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We desire to call the attention of artillerymen especially to the interesting official report, noted elsewhere in this issue, of the commandant of this year's artillery camp at Shoeburyness. Some hints applicable to the Dominion meetings may perhaps be gleaned therefrom.

The cadet training movement has taken a great hold on Montreal, there being no less than nine hundred and thirty boys in the six classes. Four of these are in connection with the high schools, and the other two are classes organized by Capt. Lydon, of the Fifth Royal Scots, and by Major Atkinson, of the Garrison Artillery. Capt. Lydon's boys will wear kilts. The cadet classes are very popular with the parents on account of the physical benefits resulting to the boys from the drill; and every young man who serves a term in the militia is similarly benefited physically.

Capt. St. John Mildmay, having, through ill-health, resigned the office of Secretary of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain, Mr. A. P. Humphrey, until lately the Lieut.-Colonel commanding the Cambridge Volunteers, has been appointed as his successor. Mr. Humphrey has served as executive officer of the Association, and is spoken of as eminently well qualified for the Secretaryship. He is well known as a first class rifleman, and will thus possess indispensable practical knowledge. A movement is on foot to present to Capt. St. John Mildmay a fitting testimonial in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Association.

The Toronto Rifle Range.

There is disaster impending for Toronto riflemen, should the long talked of scheme for closing the Garrison Common range be carried out. At no time has the prospect of the Exhibition Association of securing the property looked brighter than at present, when the scheme is being vigorously urged with scarce a word of protest in the Toronto press, save by an occasional anonymous contribution to the correspondence columns. A Hamilton paper says its Toronto contemporaries are dumb because "they imbibe the exhibition pap," but this is surely a libel on the press of the Queen City. Probably their silence is the result of the assurance made, that only let the Exhibition Association have authority over the Common, and they will put it in such condition that it will be of more use than ever to the volunteers for drill and parade purposes, and only closed against them during the period of the annual fair. As for the riflemen, it is said that just as good a range will be secured for them elsewhere. True, it will be many miles distant, but what difference, it is asked, do a few miles more or less make in a rail journey?

The answer is, that to remove the range away from the city, will add to the heavy expense already necessarily incurred by the riflemen; and will occasion a serious loss of time, which means money, to such of them as are not altogether deterred from practice by the change. It seems that the Exhibition Association covet Garrison Common mainly because it is Government property, and therefore may be had at small cost. There is plenty of land available on the other side of their grounds, but it is probably expensive. An extension of some kind is necessary. In considering the Association's application for Garrison Common the Government have to determine whether this extension shall be made at the expense of a wealthy commercial institution, or at the expense of those young men of the militia force laudably anxious to instruct themselves in the use of their weapons; at the expense of the Government in annually transporting the city regiments many miles to perform their class firing; and at the further sacrifice of depriving the military schools of their rifle range. While Great Britain is at enormous expense equipping her defenders with arms of precision, requiring with each successive improvement in the weapon greater skill in its use, is Canada content to deprive the militiamen at such an important centre as Toronto of the means of convenient practice? which until now they have enjoyed, thanks to the generosity of the Imperial Government in presenting it.

Should anyone doubt that the interests of rifle shooting in Toronto would suffer by the closing of the Garrison Common ranges, let him ask the Montreal riflemen for their experience since driven from Point St. Charles. It will be found to be anything but a happy one. The Toronto militia are a numerous and influential body. Let them as citizens join in a protest against the proposed spoliation of their preserves. The government have a deep interest in maintaining the efficiency of the Militia; they are under no obligation to the Exhibition Association, and if the militiamen handle their case properly they are bound to win.

Correspondence.

[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

THE PROPOSED EFFICIENCY COMPETITION.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Allow me to congratulate you on your suggestion that the Canadian infantry should get up efficiency competitions similar to that apparently so popular with the artillery. Croakers to the contrary notwithstanding, the Canadian militia make steady progress, and I think the time has now arrived when there are corps enough taking pride in superior accomplishments to make such a competition a success as a Dominion affair. We down here never get a chance to show side by side with the corps of the big cities of Ontario and Quebec, except, of course, in the friendly columns of your bright little paper (Long life to it!), and since we cannot have other than these paper parades together, we would like the comparison to be more sharply defined, as it would be by the figures of a general efficiency competition. General Sir Fred Middleton now inspects nearly all the city corps annually, and I am sure that he would visit and give points to all those entered in such a competition were he requested to do so. We would thus secure an impartial verdict, from the best qualified judge.

BLUENOSE.

Halifax, 28th October, 1889.

Regimental and Other News.

The Montreal *Witness* says: Capt. Bell, of No. 5 Company, Victoria Rifles, has been presented with a silver tea service by his Company on the occasion of his approaching marriage."

A party of the Sergeants of the Victoria Rifles will spend Thanksgiving Day at Hartford, Conn., by invitation of friends in the Connecticut National Guard, who visited Montreal a few weeks ago.

The social sensation in Halifax is the news from London that Major General Sir John Ross, commander of the British forces in Canada residing in Halifax, has been granted a divorce from his wife, Lady Mary. The causes leading to the separation have long been a source of scandal in home and colonial military circles. Sir John will soon marry the beautiful young daughter of a magistrate at Pictou, N.S.

An old soldier, Hugh Fynlason, who served his full 21 years in Her Majesty's 93rd Highlanders, and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant, was buried at Leamington, Ont., with military honours on the 26th Oct. Capt. A. Ley and No. 2 Co., 21st Essex Fusiliers, furnished the escort and firing party. Col. Wilkinson, commander of the regiment, was present in uniform. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church—a good old man—and had resided for a number of years in Leamington.

The Fifteenth Battalion.

The annual inspection of the 15th Battalion Argyle Light Infantry took place in the afternoon of Friday, 25th inst., the inspecting officer being the Deputy Adjutant General, Lt.-Col. Van Straubenzee, who was assisted by Brigade Major Lewis; Major Strange, District Paymaster, was also on hand. The local papers agree in describing it as the best inspection ever passed by the corps. A careful scrutiny of the clothing and accoutrements having been made in the drill hall, the battalion was marched through the town to the Hospital lot, where a number of battalion movements were performed under direction of Lt.-Col. S. S. Lazier and Major T. C. Lazier. Capt. Ponton, of No. 1 Company, was then requested to put his men through company drill, which he did. They also performed the bayonet exercise, at the completion of which they were complimented by the Deputy Adjutant General and cheered by their comrades. The ground not permitting skirmishing or similar manoeuvres, the battalion was then re-formed and marched back to the drill shed. Before dismissing the men Lt.-Col. Lazier said that he had been instructed by the inspecting officer to convey to the men the pleasure he had experienced in inspecting them. They were to be complimented upon the efficiency of their drill. The drill shed being now completed, and rooms provided for officers and men, he hoped the various companies would still continue drill, thus keeping in practice. Everything was being done to make the battalion second to none in the Dominion, and he was certain it would be. At the conclusion, he was loudly cheered. The men were then dismissed.

The battalion was officered as follows: Lieut.-Col. S. S. Lazier, Majors L. H. Henderson and T. C. Lazier, Surgeon Eakins, Asst. Surgeon Cook, Paymaster J. L. Biggar, Quartermaster W. W. Pope, Adjutant, R. E. Lazier; Chaplain, Rev. M. W. MacLean. The officers and the strength of each company were: No. 1—Capt. W. N. Ponton, 2nd Lieut. Ketcheson—42 men; No. 2—Capt. J. F. Wills—41 men; No. 3—Capt. Merrill, 2nd Lieut. C. Lazier—42 men; No. 4—Capt. Donald—41 men; No. 5—Capt. A. Robertson, 2nd Lieut. S. Vermilyea—39 men; No. 6—Capt. J. E. Halliwell, 2nd Lieut. A. Overell—42 men. There are 5 Staff Sergeants, 19 officers, and 252 rank and file, making a total strength of 276. Col. Lazier and Major L. H. Henderson are the only two officers now in the battalion who served at Prescott in 1866.

A musical feature of the inspection was that the buglers played the "Turkish Zouaves March," as played by the Zouaves in the Crimean war—the drums and fifes picking it up from them and playing "British Grenadiers." In the evening the inspecting officers were entertained to an oyster supper at the St. George's hotel by the officers of the battalion.

Toronto.

Around the festive board in a hall at No. 210½ Queen st. east last Friday night, there gathered a number of weather-beaten veterans of the memorable battle of Balaclava, fought on the 25th of October, 1854, who, after retiring from her Majesty's service, have found a home in Canada. The gathering was augmented by some retired men who went through the last Egyptian campaign, several members of "C" company, a few civilians and a considerable number of ladies. In the absence of Col. Wm. Allan, of the 93rd Highlanders, the chair was taken by Mr. James Gibb, formerly of the Rosshire Buffs, and the vice-chair by Capt. Kemp, of the Argyleshire Highlanders. After a substantial repast the cloth was lifted and the audience, inspired by the tune Alma and Highland dance music, by Piper Munro, formed sets for a reel. After dancing had been engaged in for some time, the meeting was brought to order for the toasting. The chairman intimated several letters of apol-

ogy among which was one from Mayor Clarke, who, after stating that he had made a previous engagement, wrote: "It would have been a real pleasure to me to assist the veterans to celebrate such a memorable occasion." An aged veteran wrote in a shaky hand anonymously, "Here is my quota, I am a poor old man on the verge of 80." The chairman proposed the toasts "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the royal family," which were honoured with great gusto. Then came "The Governor-General and Lieutenant-Governor," "The army, navy and reserve forces," "The Mayor and corporation," "The press," and "The ladies," all of which were honoured with enthusiasm. Partners were then chosen for a Highland schottische, and with dancing, song and sentiment a most enjoyable night was spent. The piper's excellent playing reminded the heroes of the thrilling events of the Crimea campaign and the hardships of the trenches before Sebastopol. Among those present who had fought at the battle of Balaclava were: Adam Eddington, Scots Greys; P. Hunter, Enniskillen Dragoons; John Hutton, 72nd Highlanders; John McEwan, 42nd Black Watch; John Mackenzie, Scots Fusiliers. Of the Tel-el-Kebir heroes there were present: Angus Mackenzie, Scots Fusiliers; D. McKay, King's Own Scottish Borderers; Sergt.-Major Cummings, late 93rd Highlanders and Wm. D. Ross, Royal Horse Guards—the late Captain Burnaby's orderly during the Egyptian war.

THE GRENADIERS.

The Grenadiers paraded at the drill shed on Thursday last, about 350 strong, commanded by Major Harrison. They had a march out, and then returned to Wellington street and performed a few battalion movements before returning to the drill shed, where the orders were read and notice was given of the presentation of prizes. In the regimental orders it was stated that the promotion to the rank of corporal of Corp. T. Taylor, "B" company, was confirmed, and would date from September 10th, 1887, on account of duties performed by Taylor during the North-West campaign. The promotion to the rank of corporal of Corp. E. Stephens, "D" company, was also confirmed, and will date from May 1st, 1888.

I an-dwa-wa (Thunderbolt), chief of the Ojibways, his counsellor, Masa ke-wa-we-tung (Earthquake) and their interpreter, Mr. James Settee, under the guidance of Mr. Barlow Cumberland drove out with the regiment. They were much pleased with the soldiers, and more especially with the band.

A church parade is being arranged for either the 3rd or the 16th of November.

On Friday evening, the non-coms. listened to a lecture, by Sergt. Maj. Cox, on the new attack formation.

Pioneer Sergt. Hardinge is seriously ill, and it is feared that he will not be able to return to duty for some time.

On Saturday the Grenadiers paraded at the Garrison Common for the purpose of practising the attack drill. There was not a very large parade, because of the early hour set for it. Lt.-Col. Otter briefly explained the formation and its advantages, after which they went through the work once for practice. Blank ammunition was then served out and they advanced to the attack amid the "din and smoke of war," but without its spice. The enemy, for some reason or other, had not taken up their position, so the conquest was easy.

One of the features of the day was the "rushing" of Capt. Kemp's half-company. Another was the small boy; he was everywhere at once.

In the charge, it was "even money" whether Sergt. Small or Capt. Kemp would be first into the enemy's works.

Capt. Harston again had No. 4 Co. He said that it seemed like old times.

As they marched through the New Fort, on the return to the drill shed, the Grens. were heartily cheered by "C" Co.

Outside the fort, the Quartermaster, Capt. Tassie, and Quartermaster Sergt. Dale, had drawn up in line of battle a quantity of crackers, cheese, beer and pop, which the Grens. attacked and disposed of in less time than they did the other enemy.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

On Wednesday evening, 23rd inst., the Queen's Own, under Major Sankey, paraded about 400 strong. They marched through several thoroughfares and back to Wellington street, where they practised marching past, on the asphalt pavement. While the regiment was out, Corpl. Cockburn drilled the recruits in the manual exercise. After the return, the regiment was formed into a hollow square and the cups and team prizes won at the recent rifle matches were presented.

Col.-Sergt. Crooks is to be congratulated on having won the handsome trophy presented by the R. Y. Ellis Company.

A church parade of the regiment has been ordered for Nov. 3rd.

Major Ruttan, of the 90th Winnipeg Rifles, marched out with the Queen's Own.

New ammunition pouches are soon to be served out to the regiment.

The Pioneers were busy getting into new quarters.

Field Artillery Firing Competition.

Below will be found the detailed scoring made in this year's Field Artillery firing competition, with 9 pr. R.M.L. guns, by the competing batteries other than those whose scores were published last issue. The scores given then were those of the Newcastle, Winnipeg, Welland Canal, Richmond, Shefford and Hamilton batteries.

GANANOQUE BATTERY.

Table for GANANOQUE BATTERY showing scores for various personnel like Sergt. Trickey, Corpl. Trickey, Corpl. Johnston, and Sergt. Baker, with columns for Dir., Elev., Hit, Score, and Total.

QUEBEC BATTERY.

Table for QUEBEC BATTERY showing scores for various personnel like Bomb. Berube, Corpl. Pagé, Sergt. Letarte, and Sergt. Moisan, with columns for Dir., Elev., Hit, Score, and Total.

NO. 1 BATTERY, 1ST BRIGADE, GUELPH.

Table for NO. 1 BATTERY, 1ST BRIGADE, GUELPH showing scores for various personnel like S. Sergt. Armstrong, Corpl. Crowe, Q.-M. Sergt. Ogg, and Sergt. Sallows, with columns for Dir., Elev., Hit, Score, and Total.

OTTAWA BATTERY.

Table for OTTAWA BATTERY showing scores for various personnel like Sergt. Harvey, Sergt. Hood, S. Sergt. Thompson, and Corpl. Bonnell, with columns for Dir., Elev., Hit, Score, and Total.

NO. 2 BATTERY, 1ST BRIGADE, GUELPH.

Table for NO. 2 BATTERY, 1ST BRIGADE, GUELPH showing scores for Gr. Craig and Q.-M. Sgt. Thatcher, with columns for Dir., Elev., Hit, Score, and Total.

	Dir.	Elev.	Hit.	Score.	Total.
Corpl. Hadwin....	1	2	..	3	
Time 13m.	1	2	..	3	
	2	6	2	10	
	..	3	..	..
	..	3	..	..
Total				16	
Lost for overtime.....				8	8

Corpl. Bayne	2	6	..	8	
Time 9m. 10s.	1	2	..	3	
	1	4	..	5	
	1	4	..	5	
	2	..	..	..
	1	1	..	2	
Total				23	
Lost for overtime.....				1	22

Sergt. Newstead... I	4	..	5		
Time 9m. 15s.	2	2	..	4	
	1	2	..	3	
	2	1	..	3	
	2	5	..	7	
Total				22	
Lost for overtime.....				1	21

Battery total..... 175

LONDON BATTERY.

Sergt.-Maj. Hood.. I	2	..	3		
Time, 10m. 50s.	2	6	2	10	
	2	6	..	8	
	2	4	..	6	
	2	3	..	5	
	1	..	..	..
Total				32	
Lost for overtime.....				4	28

Q.-M. Sergt. Smith .. 4	..	..	..
Time, 10m. 30s.	..	4	..	..
	1	2	..	3	
	2	4	..	6	
	2	5	..	7	
	2	2	..	4	
Total				20	
Lost for overtime.....				3	17

Sergt. Colerick.... 2	6	..	8		
Time 9m. 40s.	2	..	..	..
	2	4	..	6	
	2	6	2	10	
	1	3	..	4	
Total				28	
Lost for overtime.....				2	26

Sergt. Lilly..... I	2	..	3		
Time, 9m. 55s.	2	6	..	8	
	1	6	..	7	
	2	6	..	8	
	1	4	..	5	
	2	..	..	..
Total				31	
Lost for overtime.....				2	29

Battery total..... 200

KINGSTON BATTERY.

Br. Beavens..... I	..	..	..
Time 12m. 20s.	2	..	..	..
	1	..	..	..
	2	5	..	7	
	2	..	..	..
Total				7	
Lost for overtime.....				7	0

Gr. Bennett	2	4	..	6	
Time, 7m. 58s.	2	6	2	10	
	1	6	..	7	
	1	..	..	..
	2	2	..	4	
Total				27	27

	Dir.	Elev.	Hit.	Score.	Total.
Corpl. Kennedy.... I	4	..	5		
Time 8m. 20s.	1	..	..	..
	1	2	..	3	
	2	4	..	6	
	1	..	..	..
	1	5	..	6	
Total				20	20

Sergt. Marsack.... 2	6	..	8		
Time 8m. 55s.	1	6	..	7	
	1	4	..	5	
	
	2	5	..	7	
	2	..	..	..
Total				27	27

Sergt-Maj. Simpson I	6	..	7		
Time 8m. 50s.	2	6	2	10	
	2	4	..	6	
	1	4	..	5	
	1	5	..	6	
	2	2	..	4	
Total				38	38

Battery total..... 175

Sergt. Taylor..... 2	6	..	8		
Time 8m. 45s.	2	4	..	6	
	2	2	..	4	
	2	4	..	6	
	2	..	..	..
	2	..	..	..
Total				24	24

Corpl. Patton..... 2	2	..	4		
Time 9m.	2	6	..	8	
	2	2	..	4	
	1	4	..	5	
	1	..	..	..
	2	3	..	5	
Total				26	26

Br. McGarry..... 4	..	..	..
Time, 9m. 23s.	..	6	..	..
	1	4	..	5	
	1	4	..	5	
	2	3	..	5	
Total				15	
Lost for overtime.....				1	14

Bomb. Pratt..... 2	6	2	10		
Time, 7m. 55s.	2	4	..	6	
	2	2	..	4	
	2	6	2	10	
	2	..	..	..
	1	5	..	6	
Total				36	36

Battery total..... 200

Gr. Campbell..... I	2	..	3		
Time, 8m. 13s.	1	4	..	5	
	1	6	..	7	
	1	2	..	3	
	2	5	..	7	
	2	4	..	6	
Total				31	31

Gr. Smith..... I	4	..	5		
Time 8m. 17s.	1	4	..	5	
	1	4	..	5	
	2	2	..	4	
	1	2	..	3	
	2	..	..	..
Total				22	22

	Dir.	Elev.	Hit.	Score.	Total.
Gr. Fowler..... I	4	..	5		
Time 9m.	2	2	..	4	
	2	2	..	4	
	1	4	..	5	
	2	..	..	..
	2	5	..	7	
Total				25	25

Sergt.-Maj. Wilmot 2	6	..	8		
Time 6m. 40s.	2	4	..	6	
	2	6	2	10	
	2	6	..	8	
	2	3	..	5	
	2	5	..	7	
Total				44	44

Corpl. Kenneally.. 2	..	..	..
Time 8m. 45s.	2	..	..	..
	2	6	..	8	
	..	4	..	..
	2	2	..	4	
Total				12	12

Sgt. Payne..... 2	..	..	..
Time 8m. 47s.	2	..	..	..
	2	2	..	4	
	
	2	2	..	4	
Total				8	8

Sgt. Thompson.... 2	6	..	8		
Time, 7m. 45s.	2	..	..	..
	2	..	..	..
	2	6	..	8	
	
	2	..	..	..
Total				16	16

Corpl. Hay..... 2	2	..	4		
Time, 4m. 55s.	1	4	..	5	
	1	2	..	3	
	1	2	..	3	
	2	..	..	..
	2	..	..	..
Total				15	15

Gr. Taylor..... I	..	..	..
Time 8m. 55s.	1	..	..	..
	2	4	..	6	
	2	..	..	..
	2	2	..	4	
	2	5	..	7	
Total				17	17

Sgt. Thompson.....	..	..	..
Time 13m. 8s.	1	..	..	..
	..	2	..	..
	2	2	..	4
	2	..	..	..
	2	5	..	7
Total				11

Bdr. Bryan..... I	2	..	3		
Time 11m.	2	2	..	4	
	1	4	..	5	
	..	6	..	..
	1	2	..	3	
	1	3	..	4	
Total				19	
Lost for overtime.....				4	15

Q.-M. Sgt. Spry... 2	2	..	4		
Time, 9 m. 48 s.	..	2	..	..
	1	2	..	3	
	1	6	..	7	
	
	2	4	..	6	
Total				20	
Lost for overtime.....				2	18

Battery total..... 171

	Dir.	Elev.	Hit.	Score.	Total.
Gr. Morrison..... I	4	..	5		
Time 7m. 50s.	2	4	..	8	
	2	6	..	8	
	1	4	..	5	
	2	3	..	5	
	2	..	..	..
Total				23	23

Sergt. Cummins... 2	6	..	8		
Time 9m. 27s.	1	4	..	5	
	2	2	..	4	
	1	6	..	7	
	2	..	..	..
	1	3	..	4	
Total				28	
Lost for overtime.....				1	27

Battery total..... 199

DURHAM BATTERY.

Sg.-Maj. McMahon 2	4	..	6		
Time 6m. 12s.	2	6	..	8	
	2	6	2	10	
	1	6	..	7	
	1	2	..	3	
	..	4	..	..
Total				34	34

Sgt. Hutcheson... 2	6	..	8		
Time 6m. 3s.	1	2	..	3	
	1	4	..	5	
	2	4	..	6	
	2	2	..	4	
	1	3	..	4	
Total				30	30

Gr. Lowry..... 2	2	..	4	
Time 6m. 8s.	2	..	..	..

MONTREAL BATTERY.

Dir.	Elev.	Hit.	Score.	Total.	Dir.	Elev.	Hit.	Score.	Total.
Corpl. Turner..... 2	..	..	..		Q-M.Sgt. Mowat.. 1	4	..	5	
Time 8m. 15s.	6	..	..		Time 8m. 23s.	2	4	..	6
1	..	..	..		2	2	..	4	
2	6	..	8		2	4	..	6	
2	3	1	6		2	5	..	7	
1	2	..	3		1	4	..	5	
Total				17	Total				33
Sergt. Thos. Walker 1	4	..	5		Bdr. W. J. Porteous 2	..	..	..	33
Time 8m. 11s.	1	..	..		Time 9m. 40s.	2	6	..	8
1	2	..	3		2	2	..	4	
..	6	..	..		1	6	..	7	
1	3	..	4		1	..	..	..
1	4	..	5		1	..	..	..
Total				17	Total				19
Gr. John A. Hall. .. 6	..	..	..		Lost for overtime.....				2
Time 9m. 45s.	1	4	..	5	Gr. Jas. N. Kendall 1	4	..	5	17
2	6	2	10		Time 7m. 43s.	2	4	..	6
2	..	..	..		1	6	..	7	
2	2	..	4		..	..	..	..
2	2	..	4		1	3	..	4	
Total				23	Total				26
Lost for overtime.....				2	Bdr. B.T. Holdbrook 1	..	..	..	26
Sergt. R. J. Kendall 1	2	..	3	21	Time 9m. 55s.	1	6	..	7
Time 8m. 47s.	2	6	..	8	1	2	..	3	
2	4	..	6		1	..	..	..
2	6	2	10		2	..	..	..
1	..	..	..		2	..	..	..
2	3	..	5		Total				10
Total				32	Lost for overtime.....				2
Battery total.....				171					8

The Rifle.

About a year ago, Major Power, of the 14th Batt., Kingston, as an incentive to rifle practice by the volunteers, offered for competition a handsome silver cup. It is beautifully designed and carved, and in the middle of it are figures of crossed guns. Until last week no competition for the cup occurred. But on Wednesday, 23rd inst., teams of five men each from companies "C" and "F" fired at ranges of 200, 400 and 500 yards, five shots, Snider rifles. "F" team won the prize, and if they can win it again it will be the permanent property of the company. The score stood, 251 to 229. Lieut. J. B. White was an eminently satisfactory range officer.

A rifle match for the ammunition between teams of fifteen men each from No. 6 Company of the 43rd Rifles, and No. 2 Company of the Guards, took place at the Rideau Range on Saturday afternoon, and resulted in a victory for the Riflemen by 54 points. Teams from the same companies met last year, when the Rifles won with 29 points to the good, and this was a return match in response to a challenge from the Guardsmen. The match was fired with Sniders, at 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots, and the totals by ranges were:

No. 6 Co. 43rd.... 409 389 343 1,141 No. 2 Co. Guards.. 384 409 294 1,087

The top score of the day was a 92, made by Staff-Sergt. W. T. Mason, of the 43rd, who with scarce any intervening practice has made high scoring in all such matches he has participated in this season.

Arrangements are about completed by the officers of the Ottawa Field Battery for the opening of a shooting gallery in their gun shed at the drill hall. The shed extends the whole width of the hall, so that there can be no difficulty about securing a range of the requisite length for indoor shooting. It is intended to fix a Morris tube appliance to a nine-pounder gun, so that the artillerymen may practise the use of the sights on their own weapon. The gallery will be open to the members of all the city corps, except on such special nights as may be reserved for the battery. In Montreal, where several Morris tube galleries are in operation, this indoor winter practice has become exceedingly popular, and it is expected that the gallery at Ottawa will be well patronized. The cost of the miniature cartridges used in these tubes will be about a cent a round to the competitors.

Toronto.

The Toronto Field Battery has been drilling every Wednesday for the past few weeks in preparation for the great "field day" on November 7th. About one half of the members of the corps were entered for competition at the rifle range on Saturday and attended at the ranges. The following were the scores made out of a possible 105: Staff-Sergt. Warrington 80, Quartermaster Woodman 69, Corp. Bryan 65, Gunner Taylor 63, Quartermaster Sgt. Spry 62, Gunner Eaton 45, Gunner Daily 40.

Shells from the Battery.

The Quartermaster is not as "wooden" as some would think. The Quartermaster-Sergt. is as Spry as usual. The *Daily* practice was very beneficial. The first prizeman was Warrington the bull's eye.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLE PRACTICE.

Three companies of the Queen's Own held their annual rifle matches on Saturday. It was "a cold day" for successful and unsuccessful competitors alike, for a chilling breeze blew across the Common during the entire afternoon. In order to make themselves as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, the riflemen built bonfires close to the ranges, and occasionally took advantage of the cheerful blaze to thaw out their benumbed fingers. Despite a clouded sky the light was fairly good, and so were the scores made. The matches were completed about five o'clock. The following are the prize winners:—

A Company.

General match—Open to members of the company who have performed at least fifty per cent. of the regimental drills for the current year, or for that period in which they have been members of the regiment. Ranges and positions—200 yards kneeling; 400 and 500 yards any position, with head to target. Number of rounds, five at each range.

\$15 00 Sgt. McNeill.....	64	\$5 00 Pte. McCuaig.....	42
15 00 Col.-Sgt. Kennedy.....	64	5 00 Bandsman Dermody.....	40
12 00 Corpl. Westman.....	63	4 50 Pte. Collett.....	38
10 00 Corpl. Duncan.....	60	4 00 Pte. Gilmour.....	34
9 00 Staff-Sgt. Donnelly.....	59	3 50 Pte. Thompson.....	34
9 00 Sgt. Gorrie.....	57	3 00 Pte. McNeill.....	33
8 00 Pte. Meadows.....	57	2 50 Pte. Fury.....	33
7 00 Pte. Westman.....	53	2 50 Pte. Egan.....	28
6 00 Sgt. McMaster.....	46	2 00 Pte. Matthews.....	10
5 00 Pte. Ledingham.....	42		

Married Men's match—Prize, a "baby jumper"; to be won by the married man making the highest number of inners in general match. Won by Staff-Sgt. Donnelly with eight inners.

Range Prizes—For highest individual scores at each range. 200 yards—Staff-Sgt. Donnelly 22, Pte. McNeill 21; 400 yards—Sgt. McMaster, 25, Corpl. Duncan 24; 500 yards—Sgt. McNeill 22, Col.-Sgt. Kennedy 21, Corpl. Westman 21.

Ex-Members' match.—Open to all ex-members of the company who are not members of any other corps. 1st prize—Ex-Sgt. Cooper 64.

E Company.

Nursery match.—Open to members of the company who have never won a prize at any rifle match. Ranges and positions—200 yards, kneeling; 400 yards, any, with head to target. Number of rounds at each range, five.

\$6 00 Pte. Cross.....	33	\$2 50 Pte. Browning.....	24
5 00 Pte. Lenoir.....	33	1 50 Pte. Aikens.....	23
3 00 Pte. Henderson.....	26		

General Match.—Open to all qualified members of the company.

\$20 00 Sgt. Berthon.....	57	\$6 00 Pte. Lenoir.....	33
15 00 Bugler Scott.....	55	5 00 Pte. Nugent.....	32
12 00 Corpl. Bailey.....	52	5 00 Pte. Browning.....	31
10 00 Pte. Matthews.....	50	3 00 Pte. Busted.....	29
10 00 Bugler Robertson.....	49	2 50 Pte. Clements.....	29
9 00 Corpl. Lennox.....	48	2 00 Pte. Heron.....	26
8 00 Pte. Sparrow.....	43	1 25 Pte. Parkinson.....	26
7 00 Pte. Cross.....	33		

Range prizes—For highest individual score at each range. 200 yards—Pte. Parkinson, 21. 400 yards—Bugler Scott, 20. 500 yards—Sergt. Berthon, 19.

Revolver match—Open to all members of the company. Pte. Dewar, 22; Corpl. Bailey, 20.

Morgan Challenge Cup—Presented by Mr. Harry Morgan; for highest individual score at 400 yards; to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner. Bugler Scott, 20.

Bull's Eye match—For the greatest number of bull's eyes at 200, 400 and 500 yards. Bugler Scott.

Ex-Members' match—Open to ex-members of the company, not members of any other corps at present. Ex-Pte. Miles 58, Ex-Pte. Gray 49, Ex-Sergt. Ritchie 49, Ex-Pte. Smith 38.

G Company.

Nursery match—Open to members of the company who have never won a prize at any rifle match. Ranges and position—200 yards, kneeling; 400 yards, any, with head to target. Number of rounds at each range, five.

\$6 00 Bandsman O'Donnell.....	38	\$3 00 Pte. F. C. Worthy.....	17
5 00 Pte. Wake.....	35	2 50 Pte. Acheson.....	14
3 50 Pte. E. J. Worthy.....	35	2 00 Pte. Bate.....	13
3 50 Pte. Cameron.....	30	1 50 Pte. Corson.....	11
3 25 Sgt. Cameron.....	25		

Standing match—Open to all members of the company who have performed at least fifty per cent. of the regimental drills for the current year, or for that period in which they have been members of the regiment. Range, 200 yards, standing. Number of rounds, five.

\$5.00 Sgt. N. B. Sanson.....	20	\$3.00 Corpl. J. O. Thorn.....	18
5.00 Bugler Thompson.....	20	2.00 Lt. Mercer.....	17
4.00 Pte. Wake.....	20	1.50 Pte. E. J. Worthy.....	17
4.00 Bandsman O'Donnell.....	18	One 17 counted out.	

General match—Open to all members of the company, etc.

\$25.00 Sgt. N. B. Sanson.....	62	\$4.50 Staff-Sgt. Macdonald.....	3
20.00 Lt. Mercer.....	57	4.00 Pte. Mills.....	36
17.00 Pte. Wake.....	54	4.00 Sgt. Cameron.....	36
12.50 Pte. Breckon.....	51	4.00 Pte. Garrod.....	35
10.50 Pte. Russell.....	49	3.50 Corpl. Leacock.....	34
10.00 Corpl. J. O. Thorn.....	48	2.75 Pte. Routh.....	34
7.00 Pte. E. J. Worthy.....	46	2.50 Capt. Bennett.....	34
5.00 Bds'man O'Donnell.....	44	2.00 Pte. Cameron.....	32
4.50 Bugler Thompson.....	43		

Aggregate match—For season's shooting, ten highest scores; cash prize, \$10, presented by Lieut. Mercer. Won by Sergt. N. B. Sanson with an average of 60 points.

Five highest scores over 45 points, and best attendance at battalion practices; value of prize \$10, presented by Capt. Bennett. Won by Corpl. J. O. Thorn with an average of 60.2.

Five highest scores by members of the company who have never won a prize in any battalion match; value of prize \$10, presented by Lieut. Nelson. Won by Pte. Linton with an average of 46.6.

Challenge Cup competition—Open to all members of the company who have performed at least 50 per cent. of the regimental drills for the current year, or for that period in which they have been members of the company. Scores in Standing and General matches to count. Cup presented by the Mutual Reserve Fund Assurance Company of New York. To be won twice before becoming the property of the winner. If not won within four years to be shot for finally by all previous winners. Won by Sergt. N. B. Sanson with a score of 80 points.

Montreal Match.—Open to members of the Company who were at Montreal this year with the regiment. Range and position, 200 yards, kneeling. Number of rounds, five. Scores in General Match to count: Pte. E. J. Worthy, 21; Lieut. Mercer, 19; Bandsman O'Donnell, 19; Sergt. N. B. Sanson, 19; Staff-Sergt. Macdonald, 19; Corp. J. O. Thorn, 19; Pte. Routh, 19.

Ex-Members' Match.—Open to all ex-members of the company who are not members of any other company. Ranges, 200 and 400 yards. Rounds, five at each range: Ex-Corp. Argles, 41; Ex-Sergt. Jones, 38; Sup-Sergt. Langtry, 37; Pte. J. Sanderson, 34; Ex-Staff-Sergt. Walker, 33.

Range Prizes.—For highest individual scores at each range: 200 yards, Pte. E. J. Worthy, 21; Pte. Breckon, 21. 400 yards, Sergt. Sanson, 22; Pte. Breckon, 21. 500 yards, Sergt. Sanson, 21; Lieut. Mercer, 19; Pte. Wake, 19.

"G" Company shows a higher average than any other company in the Queen's Own for the season's shooting. A large number of ex-members of the regiment were present at the ranges to watch the practice, which showed a decided improvement over any previous year.

What the Q. O. R. are Saying.

Be gorra I beat Meadows anyhow.—Sergt. Gorrie.

One point would have been worth \$50 to me.—Col.-Sergt. Kennedy.

They could not make a sandwich of me this time.—Pte. McNeill.

Nor I neither.—Sergt. McNeill.

If I had been shooting with a trombone I would have got first.—Bandsman Dermody.

Look out for the baby jumper.—Staff-Sergt. Donnelly.

The Cross gets the crown this time.—Pte. Cross.

I am not in the soup this time.—Pte. Heron.

I, said Sanson, with my military coat and pants on, I killed Cock Robin.

I am quite a Wake.

I made him Russell to beat me.—Corp. Thorn.

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The National Artillery Association.

The following is extracted from the official report made by the Commandant, School of Gunnery, to the Deputy Adjutant General, Royal Artillery, Horse Guards, on the National Artillery Association meeting at Shoeburyness, concluded on the 23rd August:—

"As regards attendance, there has been a slight falling off from the advance noted last year. The number of detachments was 160, as against 174 in 1888, and 163 in 1887. I do not think this is anything more than one of the ordinary fluctuations which must be expected. I have the satisfaction of being able to report a distinct advance in the quality of the shooting this year, and this notwithstanding the fact that the strong wind, heavy rain and indifferent light, which has prevailed on nearly every day, has been very much against good practice. An absolute comparison of figures cannot be made, as new systems of marking have been instituted this year by the National Artillery Association throughout the competitions.

"The system adopted for the shell competition has had for its object the use of the fuze as it should be on actual service, and the lessening of the element of chance, which was formerly excessive. While these advantages were obtained the conditions rendered high scoring rather more difficult. The result has been most satisfactory; blind shell have decreased from 36 per cent. to rather below 9 per cent. of the rounds fired, and the aggregate scores are higher than last year. In the plugged shell and solid shot competition the target has been founded on the probable rectangle of the guns employed, and the aggregate scores are higher. In the 10-inch M.L. competition there was a slight falling off, less, however, than might have been expected from the very adverse conditions of weather. Although there were 14 more detachments in camp last year, the entries for this competition were three more, showing how anxious the volunteer artillery are to take up the guns they will probably have to work on service. That they can, from the zeal and interest which they throw into their work, easily learn to handle unaccustomed weapons is proved from the excellence of this competition and from the fact that, although many of the detachments which entered for the 16-pr. M.L. competition had not had any long experience of the gun, and some had not even seen it before coming to the camp, the results were very good.

"The fire discipline competition was in every respect a success. It appeared at first as though it would have to be abandoned, since few of the groups who presented themselves for inspection had had sufficient opportunity of perfecting themselves in it. Major Hardy, R.A., who conducted the inspection, undertook some instructional drill, and was in a short time able to report that it could proceed. The results obtained were most creditable to all concerned. I have every hope that the competition may continue and even extend; it is in my opinion the most thoroughly practical of those which take place, and of immense value in calling the attention of officers to the system by which their action in the field must be directed and controlled. The officers competition this year was confined to practice with the 10-inch M.L. gun. It was very creditable—the winning detachment making the highest possible score and the losers 33 out of a possible 36. The repository competition was quite up to the high level of former years.

"I noticed this year a rather larger infusion of fresh non-commissioned officers and gunners than last. This is in my opinion a very important point, and I am therefore glad to understand that the Council have it in contemplation to offer next year some prizes which will encourage new attendants without prejudice to the older hands."

A fashionable wedding took place in St. James' Cathedral at Toronto on the 22nd inst., the contracting parties being Capt. MacDougall, acting adjutant of "C" Company, Infantry School Corps, and Miss Hawke, daughter of Mr. S. M. Hawke. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Canon Dumoulin officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Manning, and the groom by Lieut. Evans, of "C" Company. Among the guests present were: Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Otter, Capt. Mutton, Mrs. MacDougall, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Manning, Miss Manning, Mr. Percy Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Blackstock, Mr. and Mrs. Raynold Gamble, Misses Todd, Miss Thorburn, Miss Porter, Miss Small, Mr. Hume Blake, Dr. Strange, Major Vidal, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Alger, Mr. Walter Brough, Mr. T. D. B. Evans, Mr. English, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brough, Miss F. Dartnell, Mrs. James Morrison, Miss Smith, Mrs. Lefrey, Mr. Laurie and Miss Otter.

The Turkish war office furnished the troops sent to suppress the insurrection in Crete with cartridges which did not fit their guns.

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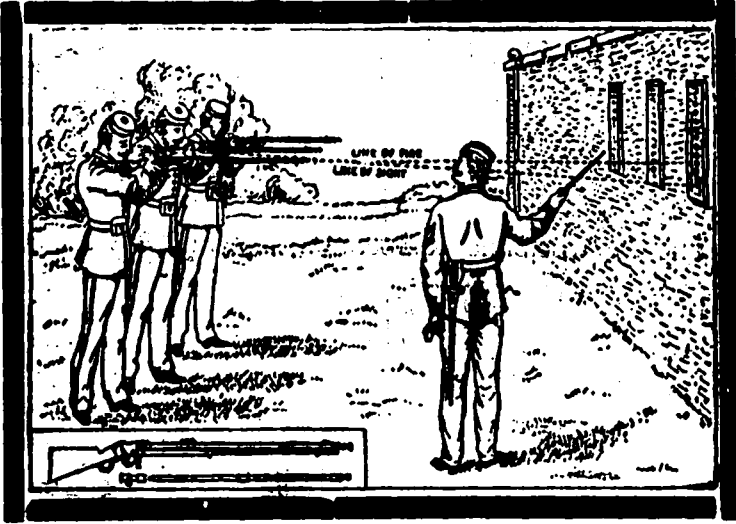
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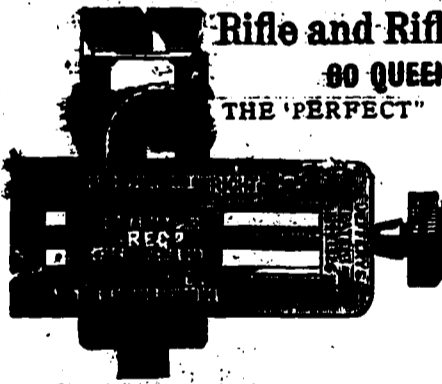
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