

times to do all in his power to further the interests of the volunteer service, and its members, more especially as officers and men devoted so much of their time and money to it, and thereby supplementing the grant made by Government to a very large extent. He concluded by again thanking them for the kind reception of his name. The hon. gentleman at the finish of his remarks was greatly applauded. He then proposed the health of the President of the Dominion Rifle Association, and they were all grateful for the great amount of trouble and expense he had gone to in bringing the association to its present state of prosperity. He made a graceful allusion also to the exertions of the gallant president in bringing to a successful issue, the scheme of sending to England a Canadian team of riflemen, and for his attention to them while there. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Powell on being called upon to respond in Col. Gzowski's absence expressed his thanks to the Hon. Minister of Militia and the gentlemen round the board for the manner in which they had honoured the toast. So far as the Association was concerned there was no person could gainsay the fact that their president whatever he took in hand, he was bound to make it successful, and had done so in that case. He had a spirit of energy which he had infused into the Association. Col. Gzowski had not allowed that spirit to lie dormant in England and to him was due much of the *credit* which the Canadians had been received in Great Britain. Anything he could do with regard to mitigating the difficulties in bringing teams from all parts of the Dominion to compete for the prizes offered by the Association, he was always ready to assist in, both by giving his time and his money. In alluding to the present competition, the speaker expressed his conviction that had the president been at it he would have been highly gratified at seeing the arrangements, both as regards the improved system of targets, butts and marking, and the system of telegraphic communication between them and the firing point. He looked upon it as being a great advantage to be able to get through in three or four days a series of matches which heretofore would take a week to complete. With respect to what the Minister of Militia had said in regard to the volunteers in the Maritime Provinces, he could vouch for the fact, that since he (the speaker) had held the office as Deputy Adjutant General and Adjutant General, he had always found the greatest *esprit* to persuade the corps in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He believed that in the course of a short time the forces of those Provinces would amalgamate with those of the Dominion. (Cheers.)

Mr. J. M. Currier, M. P., in a few brief and complimentary remarks, proposed the health of the "Adjutant General of Canada."

Colonel Walker Powell, in responding, said that when he held the position of Deputy Adjutant and General, he never expected to attain to his present position, as for so many years it had always been occupied by an officer of the English Army. However, during the 13 or 14 years he had been connected with the Militia Department he had seen great progress made in the whole system, and he felt a certain amount of pride that such had been the case in that time. He took office with the idea of doing all he could to promote the welfare of the militia service, and he was glad to see it in so efficient a state at present. Every man

who was a friend to Canada, must feel that the Dominion was now possessed of a force on which the people could depend, in the event of the arising of any civil disturbance, and also in the case of an actual invasion. It was as natural that a country should take the best means to protect itself from aggression, as a single man would—hence the maintenance of the force. As the imperial troops had been withdrawn, Canada had only her own now to look to in case of an emergency. He expressed his opinion that the money granted by Parliament was quite inadequate to the keeping up of the force, and the meeting of the demands made upon both the time and the pockets of the officers and men. Every officer commanding a battalion, and every officer commanding a company, and every man serving in the ranks, alike had to make sacrifice, and it was creditable to their patriotic feeling that such was the case. Justly might they be proud of the sentiments which caused them to act in such a manner for the protection of the Dominion! The gallant Col. again expressed his thanks for the honour they had done him, and returned his best amid cheers.

The Hon. Mr. Vail having a meeting of the Ministers to attend, then took his leave and the party soon after adjourned to the ranges after spending a most agreeable hour.

ALL COMERS' MATCH.

Open to all members of this Association, whether by direct contribution or through Affiliated Associations.

1st Prize	\$100
2nd Prize	50
3rd Prize	40
4th Prize	20
15 Prizes at \$15	150
Total	\$360

TO BE SHOT FOR IN TWO STAGES.

1st Stage—Enfield or Snider Enfield Rifle; 2nd Stage, any rifle coming within Wimbledon regulations. Ranges—1st Stage, 200 and 500 yards; 2nd Stage, 800 and 1,000 yards.

In the 1st Stage, highest score to receive \$10
 Second highest

Entrance Fee—1st Stage, 50 cents Position—Standing at 200 yards, and any position at the other ranges.

The Second Stage to be fired for by the 60 competitors making the highest score in the First Stage. Highest score to receive \$100. Second highest, \$50.

Entrance Fee—\$1. Ranges—800 and 1,000 yards. Seven rounds at each range. Any position.

The Second Stage will be fired on Friday next.

The following is the score in the first stage:—

	Pts
Pte Newby, G.I.F.G.	56 40
Qr. Mastr. Cleveland, 56th Batt ..	55 20
Sergt Mitchell, 13th Batt ..	51 10
Capt Mason, " ..	51 10
Pte Little, 10th Royals ..	53 10
Pte Ross, 1st P.W.R.	53 10
Capt Macpherson, G.I.F.G.	52 10
Ens Wright, 50th Batt.	52 10
Lt McNaughten, C.B.A.	51 10
Sergt Lipsett, 71st Batt ..	51 10
Lt Col Morris, 71st Batt.	51 10
Pte Blacktin, 71st Batt.	51 10

Sergt Loggie, 71st Batt	51	10
Gun Farrar, M.G.A.	51	10
Sergt Taplo, 63rd Batt	51	10
Pte Marshall, M.R.A.	50	10
Capt Palen, N.B.A.	50	10

The following also scored 43 points. Each will come into the sixty men eligible to shoot in the second stage of this match, viz.: Sergt Forman, "Queen's Own," Toronto, and Sergt Winter, 71st Batt.

THE SECOND DAY'S MATCHES.

About three o'clock yesterday morning the drizzling rain which commenced to fall, seemed to be a precursor of the usual dirty weather which it has been the misfortune of the Association on several occasions of their matches to be visited with. The down-pour continued with but little intermission until nearly eight o'clock, when the sun began to gleam forth from behind the dark and lowering clouds, and though its rays shed a some sort of cheering assurance of the weather clearing up, the wind rose and blew in fitful and heavy gusts from the westward, which was clean across the range. "Rude Boreas" seemed to have a particular fancy for that point of the compass for there he remained, with a persistency worthy of a better cause; all through the day, interfering considerably with the accuracy of the shooting, which was not up to the same pitch of excellence as on Tuesday. However, taking all things into consideration, some remarkably good shooting was made. The pool target was in great requisition, and was kept pretty busy the whole day, and some very fair practice was made at it. Major Ball of Brockville made four bull's eyes out of ten rounds, but Captain Thomas of Richmond, (Quebec) in five shots scored four bull's eyes. The light throughout the hours occupied in the competitions was favorable, and fortunately for the comfort of all concerned the rain kept off, and the only interruption to the shooting was the noon day sun calling every one's attention to the fact that luncheon was ready. Most of those engaged in the matches sought their various places of abode while others sought the friendly shelter of the canteen where a most capital meal was served at a moderate price. The bracing air of the range is provocative of an appetite similar in keenness to that which is popularly supposed to belong to a hunter. At half past twelve a number of the staff with some invited guests, including the members of the press, sat down to a luncheon given by Col. Gilmor in the large mess marquee erected on the hill above the six hundred yard range. The winds were as on the previous day provided by Mr. M. Kavanagh, and the spread was an excellent one. About fifty gentlemen sat down and among them were several from the Maritime Provinces. Col. Gilmor presided, having on his right Major Ritchie of Halifax, N.S., and on his left Major Morris of New Brunswick. Major Macdonald occupied the vice chair, supported by Col. Macpherson, seated near whom was the Rev. Dr. Davies of Toronto, Col. Chamberlin and Major Wicksteed. Capt. J. J. Mason, of the 13th Battalion occupied a place near the chairman, the remainder of the company being composed of those actively engaged in the management of the general affairs of the competition. After the luncheon had been heartily partaken of, the chairman said he would propose a toast which he was sure all volunteers of Quebec and Ontario would be glad to honour, and they had in Ottawa that day several of the members of the volunteer force from the Maritime Pro-