No. 2 Company 503 No. 3 Company 481 No. 6 Company 499
The individual scores of the winning company are—Pte. Thompson 94; Capt. Sims 85; Pte. McCrae 85: Staff-Sergt. McAdam 84; Lieut. Badgley 79; ColSergt. Gormon 76; total 503. Challenge Match—500 and 600 yards; seven shots. Open to all
members of the regiment and teams of six men from each company. The prize of the winning team is a challenge shield, presented by Capt. Sims, and the first and second individual prizes are each a medal presented by Col. Henshaw and Major Radiger respectively. Shield Competition—
No. 6 Company
The individual scores of the winning Company were—Private Cooke 53; Private Burns 52; Private Pope 48; Private Reynolds 46; Lieut. Shaw 40; Private Budgett 21. Total 260. The individual prize winners were—
Pte. Matthews. 56 Pte. Reynolds 46 Pte. Cooke 53 ColSergt. Gorman 46 Pte. Burns 52 Lieut. Desbarats 46 Staff-Sergt. McAdam 48 Lieut. Rodden 44 Staff-Sergt. Wilson 48 Lieut. Carter 44 Pte. Pope 48 Pte. McInnes 44 Pte. Pringle 48
Martini-Henry Match, 600 yards, seven shots—
Pte. Burns. 29 Pte. Pringle 24 Staff-Sergt. Wilson. 28 Pte. McCrae 23 Pte. McInnes. 27 Pte. Pope. 22 Pte. Thompson. 26 Lieut. Shaw. 21 Pte. Hutcheson. 25 Pte. Cooke. 21
Open Match. 500 and 600 yards; seven shots. Open to teams of five previously named members of any battalion or rifle association. Martini rifle for teams; for individual prizes, rifle optional. Team prizes—
\$15, Sixth Fusiliers
Individual prizes—
\$15, Pte. Scott, 6th Fusiliers

Two notable scores achieved last week go far to show the usefulness of the Snider rifle (with which both were made) at short ranges, and the high quality of the Canadian-made ammunition used. On Friday last, in practice on the Rideau range, Ottawa, in company with Major Wright, Lieut. O'Grady and Lieut. Sutherland, Capt. H. H. Gray, of the G. G. F. G., made this score:—

HIGH SNIDER SCORING.

200 yds. (standing). 500 yds. 600 yds. Total. 4545545—32 5555554—34 4455554—32 98

This is thought to be above the Canadian record, and any person knowing of a better would confer a favour by writing the MILITIA GAZETTE. The other score referred to above was made by Lieut. Lanskail, at the regular practice of the Toronto Rifle Association, on the 23rd inst. It is remarkable, it will be noted, in more ways than one, but the h.p.s. at 600 yards is the unusual feature:—

200 yds. (kneeling). 500 yds. 600 yds. Total. 5554445—32 2220555—21 5555555—35 88

The Italian Piemonte.

The Italian cruiser *Piemonte* is the latest of some dozen vessels of the protected cruiser class built by the firm of W. G. Armstrong, Mitchell & Co., including the Esmeralda, built in 1882-83, and the Dogali, built in 1886. Lord Armstrong, who has for several years past strongly advocated the construction of this class of war vessel, has enumerated as their chief features: "Great speed and nimbleness of movement combined with great offensive power," and "little or no side armour, but otherwise constructed to minimize the effect of projectiles." The *Piemonte* is 300 ft. long, 38 ft. broad, and 15 ft. mean draught, and her displacement is 2,500 tons. She has a protective deck with sloping sides from stem to stern, which is 1 in. thick along the middle, and 3 in. thick on the slopes. Her armament consists of six 6 in. quickfiring guns, six 43/4 in. quickfiring guns, ten 6 pdr. Hotchkiss guns, six 1 pdr. Hotchkiss guns, four 10 mm. Maxim guns, and three torpedo tubes; and her speed is upwards of 21 knots. Four of the 6 in. guns, and the six 43/4 in. guns are carried upon the upper deck, the 6 in. guns being

sponsoned out so as to enable the two foremost to fire right ahead and the two aftermost to fire right astern; one of the remaining 6 in. guns is placed on the forecastle, and the other on the poop. All of these guns have considerable arcs of training, as indicated upon the plan of weather deck. Four of the 6 pdr. quickfiring guns have right ahead fire; two of these are placed under the forecastle, and two upon the after end of the forecastle; and four of these guns have right aft fire, two being placed under the poop and two upon the fore end of the poop. The other two 6 pdrs. and two of the 1 pdrs, are placed on the top-sides. Each of the two lower tops carries two I pdr. Hotchkiss guns, and each of the two upper tops two 10 mm. Maxim guns. One of the torpedo tubes fires directly ahead, and one on each broadside from a topedo chamber immediately before the machinery spaces. The Piemonte is the first vessel armed with the new Elswick quickfiring gun, all of the 6 in. and 43/4 in. guns being of this pattern. Lord Armstrong, in speaking of this vessel recently, said: "She will be capable of discharging against an adversary. in a given time time twice the weight of shot and shell that could be fired by the largest war vessel now affoat, not excluding the leviathan battleships of five or six times her size, which could ill withstand the torrent of shell which the *Piemonte* could pour into the large unarmuored portions of their structure." All apertures through the armour deck which would require to be opened in action are provided with cofferdams rising 4 ft. above water, and all openings are fitted with armour covers or armour bars. Both below and above the armour deck the ship is sub-divided into a large number of water tight compartments. Each set of engines is in a separate compartment, and each pair of boilers is in a separate compartment. She has an inner bottom and her buoyancy and stability in consequence is believed to be assured, by the various devices adopted, even against modern shell fire.

Lord Armstrong, in the *Nineteenth Century* for May, maintains superior advantages which a fleet of *Piemontes* would have over the large battleships. Per contra, it is contended that a couple of 9 inch shells would do more damage than the whole of a *Piemonte's* broadside could do in return; and two such 9 inch or 30 shells exploding after piercing her side would probably put her hors de combat. But Lord Armstrong believes that "steel is a very treacherous material" and he possibly counts upon the heavy guns doing more damage to those that fire them

than to those at whom they are aimed.

The Bombay Gazette says that a Brigadier General of the British Army stationed in Madras has been attacked by leprosy. The name of the officer is not given.

The Italian Staff Corps will shortly publish a very important and highly interesting work of statistics and reference, which will bear the following title:—"European Possessions and Protectorates in Africa, 1889: a Collection of Geographical, Historical, Political and Military Information on the African Coast Region. With forty two illustrations.

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