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SPORT IN GENERAL

The D. R. A.

THIS year's meeting of the Domin-I ion kifie Association at the Rock-liffe Range, Ottawa, was both satis-factory and unsatisfactory. The number of competitors was larger than in any previous year, and the shooting showed the usual improvement. The new Ross rine, with which most of the competitors were supplied, proved more satisfactory than any rine yet issued. The ammunition was more satisfactory, and the weather was excellent. The wind, of course, was treacherous, but that is a permanent fault of the Rockliffe Range.

The meet was somewhat unsatisfactory for two reasons. First, because it was not too well run, and, secondly, because it developed a great

deal of hard feeling in connection with the "Mortimer" position.

In regard to the first trouble, one cannot express much hope. The D. R. A. is practically a part of the Militia Department, and the men of the C.vil Service who have to do with his piece of work are not always. this piece of work are not always efficient, and are seldom sympathetic. It would be almost better to have this national rifle association meeting entirely divorced from the civil serv and from the petty patronage which hangs on to the coat-tails of every semi-official undertaking. Of course,

not every undertaking has coat-tails. But let that pass.

With regard to the second trouble there will soon be a settlement. That settlement, however, must come from Bisley, and not from Rockliffe. The National Rifle Association of Great Britain has decided that a man may lie on the ground in any position that he desires, and may hold the butt of the rifle in any position, so long as it does not touch the ground. The War Office would go even farther and allow the men to rest the butt on the ground. It is probable that the N. R. A. will be forced to accept the War A. will be forced to accept the War Office view. If it does, all the fat men who have been potting prizes for years at the national meets in Canada and Great Britain will have to take to golf or checkers. Hereafter, the honours will go to thin, cadaverous riflemen who can lie on the ground with their backbones parallel to and not more than five inches from to and not more than five inches from mother earth. This will give the young men a chance, and will pre-vent many individuals from having a record of twenty-five years of prize

The majority of the competitors at The majority of the competitors at Ottawa seem to be opposed to the low or "Mortimer" position, but it is doubtful if a full poll had been taken that the same result would have been arrived at. The opposition was lead by a few "kickers," who were determined to have their way. And they had it. One of these made himself so unpopular that when he won a splendid prize in connection with the meet he received very few congratulations.

The Ottawa Citizen discusses the matter editorially, and one paragraph is worth quoting:
"The action of a majority of the

"The action of a majority of the competitors in voting to declare the shooting position used by Pte. Clifford, the King's gold medallist, as unfair, went beyond all limits. Not only was this decision a grievous wrong to the splendid young rifle shot, who made the best showing this year that has ever been accomplished year that has ever been accomplished by an individual at Bisley, but it was a retrograde step as regards military rifle shooting, which the D. R. A. is so heavily subsidized to encourage. It was a direct case of the target shooting sporting element versus the It was a direct case of the target shooting, sporting element versus the bona fide military rifle shot. The Clifford, or Mortimer position in shooting is one of the most valuable discoveries that has been made, from a military standpoint. Even the layman can recognize that it affords two vital military advantages in that it enables the soldier to take a more deadly aim, and at the same time to

expose himself as little as possible to the enemy's fire. It is a position that should be taught to every recruit in the Canadian militia and in the the Canadian militia, and in the British army.

The Bisley Team for 1912, and the scores they made in competing for a place on next year's team, are as fol-

Lieut. Steele, C.A.S.C., 453; Sergt. Battershill, 90th, 451; Corp. Rutherford, Q.O.R., 442; Capt. C. R. Crowe, 30th, 442; Pte. Auld, 90th, 439; Capt. Mitchell, R.R., 437; Lieut. Blackburn, 90th, 424; Capt. Seletter, 6th, D.C.O.R. Mitchell, R.R., 437; Lieut. Blackburn, 90th, 434; Capt. Sclatter, 6th D.C.O.R., 434; Pte. Mitchell, 48th, 434; Sergt. McInnes, P.E.I., L.H., 434; Sergt. Armstrong, 60th, 432; Corp. Regan, 101st, 431; Col.-Sergt. Stoddard, 91st, 431; Pte. Storer, 48th, 431; Sergt. Major Dymond, R.C.R., 430; Sergt. Smith, G.G.F.G., 430; R. S. MacDougall, 5th C.A., 430; Corp. Mortimer, 8th R.R., 430; Major Blair, 76th, 430; Lieut. Maggs, 74th, 430; S.-Sergt. Richardson, 5th C.A., 429; Lieut. Kennedy 78th, 429; Lieut. Forster, 3rd Vies., 429; Lieut.-Col. Rennie, Q.O.R., 427; Pte. Macpherson, 78th, 426; Sergt. Davidson, 90th, 426; Corp. Copping, 3rd Vies., 426; Staff-Sergt. Snook, 76th, 426.

The results in the leading match,

which is the second stage of the Governor-General's, were as follows:

D. R. A. medal and \$200—Capt.

Crowe, 30th, 191.
\$150—Sergt. Battershill, 90th, 191.
100—Pte. Mitchell, 48th, 190.
\$50—Corp. Rutherford, Q.O.R., 190.
\$30—Sergt.-Major Dymond, R.C.R.,
189.

\$25—Major Blair, 76th, 188.
\$25—Pte. Auld, 90th, 188.
\$15—Capt. Mitchell, R.R., 187.
\$10—each—Staff-Sergt. Armstrong, 13th, 187; Mr. Molesey, W.C.R.A., 187; Lieut. Forster, 3rd F.C.E., 187; Capt. Sclatter, 6th D.C.O.R., 187.
\$8—each—Sergt. Martin, 103rd, 187; Lieut. Steele, C.A.S.C., 187; Lieut.-Col. Davidson, 8th R.R., 186; Corp. Regan, 101st, 186; Sergt. Russell, G.G.F.G., 184; Sergt. McInnes, P.E.I., L.H., 184.
Bronze medal for best tyro score in first and second stages—Sergt. Parren, 6th D.C.O.R., 183.

The A. A. U. Championships.

THE twenty-eighth annual Canadian track and field championships will be held under the auspices of the Quebec Association of the A. A. U of C., on the M. A. A. A. grounds, Mont-real, on September 23. The programme of championship events:
100 yards run.

200 yards run. 440 yards run.

880 yards run. 120 yards hurdles (10 hurdles, 3 feet

6 inches high.) mile run.

mile run. mile walk

Running broad jump.
Running broad jump.
Pole vault (for height).
Throwing the discus.
Throwing 16-pound hammer.
Throwing 56-pound weight (for stance) distance).

Relay race (1 mile, 4 men). A gold medal emblematic championship of Canada will be given to the winner in each event, a silver medal to the second, and a bronze medal to the third. An entrance fee of \$1 per man will be charged in each event. No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by the fee. Entries close with John Davidson, 250 Peel Street, Montreal, on Monday, September 18th. Open to all registered athletes. Rules of the A. A. U of Canada to govern. championship of Canada will be given ada to govern.

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