

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Combined Marching and Shooting Exercises in England.

Very Interesting Matches for the London Telegraph and Other Cups.

(London Telegraph, May 5.)

When Sir Edward Lawson, on behalf of the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph, some years ago offered to give annually a silver cup to be won in a marching and shooting competition, a discussion arose as to the utility of obliging competitors to undergo the fatigue of a ten or twelve mile march before going to the butts. It was pointed out that the men would be unable to shoot at their best while tired and partly exhausted after a fairly long march. The result on one occasion, when the competition took place in hot weather, was held to justify the objections. General Lord Methuen, who then commanded the Home District, was like most soldiers, perfectly aware that the conditions under which men shoot are the most favorable to accuracy. He was most likely to occur on active service. Troops going into action do not usually begin shooting within a few hundred yards of their sleeping places, and they are not likely to have a comfortable London and South-Western train always at hand to convey them to the firing point. So the march was retained as a condition of the competition. Events have justified both the decision of the general and the conditions laid down by the donors of the cup. The South African campaign has shown that the two prime requirements of an army are mobility and marksmanship. Without them the bravest soldiers in the world would be helpless. Anything, therefore, which encourages any portion of our military forces to excel in these attributes, is entirely praiseworthy. It is gratifying to find that the effort to promote the practice of combined marching and shooting exercises in the Home District—which exercised in the Home District—which exercised in the Home District...

J. Lloyd, V. D., and his friends on the Stock Exchange, and bronze medals for each member of the first ten teams, presented by Colonel R. W. Inglis, V. D. It is required that the teams shall consist of battalions regular troops, yeomanry, engineers, volunteers, and rifle volunteer corps of the Home District, including the Honorable Artillery Company. No regiment or battalion may enter more than one team. Each team consists of one company officer, who commands the team, and four team captain and five of the rank of corporal. Only the fourteen may fire, and sixteen rounds of ammunition per man is allowed. The men must march from the starting place a distance of about eleven miles. Three hours is allotted for the march, and twelve minutes for what represents an attack on a small position. The target is a canvas screen, with four figures painted on it representing kneeling soldiers, and hits on any part count on point, 25 points being the highest possible score. The competitors must carry the great-coat, mess-tin, water-bottle, haversack, and broom with two pouches. Tunic, leggings, and forage of field-service caps must be worn, so that the kit is almost exactly that which the soldier would carry with him in action. All of the teams entered made the march from Weybridge in good time, and these were no reports of any men falling on the road. The "attack," as the whole, was carried out very creditably, and was marked by good drill and strict adherence to the regulations laid down. In some cases the volleys were a bit irregular, almost falling on one or two instances to be described as "independent fire"; but in all probability the proportion of hits from these were higher than where every rifle went off as one. And, after all, hits are what count toward the prize. The twenty-seven teams were divided into four details, the first of which was due to arrive at Blaisey at half-past twelve. Some of the teams were at the corner of Knaphill common twenty minutes ahead of time, and had the chance of a useful rest before reporting to the umpire and going down to the firing point.

Another important feature of the Home District rifle meeting was the competition for the Dewar challenge trophy, a handsome cauldron presented by T. R. Dewar. The trophy is held for one year by the winning team. The competition, which was held on the "Fringest" ranges, is a combined marching and shooting test similar to the principal event of the meeting, and the conditions are almost identical, save that the distance to be covered is only about seven miles, instead of the eleven miles of the Daily Telegraph cup march, and that officers may compete with members of the team, which only includes eight men. Major General A. E. Turner, C. B., Royal.

On Saturday an interesting riding and shooting competition was carried out by the Cyclist company, the 20th Middlesex rifles for the "Dodd" challenge cup and prize. The conditions were that each competitor should ride from Twickenham, via Hanworth and Sunningly, to the rifle ranges at Stagley a distance of ten miles, and then return on arrival five ten rounds at 500 yards at second-class targets, the riding and shooting having to be completed within one hour. The cup and first prize were won by Private Scott, with a total of 22 points. Lance Corporals Parker and Fletcher being winners of second and third prizes with 21 each.

WANTED.—A case of Headache that KUMFORTH Powders will cure in ten minutes to twenty minutes.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. June 7.—Sch. Druid, 97, Sabana, from New York. June 8.—Sch. E. G. G., from New York. June 9.—Sch. E. G. G., from New York. June 10.—Sch. E. G. G., from New York.

SPORTING NEWS.

BASE BALL. Evening Games. The Princeton won the opening game of the first division of the Shamrock League. Score, 8 to 2. Batteries—Princeton, Dunlop and Titus; Leaders, Wolfe and...

THE DELPIT MARRIAGE. Report Presented to Montreal Methodist Conference.

PEMBROKE, June 4.—At the Montreal conference this morning Dr. Delpit presented an interim report on the Deloit case, final presentation being deferred until after the deliverance of the Privy Council, should it be taken there. The committee, which is composed of Rev. Dr. Williams, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Jackson, E. C. Smith, M. C. R. and A. R. Oughtred, E. C. Smith, M. C. R. recommended that all parties should have their right and liberty unrestricted to seek the solemnization of matrimony in the Province of Quebec from any minister they may choose when he is duly qualified as a competent officer for such purpose; that no religious denomination should have the right to intervene and declare a marriage null when solemnized by a qualified minister or held in accordance with provisions of the civil code. "We admit that the exercise of its legitimate function a church may administer discipline and impose what ecclesiastical penalties it may see fit to impose on members who voluntarily engage in the solemnization of matrimony from other than their clergy, but we protest against the ecclesiastical authorities of any denomination taking any legal process which would be recognized by our civil courts as determining whether a solemnization of matrimony is legal or not." Continuing, the report quoted the discipline of the Methodist church as forbidding members of the church who are Christians, and said it was one with other Roman Catholic fellow-citizens in jealousy for the maintenance of the law in its purity and sacredness as the basis of permanent civilization.

COMMERCIAL.

WON THE OAKS. LONDON, June 7.—Cap and Belle II, on the Oak and Royal, July 31, 1901. It is a bay or brown filly, bred by Lord Ellenborough, and owned by Lord Ellenborough. She was trained by Lord Ellenborough. She was trained by Lord Ellenborough.

IMPORTS.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Cotton: Futures opened firm, June, 8.02; July, 8.11; August, 8.20; Sept., 8.29; Oct., 8.38; Nov., 8.47; Dec., 8.56; Jan., 8.65; Feb., 8.74; March, 8.83.

SPRING MARKET.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Wall Street—Notwithstanding sharp advances in the tobacco stocks and one or two of the Southwestern stocks, the market generally showed a sagging tendency. Dealers in the market were generally pessimistic. These thousand shares of American Tobacco Co. were sold at 100, compared with 100 1/2 last night. Continental Tobacco was up 1/4. The stocks were affected by the organization of the new Canadian Tobacco Co. to combine them. Kansas and Texas rose 1/4 and Missouri Pacific a point. Sugar, after a long decline, advanced 1/4. The stock market opened irregular. Amalgamated Copper, 125.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns for various commodities like Copper, Sugar, and other goods, listing prices and changes.

WEATHER BELLETTIN.

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. St. John Observatory, June 7, 1901. 8 a. m. Weather Reports. 15th Meridian Time.

ST. JOHN OBSERVATORY.

The Time Ball on Customs Building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full at 12.55, and drops at 1 p. m. local time, at the Observatory, equivalent to 11.55 a. m. at Greenwich, and 12.25 a. m. at Halifax or St. John's. Time of the 75th meridian.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOVA.

Friday, June 7, 1901. Highest temperature since 5 o'clock last night... 63. Lowest temperature since 5 o'clock last night... 52.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

HOTEL DUFFERIN, June 7.—A. S. Pomeroy, F. W. Anthony and wife, Providence; J. M. Andrews, Hampton; W. B. Robinson, Montreal.

FROM ACADIA.

Among the returning Acadia College students and those attending the anniversary exercises in Wolfville, who arrived in the city on the Prince Edward yesterday were: C. B. Harding and Miss Florence Harding, from Truro; C. and Miss Flossie Ekins, Miss Ethel Jones, Mrs. Baker and Charles Baker, Mrs. John Hunt, Mrs. W. C. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Simms, Mrs. R. G. and...

HIGH SCHOOL SALARIES.

By a vote of 7 to 4, after a stormy debate, the Collegiate Institute Board of Toronto has adopted an increased scale of salaries, to count from September next. The scale starts principals at \$2,000 a year, increasing to \$3,000 after 12 years of service; specialists, \$1,400, increasing to \$2,000; assistants, \$1,000, rising to \$1,600.

TORONTO, June 6.—Thomas Jones, one of the trio of bank burglars, died in the general hospital this morning. He did not make any ante-mortem statement.

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