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[Aug. 8, 22, Sept. 19

THE DOMINION RIFLE PROGRAMME.

The programme of this year's prize meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association has been completed, and will in a few days be ready for distribution. The matches will be held, as already announced, in the week commencing Monday, 31st August, and the time table arranged provides for the completion of the programme in four days. On Monday there will be the Nursery and Macdougall in the forenoon, and the Manufacturers' and Standing matches in the afternoon, the military matches being deferred this year until the afternoon of the second day, which is wholly set apart for them. On Tuesday morning the Minister of Militia match will be fired. On Wednesday the Dominion of Canada match and the Rideau (Martini) will be fired, leaving for Thursday morning only one of the Grand Aggregate events, the Ouimet match, also Martini. This is timed to finish at 11 a.m., and it is expected that the ties in the Grand Aggregate can be fired before the mid-day recess. In the afternoon the Governor-General's match and the Provincial team match for the London Merchants' Cup will be fired. The usual extra series matches are provided for except that at 900 yards, which is dropped; all will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

There are not many changes in the prize list, but those made are of considerable interest. The Nursery match will be closed against all who have at any time won prizes of \$5 or upwards from the D.R.A., instead of \$8 as last year, and this will shut out nearly all the old competitors. In the Minister of Militia match the teams are to consist of five in

place of three members, and there is to be no limit to the number each association may enter. In the Revolver match, the prizes will not be fixed amounts, as hitherto, but will instead be a percentage of the total entry money.

One sighting shot at each range is allowed, and there is no provision made for the usual opening of all the targets for extra series shooting before each regular match.

REVOLVER PRACTICE FOR OFFICERS.

In the United States well organized attempts are made by the authorities to secure the instruction of the volunteers in rifle practice, and these efforts are directed in each state by an officer known as the Inspector of Rifle Practice. Lieut. Col. Howard Simpson, the Inspector for Delaware, has recently issued a very interesting circular on the subject, not only dealing with the rifle practice of the men, but also advising the officers to take some trouble to make themselves efficient with the revolver. This is the programme he outlines:—

Revolver practice, which will necessarily be preparatory this year, should be directed towards features which are conducive to the most practical utility, and the following line of practice is advised: Standing positions at all distances; at twenty-five yards, use of each hand in alternate scores, double action trigger pull; at fifty yards, use of either hand, double action trigger pull; at 100 yards, use of both hands, single action trigger pull. Target: that used for 200 yards rifle practice.

Shooting and Fishing, in noticing Col. Simpson's circular, heartily commends his suggestions. "In most of the States," says that paper, "the officers of the National Guard are equipped with swords, ornamental but utterly useless as a weapon of defence. Some officers practise with the rifle but do not carry it in service, therefore those chosen for their superior knowledge and judgment are without weapons of defence.

A revolver is essentially the weapon for an officer, and he who becomes familiar with its use has a most effective weapon. With proper instruction and practice, an officer can become sufficiently skilled in the use of a revolver to afford him great protection: and it is to be regretted that this important part of an officer's education is so much neglected in the National Guard of America. We have often found ourselves wondering if rifle practice ought not