

BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM COLBORNE, O.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Captain Bridgewater lectured here on the 11th ult. A number of influential people were present, although the audience was small—much too small considering the interesting nature of the lecture. The Captain after speaking of the difficulties attending the organization of a military system out of raw material, spoke of the extreme apathy manifested by the very people who ought to encourage and foster a military spirit. He adverted to the fact that no drill shed had been erected in order to afford the Volunteers an opportunity of being comfortable during drill-time. At the close of the lecture Major Webb stated that he would give the first \$50 towards this object. Mr. Grove advocated the erecting of a shed, so that the subject is now under consideration. At the close of the lecture the following resolution was passed:—Moved by J. Robinson, Esqr., seconded by J. Grove, Esqr.,—That this meeting whilst regretting the small attendance, thank Captain Bridgewater for his able and very interesting lecture.

FROM ST. ANDREWS, Q.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

5TH BRIGADE DIVISION RIFLE MATCH.—We have much pleasure in laying before our readers the result of a series of Rifle Matches held at St. Andrews, County of Argenteuil, commencing on the 6th November. All the corps in the Division were fully represented, and the interest taken by the inhabitants in the Division we trust may induce the Volunteers to meet annually and vie with each other in the use of the "Snider" Rifle lately placed in their hands. A new feature in Rifle Matches presented itself by the appearance of thirty-five men of the old St. Andrews Cavalry, under the able command of Captain John Burwash, who fired at 100 and 200 yds., mounted; although but recently supplied with the "Spencer" Carabine, they made good firing as will be seen by the subjoined scores. During the progress of the matches, which occupied from the 6th to the 11th November, not the slightest accident or dispute of any kind occurred, and the best of feeling prevailed throughout the proceedings—a result no doubt attributable to the good arrangements of the Managing Committee, and also in having secured as scorers and markers the services of Sergeant Stewart and four privates of H. M. gallant 78th Highlanders, kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee by the officer commanding at Montreal.

On the occasion of the presentation of the Prizes on the 14th November, a Grand Ball was given at Carillon in the New Drill Hall. Lt.-Colonel Hanson, Brigade Major of the

Division, presented the prizes accompanied by complimentary remarks to each of the successful competitors. The Ball was largely attended by Volunteers and their friends, and was kept up with great spirit till the small hours of the morning.

Lt.-Col. Hanson, Major Macdonald, of the 11th Battalion, and Major Shields, of the 18th Battalion, and in fact all the officers of the several corps have reason to feel proud of the success which has attended this their first District Rifle Match.

MATCH NO. 1.

First prize a Silver Cup; Second \$12; Third \$8; Fourth \$5; Fifth \$3. Ranges 200 and 400 yards, 5 shots at each; Rifles, Government issue; open to all Volunteers in the Division. Entrance 25 cents. The following were the prize winners in order as below:

	Yards—	200	400	T'l.
Lt. T. T. Higginson, 18th Batt.	.16	17	33	
Ensign E. J. C. Abbott, 11th "	.15	17	32	
Pto. S. J. McMahon, 18th "	.15	17	32	
Sergeant Campbell, 18th "	.17	12	29	
Ensign Higginson, 18th "	.19	9	28	

In firing off the ties, 2 rounds at the last range, the score ran thus—

Ensign Abbott, 11th Battalion, . . . 6 points.
Private S. J. McMahon, 18th Batt. . . 5 "

There were 107 competitors in this match.

MATCH NO. 2.

First prize a Silver Cup, presented by Lieut. Col. J. J. C. Abbott; Second \$12; Third \$8; Fourth \$5; Fifth \$3. Ranges 400 and 600 yards, 5 shots at each; Rifles, Government issue; open to all Volunteers in the Division. Entrance, 25 cents.

	Yards—	400	600	T'l.
Ensign Higginson, 18th Batt.	.12	12	24	
Capt. S. Macdonald, 11th "	.11	11	22	
Eng. E. J. C. Abbott, 11th "	.14	8	22	
Sergeant Campbell, 18th "	.14	7	21	
Captain Higginson, 18th "	.14	6	20	

There were 61 competitors in this match, a strong North wind prevailed during the day.

MATCH NO. 3.

First prize a Silver Cup, presented by Ottawa River Navigation Company; Second \$12; Third \$8; Fourth \$5; Fifth \$3. Ranges 300 and 400 yards, 5 shots at each, Rifles, Government issue; open to all Volunteers in the Division. Entrance, 25-cs.

	Yards—	300	400	T'l.
Lieut. Vankleek, 18th Batt.	.11	18	29	
Sergeant Mooney, 18th "	.11	15	26	
Lieutenant Wells, 18th "	.13	12	25	
Sergeant Leroy, 18th "	.12	13	25	
Ensign Higginson, 18th "	.12	13	25	

In firing off the ties at the last range the score ran thus—

Lieutenant Wells, 6 points.
Sergeant Leroy, 4 "
Ensign Higginson, 3 "

There were 84 competitors in this match; the weather was cold and a strong wind from the North East.

MATCH NO. 4.

First prize a Silver Cup, presented by Lieut. Col. Higginson. To be fired for by Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the 18th Batt. Ranges 400 and 600 yards, 5 shots at each; Rifles, Government issue. Entrance, 25 cts.

Yards—400 600 T'l.

Pto. W. Hamilton, No. 3 C'y,
18th Batt. 14 11 25
There were 35 competitors in this match.

MATCH NO. 5.

First prize a Breech Loading Rifle, presented by Hon. J. Hamilton, Senator; Second \$12; Third \$8; Fourth \$5; Fifth \$3. Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards, 3 shots at each; Rifles, Government issue; open to all Volunteers in the Division. Entrance fee, 25 cents.

Yards—200 400 600 T'l.

Surgeon Harkins, 18th Batt. 7 12 7 26
Sergeant R. Leroy, 18th " 9 10 5 24
Private T. White, 18th " 6 12 6 24
" J. Mooney, 18th " 8 10 5 23
Sergeant Saucier, 18th " 10 9 3 22
There were 60 competitors in this match.

MATCH NO. 6.

First prize a Silver Cup, presented by Judge Daniels; Second \$12; Third \$8; Fourth \$5; Fifth \$3. Ranges, 300, 500 and 600 yards, 3 shots at each; Rifles, Government issue; open to four members of any Volunteer Company in the Division. Entrance fee, \$1.

Yards—300 500 600 T'l.

No. 5 C'y, 18th Batt.
Lieut. Wells, 5 9 6 20
Captain McIntosh, 8 4 2 14
Sergeant Saucier, 5 9 5 19
Corporal Stirling, 8 6 2 16
Total points 69

No. 2 C'y, 18th Batt.
Captain C. W. Johnston, 7 5 3 15
Lieutenant Vankleek, 11 5 0 16
Sergeant Campbell, 9 5 3 17
Private Case, 9 6 5 20
Total points 68

No. 1 C'y, 11th Batt.
Captain S. Macdonald, 4 8 6 18
Lieutenant Kemply, 6 0 0 6
Ensign Abbott, 7 9 7 23
Sergeant Burwash, 8 5 5 18
Total points 65

No. 1 C'y, 18th Batt.
Captain Higginson, 5 5 9 19
Sergeant Leroy, 5 9 9 23
Private McMahon, 5 0 3 8
Private White, 6 5 3 14
Total points 64

No. 3 C'y, 18th Batt.
Sergeant Wright, 6 3 7 16
Sergeant Steele, 7 7 5 19
Corporal Hamilton, 5 6 0 11
Corporal Case, 9 3 2 14
Total points 60

10 Companies competed in this match.