

that the gang had been turned out of a sugar cane field, and had taken up a position on an isolated hill and were defying the native raw levies. We galloped on ahead with our cavalry and surrounded the hill, and awaited the arrival of the infantry. They came up by half past 5 p.m., when I directed the hill to be attacked on each face. Major Reynolds, of his old regiment, the 17th, took 15 men up the south face, while Captain Hibbert, the other assistant, took the remainder of the 17th, 15 men, up the south-west face. I took the native levies to the north face, but could not get them to face the enemy, and, leaving them, went up as best I could, with some of my regular cavalry on the north-west face, alone practicable, and that with difficulty, for mounted men. The hill was taken with a dash, each party gallantly led by its officer. Poor Captain Hibbert was shot on reaching the crest, but killed his man. He was shot again mortally, and lingered until midnight, dying in my arms, resigned and happy, and quite prepared to meet his Maker. Major Reynolds was shot through the head, but, luckily, the ball only grazed, and he will recover. When I reached the crest I found Charlie all safe, and doing deeds of valor. He had killed the leader with his own hand, and as the rest of the gang broke and ran down the north-east face of the hill, he and his men pursued, and, seizing a horse from a native he knocked the man off, mounted and galloped after the fugitives, calling out to his men and the native levy to follow, but only a few did so. He shot one Wagheer dead with his revolver, and wounded another, and dismounted from his horse to finish him with his sword, when the man fired his matchlock from his hip; the ball hit poor Charlie in the right side and stomach, and he fell, and as he did so killed his opponent with a thrust of his sword. Synd Ulver rushed up, but too late to save him, and he expired in his arms in about a quarter of an hour, breathing messages of love to all his dear relatives and friends, and begging Government might be told how he had done his duty. I cannot describe to you the sorrow I felt when I heard he had breathed his last. It has clouded our otherwise splendid victory, for we killed 17 out of 26 of the rebels, including the leader, and captured 2 alive, 7 only getting off, but of these three were seen to be wounded. I have reported to Government the noble and gallant conduct of your *protege*. In him we have lost, a first-rate political officer—zealous and hard-working, and ready for any duty. I, too, have lost a warm and genial friend, but I have the consolation, which must be one for his family, that he died a noble death, resigned, and I think prepared, to meet his God. His poor disconsolate widow is inconsolable. Poor Charlie begged me to look after his poor Minna and her baby, and I have just returned from seeing her and doing all I could to assist her in her melancholy work of preparing to go home, which she has decided on doing on the 29th of this month. Captain W. La Touche has arrived from Surat, and is doing all he can for both widows.—He will have written to you, no doubt about his poor brother's estate. Poor Charlie used often to talk to me of you and your affectionate regard for him. I know you will feel as shocked as all his friends have been at his premature death, but it was in God's hands, and we must be resigned to His will. I have buried him near this village in the same coffin with his bosom friend Henry Hibbert, and have made arrangements to have a proper tomb erected, the chief of this district, his Highness the Jam of Nugger, having given me every assistance.

I hope also to erect a monumental column on the top of the hill as a memorial. I trust, dear madam, you will excuse this hastily-penned letter. My time is limited, and I still have to account for the rest of this gang. I have a small force out with me, and hope yet to be successful. With deep sympathy for you and his sorrowing friends, I will subscribe myself,

"W. W. ANDERSON,

Colonel, Acting Political Agent.

"To Miss Burdett Coutts."

RETURN RIFLE MATCH AT QUEBEC.

THE MATCH BETWEEN THE ROYAL ARTILLERY AND THE QUEBEC VOLUNTEER GARRISON ARTILLERY.

This match between No. 4 Battery of the Royal Artillery and No. 4 Battery of the Q. G. A., which has created so much public interest came off on Saturday last, and again resulted in a victory for the Q. G. A., who won by 35 points.

It was pleasing to observe the harmony and good feeling displayed throughout those matches by the rival corps, and is highly creditable to both parties.

In the first match the Royal Artillery used the carbine, and the Q. G. A. the short Enfield. To this difference of arm the Royal Artillery attributed their defeat, and proposed that in the return match both parties should use the carbine, which is the arm used by the Royal Artillery. To this the Q. G. A. readily assented, and the victory they have gained is the more creditable to them as they had never used this arm before.

Major Grant, and Lieutenant G. R. White and H. Russell were present during the match. The following is the score:—

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Distance—100 yds. Total.	
Battery Sergt. Major Horton	03223—10
Sergt. Harcourt	23033—11
Corporal Dyer	44343—18
Bombardier Stevens	23333—14
Gunner McCarthy	22232—11
Gunner Connor	22222—10
	74

QUEBEC VOLUNTEER GARRISON ARTILLERY.

Distance—100 yds. Total.	
Battery Sergt. Maj. McCallum	23344—16
Sergt. Hawkins	24433—16
Sergt. McMillan	34334—17
Sergt. Ellis	24324—15
Gunner Silk	34434—18
Gunner Arnold	33444—18
	100

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Distance—200 yds. Total.	
Battery Sergt. Major Horton	00423—9
Sergt. Harcourt	00030—3
Corporal Dyer	34420—13
Bombardier Stevens	02020—4
Gunner McCarthy	00000—0
Gunner Connor	04003—7
	36

QUEBEC VOLUNTEER GARRISON ARTILLERY.

Distance—200 yds. Total.	
Battery Sergt. Maj. McCallum	04200—6
Sergt. Hawkins	32343—15
Sergt. McMillan	02200—4
Sergt. Ellis	02230—7
Gunner Silk	22000—4
Gunner Arnold	02430—9
	40

After the match was decided, the officers present proposed a scratch match, and offered three prizes for the best score at 100

yards, each man to fire five rounds. The first prize was won by Gunner McCarthy, of the Royal Artillery, the second by Bombardier Stevens, of the Royal Artillery, and the third by Gunner Charters of the Quebec Volunteer Garrison Artillery—*Quebec Chron.*

THE VOLUNTEER FORCE OF THE SIXTH MILITARY DISTRICT.

The strength and efficiency of the Volunteer force is a subject in which all our readers take a deep interest, and we are sure that the following details, kindly furnished to us from an official source, will be read with pleasure.

At the present moment there is no Military District in the whole Dominion of Canada, which contains so large and thoroughly organized a volunteer force as the Sixth, i. e. the one in which Hamilton is situated. Out of the eight thousand and odd men furnished by the three districts comprised in Lieut. Colonel Durie's Division, the Sixth District furnishes 4,100 men, or nearly one half the entire number. This numerical superiority may have resulted from various causes, not the least influential of which has been the constant presence of the Brigade Major in the very centre of his district, and the opportunity which he has thus had for frequent communications with the officers of the various commands. We hope that there will be nothing in the new Militia Law which shall have a tendency to alter the present state of affairs in this respect. The Cavalry force contained in the district comprises three troops—the Grimsby, Burford and St. Catharines—comprising 9 officers and 135 men, the latter being all armed with Spencer carbines. There are two batteries of Field Artillery (the Hamilton and Welland), numbering 159, of all ranks, with 8 guns; the St. Catharines Artillery Company, 58 men with 2 guns, and the Hamilton Naval company with an effective strength of 58 men.

We next turn to the Infantry force of the district, which we find as follows: Hamilton 13th Battalion, 354 of all ranks.

Lincoln 19th	518	"
Halton, 20th	418	"
Haldimand, 37th	472	"
Brant, 38th	413	"
Simcoe, 39th	356	"
Welland, 43th	412	"
Queenston Company,	58	"
Dundas	58	"
Dundas	58	"
Sheffield	58	"
Binbrook	58	"
Hamilton Independent Co's	235	"
St. Catharines	160	"

Total . . . 3681 Infantry.
124 Cavalry,
217 Artillery,
58 Naval Com.

Grand Total . . . 4100

In addition to the above, there are the Port Dover, Vittoria, Port Ryerse, Austens's Hollow and Dundas Drill Association, numbering in all 230 men. The whole of the Infantry force, with the exception of the Independent Companies and the Drill Associations, is armed with the Snider Rifle.

Notwithstanding the little encouragement which has been given to Volunteering, it is noteworthy that so far as this district is concerned, the number of Volunteers has constantly gone on increasing, and we are assured that the force given above does not exist on paper only, but would turn out in full strength in the event of their service being needed.—*Hamilton Spectator*.