizes consist of a silver cup valued at £31 10s, and £126 in fourteen cash prizes, offered to Indian and Colonial volunteers, and for which the scores in the Grand Aggregate count. The Canadians always take the lion's share, and this year captured all but one, the list being:—

1. Lieut. Davidson, 8th	301	Cup
2. Sergt. Horsey, 45th	300	£20
3. Pte. Ellis, G.G.F.G.	300	15
4. Col. Sergt. Henderson, 62nd	299	15
5. Lieut. Wilson, 33rd	294	10
6. Pte. Windatt, 45th	290	10
7. Staff Sergt. McVittie, 10th	289	10
8. Staff Sergt. Armstrong, G.G.F.G.	288	10
9. Staff Sergt. Mitchell, 10th	286	6
10. Staff Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.	286	5
11. Lieut. McAvity, 62nd	286	5
12. Sergt. Marris, 13th	281	5
14. Sergt. Hall, 70th	279	5
15. Capt. Milligan, D.F.B.	278	5

In the Grand Aggregate the top score was 315. The Canadians who won prizes were:—

33rd. Lieut. Davidson, 8th	301	£5
44th. Sergt. Horsey, 45th	300	4
51st. Pte. Ellis, G.G.F.G.	300	4
52nd. Col. Sergt. Henderson, 62nd	299	4
104th. Lieut. Wilson, 33rd	294	2

The first two named won bronze crosses also. There were 125 prizes, and four 292's were counted out.

In the All Comers' Aggregate the top score was 179, and the Canadian prize winners were:—