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## Comment and Criticism.

**P**RESSURE of matter, consequent upon publishing the prize winning scores of the Manitoba and Quebec provincial rifle matches in the present issue, has made it necessary to add two pages this week to our usual eight. The record of all important rifle matches thus preserved in the columns of the MILITIA GAZETTE has been and must continue to be found exceedingly handy and of great value for reference in the future and affords as well for the present a means of making highly interesting comparisons between the methods of the several provincial associations, and the skill of their members respectively.

**H**AVING had the opportunity of personal attendance at the Quebec provincial matches, we are enabled to supplement the scores with some interesting details of the competition, and a very full report of the proceedings at the annual business meeting of the members. It was a pleasure to be present at the Point St. Charles ranges this year. Everything in connection with the running of the matches had been admirably planned, and very little cause for fault finding was to be found. The weather was bad, but nobody saddled the executive with the responsibility for that. Many, in fact, overlooked the weather altogether and blamed instead the Snider cartridges from the Quebec factory! emphasizing their complaints by the declaration that these couldn't be expected to be much better, anyhow, so long as boys and girls were employed to fill them as at present. That is the prevalent idea about the manufacture of the cartridges, and the belief is widespread that due care is not exercised.

**T**HE executive of the P.Q.R.A. are mainly men who have had some actual personal experience in rifle shooting, and can intelligently set to work to meet the reasonable wishes of the competitors. One provision may be mentioned, by which they earned general gratitude. This was, equipping the register keepers with large blackboards, and stands upon which to place them, so that it was indeed possible for the competitor to watch his own score recorded. The range officer has to see that the scores marked on the boards tally with those on the tickets which he receives from the register keepers when each pair have finished firing. Another novelty was supplying the ammunition at the firing points. The system, upon this the first occasion we believe when it has been tried in Canada, was found to work well, and it relieved the competitors from the necessity of continually lugging round several packages of ammunition. The marking at the butts was all that could be desired. The

Bacon targets give unequalled facilities for rapid marking, and their use saves a lot of time in a large meeting.

**M**ORE courteous and obliging range officers could not be found than those selected for the Montreal meeting. The good nature displayed and the desire they evinced to remove or explain away the fancied grievances brought to their notice by the competitors, largely contributed to the happiness of the meeting. Then the statistical officers kept their work well advanced, and got out the lists with commendable promptitude. The secretary appeared to be always in his office when wanted, but nevertheless found time to do a good share of the prize scoring.

**I**N connection with the matter of statistics, a seemingly unnecessary delay in the publication of the scores of one match—the military—caused a reference at the members' meeting. There are two similar matches fired at the D.R.A. prize gathering, and they are usually completed pretty late in the day, almost in the dark sometimes. But the results are always made up the same evening, and appear in all the papers on the following morning. In Montreal, notwithstanding the fact that the skirmishing and volley firing matches were concluded at a comparatively early hour on Tuesday afternoon, the results were unknown until after the firing had commenced on Wednesday, and no morning paper was able to obtain them. Even when published the returns were incomplete, the figures given being, not the actual number of points earned on the targets, but the total remaining to the credit of the teams after an unknown number had been deducted by the officer presiding over the match, for faults which not being pointed out to the competitors are just as likely to handicap them the next time also that they compete. Secrecy in such matters always makes trouble. Complete publication would satisfy all parties, provided there was no substantial grounds for dissatisfaction. As human nature is at present constituted, and seems likely to be for some time, a man will always have a lurking suspicion that he is being wronged so long as anything he desires to be told is kept from him.

**A**NOTHER matter brought up at the members' meeting was a difficulty about getting Martini rifles with which to practise. We do not wish to enter just now into the merits of the special situation there cited. But it does seem that a better use might be made of the large stock of Martini rifles in the country than to allow them to remain locked up in the government stores. Why should they not be served out, without unnecessary formalities, to corps whose members would make good use of them. It would be some encouragement to the young fellows—and the old fellows too for that matter—if when they do spend their hard earned money in the expensive pastime of rifle shooting they might be able to practise not only with the Snider, with which they are bound to make themselves familiar so long as its use is continued in the Dominion rifle matches, but also with the superior weapon with which the country has provided itself, but which is now lying unused in the custody of the government.

MARK the contrast between the scoring made with the two rifles. For the Snider, look at the prize lists for the Quebec and Manitoba gatherings, at which the crack shots of those provinces had assembled. For the Martini see as an illustrious example, on an adjoining page in this issue, the wonderful shooting made by a team of one regiment, the 63rd of Halifax, in friendly competition against the York and Lancaster regiment. The ten men of this team, firing at 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each, made a total of 884 points, and the eight highest scored an aggregate of 717 points, or seven more than that of the mother country team this year, the highest ever made in the Kolapore cup match at Wimbledon, a match in which the team is chosen, not from a regiment or a province, but from the 2,500 crack shots of a kingdom. The performance of the 63rd battalion is a remarkable one. Nova Scotia appears to stand an excellent chance of capturing the London Merchants' Cup in the provincial team competition at Ottawa this year. This will for the first time be fired with the Martini rifle, and at Queen's ranges, 200 yards having been added to assimilate the conditions to those of the Kolapore cup match.

THE frontispiece of the September number of the *American Magazine* is a portrait of Lieut. C. F. Winter, of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, who has served with the regulars in Egypt and in the North-West expedition of 1885, and wears honorable scars as well as medals and the Khedive star. The portrait appears in connection with an interesting article on the Canadian militia, from the pen of Mr. J. Macdonald Oxley of this city, and with which appear also the portraits of a number of leading officers of the force. In noticing the article the *Magazine* says: "Since the Canadians have had to shift for themselves in military affairs, they have created a strong and effective system of militia, with a nucleus of regiments in constant service. The extent and thoroughness of this system, and the hold it has acquired in all parts of the Dominion, are surprising facts. Perhaps we may learn something from the success of our neighbors in organizing their militia so that for all practical purposes it is a unit, almost as available as a standing army."

### Personal.

This is what the correspondent of the *St. John Sun* says about the gay gallants of the Fredericton company of the Royal Infantry School Corps, in connection with the recent camp at St. Andrews:—"The Infantry School leave here to-morrow. Their departure will be regretted. The officers and men have secured the respect of the citizens of every degree. Next to the gallant Lt.-Col. Maunsell, Dr. Brown carried off the honors, being a special favorite amongst the ladies."

Lieut. B. T. A. Bell, of the 43rd battalion, met with a serious accident last week, which will incapacitate him for some time. He with two other gentlemen from Ottawa, Messrs. White and A. F. May, had been visiting the phosphate mines at Buckingham. Returning, the party got permission to make the run from the mines to Buckingham over the line of railway used for transporting the phosphate, and had a car placed at their disposal. The grade being excessively steep, the speed of the car had to be controlled in its descent by the use of brakes, but these getting out of order the car became unmanageable, and dashed at a terrific rate down the steep incline until at a sharp curve it left the rails and was brought to a stop by coming into collision with a great pile of cordwood. The shock of the collision threw the occupants a considerable distance, except Mr. White, whose leg caught between the car and the wood, and was broken and badly crushed. Mr. Bell had his arm broken in the fall and sustained other severe though not serious injuries. Mr. May singularly escaped with a few trifling bruises.

The *St. John Telegraph* has the following concerning the promotion of Capt. John S. Hall, quartermaster of the 62nd Fusiliers to the honorary rank of major, notice of which appeared in the last general orders: "This honor, it may be remarked, is justly deserved by Major Hall, as he is one of the few officers in the province who remain on the active list since the old days of the volunteer force. Major Hall took an active part in military matters when residing in England and after his arrival in St. John took active steps in raising the first volunteer company in St. John, the well remembered Havlock Rifles, which was gazetted about 1859, and of which company he afterwards became captain. He joined

the old St. John volunteer battalion, and was one of the most popular officers of that corps. He went to St. Andrews during the Fenian raid of 1866, and commanded the garrison at Campobello, and continued as a combatant officer of the battalion for some time afterwards. He was gazetted quartermaster of the 62nd in 1877. Major Hall takes a deep interest in rifle shooting, and is president of the St. John County Rifle Association."

### The Manitoba Provincial Matches.

THE annual prize meeting of the Manitoba provincial rifle association opened on Monday afternoon of last week, and continued the three following days. Below will be found details of the prize winning scores in the various matches:

#### I. NURSERY—400 YARDS—7 SHOTS.

Open to those only who have never won a prize of \$5 or upwards at any previous meeting of the association.

\$10 Pte Walter McKay, 90th . . . . . 30	\$3 John J Mackenzie . . . . . 24
8 Pte J C Warren, 90th . . . . . 28	3 Corpl S J Smith, 90th . . . . . 22
6 J H Watson . . . . . 27	2 W D Farquhar . . . . . 22
5 Staff-Sergt T W Taylor, 91st . . . . . 27	2 Pte Wm Haliburton, 90th . . . . . 21
5 Pte H L Brown, S M I . . . . . 26	2 Pte P R Lamb, 91st . . . . . 21
5 L Q M Sergt Buckley, S M I . . . . . 26	2 Sergt Norman, S M I . . . . . 20
4 Sergt J Ingram, S M I . . . . . 25	2 Pte D McLean, 91st . . . . . 20
4 Pte F H Allandyce, 90th . . . . . 25	2 Thos Kean . . . . . 20
4 Pte J D Scott, 90th . . . . . 25	2 Color-Sergt Eadie, 90th . . . . . 20
3 John Mason . . . . . 24	2 C W Huffman . . . . . 20

#### 2. THE LADIES' PRIZES—200 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Open to all lady members of the association, who can become members on payment of \$1, and may nominate gentlemen members to compete for them. Prizes in kind. The first, Mayor Jones' cup, to be the property of the lady winning it three times through her representative.

Miss Davis—Sergt Garbutt . . . . . 33	Miss Bedson—Lt Ingram . . . . . 30
Mrs Norman—Sergt Norman . . . . . 32	" Clarke—F H Allardyce . . . . . 30
Miss Kean—Thos Kean . . . . . 32	Mrs Schultz—Major Bedson . . . . . 30
Mrs Huston—Col Sergt T Huston . . . . . 31	" Houghton—Major Bell . . . . . 30
Miss Anderson—T A Anderson . . . . . 31	" M C Clarke—M C Clarke . . . . . 30
Mrs J Lamb—J Lamb . . . . . 31	Miss Campbell—T Huston . . . . . 30
" P R Lamb—P R Lamb . . . . . 31	Mrs W H Cullin—Sergt Cullin . . . . . 30
" D H McMillan—Capt Bruce . . . . . 31	Miss Baxter—Geo Baxter . . . . . 30
Miss Macklin—Sergt Macklin . . . . . 31	Mrs H Harris—D Harris . . . . . 30
Mrs Green—Sergt Dade . . . . . 31	Mrs McLean—D McLean . . . . . 30
Miss Buchan—Major Buchan . . . . . 31	" Bleasdel—Staff-Sergt Bleasdel . . . . . 30
" McLeod—Capt Sheppard . . . . . 30	Miss J Bedson—John Brown . . . . . 30
Mrs. McKay—Walter McKay . . . . . 30	Mrs McGregor—P McGregor . . . . . 30
Miss Brown—Thos Brown . . . . . 30	Miss Annie Daniels—Mr J C Warren . . . . . 29
Mrs Buchan—Dr Sutherland . . . . . 30	Mrs W H Rose—J H Rose . . . . . 29
Miss Gill—C Gill . . . . . 30	" J Mackenzie—J Mackenzie . . . . . 29
Mrs Smith—J McDiarmid . . . . . 30	" McIntyre—A McIntyre . . . . . 29

#### 3. CITIZENS' MATCH—200 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Cup, open only to residents of military district No. 10, to become property of member winning it twice.

Cauchon cup and \$15, G W Murray . . . . . 30	\$2 T Parker . . . . . 27
90th . . . . . 30	2 Pte P R Lamb, 91st . . . . . 27
\$10 Color-Sergt Huston 91st . . . . . 30	2 Pte H Warren, 90th . . . . . 27
7 Tr M C Clarke, T of C . . . . . 28	2 Pte R Macklin, 90th . . . . . 26
5 Major Bell . . . . . 28	2 Isaac Riley . . . . . 26
4 R J McDiarmid 90th . . . . . 28	2 Sergt Buckley, S M I . . . . . 26
4 J H Dennis, S M I . . . . . 28	2 Thos Kean . . . . . 26
3 Sergt T Dade, 91st . . . . . 28	2 Lt A McIntyre, 91st . . . . . 26
3 Pte P McGregor . . . . . 27	2 Pte John Lamb, 90th . . . . . 26
2 Capt W H Bruce . . . . . 27	2 Pte D McLean, 91st . . . . . 26
2 Major Bedson, 91st . . . . . 27	

#### 4. LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S MATCH—500 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

The cup to be the property of the resident of No. 10 military district winning it twice.

Lt-Gov's cup and \$15, Lt D Huston, . . . . . 31	\$2 Capt C Graburn, 91st . . . . . 26
91st . . . . . 31	2 Stf-Sergt K Graburn, 91st . . . . . 25
\$10 Sergt W H Cullin, 90th . . . . . 30	2 Lt R C Brown, 95th . . . . . 25
7 Pte G W Murray, 90th . . . . . 30	2 Pte Lamb, M R A . . . . . 25
5 Sergt Macklin, 90th . . . . . 28	2 John Mason, M R A . . . . . 24
4 Gr A G Barnhart, W F B . . . . . 28	2 Pte E A Griffith, 90th . . . . . 24
4 S Sergt D McEwen, 90th . . . . . 27	2 Pte J C Warren, 90th . . . . . 24
3 Lt A McIntyre, 91st . . . . . 27	2 Lt-Col Houghton, DAG . . . . . 24
3 Major W R Bell (retired) . . . . . 27	2 Col-Sergt W M Huston, 91st . . . . . 24
2 Stf Sergt T Dade, 91st . . . . . 26	2 Pte P McGregor, 95th . . . . . 24
2 Pte Geo Barber, 91st . . . . . 26	

#### 5. HUDSON BAY CO. MATCH—600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Cup to be the property of resident of No. 10 military district winning it twice.

Hudson Bay cup and \$15, Sergt C . . . . . 28	\$2 Pte A C Matheson, 90th . . . . . 21
Garbutt, S M I . . . . . 28	2 Major Bell, retired . . . . . 21
\$10 Capt Balfour, retired . . . . . 28	2 Major Buchan, S M I . . . . . 20
7 Corpl C A C Anderson, S M I . . . . . 28	2 Corpl S J Smith, 90th . . . . . 20
5 Pte E A Griffith, 90th . . . . . 27	2 Major Bedson, 91st . . . . . 20
4 Lt D G Sutherland, 91st . . . . . 26	2 Sergt R Macklin, 90th . . . . . 20
4 Capt W H Bruce, 95th . . . . . 25	2 Pte Thos Hudson, 95th . . . . . 20
3 Lt R C Brown, 95th . . . . . 23	2 Lce-Sergt A W Bleasdel, 91st . . . . . 20
3 Robt Adamson, M R A . . . . . 22	2 Corpl W H Frinston, 90th . . . . . 20
2 John Mason, M R A . . . . . 21	2 Capt Wastie, 95th . . . . . 20
2 Pte Walter McKay, 90th . . . . . 21	

6. SCHULTZ TROPHY MATCH—MEMBERS' AGGREGATE.

Aggregate of scores in competitions 3, 4 and 5. The trophy to be the property of the resident of military district No. 10 winning it three times.

Trophy and \$20, Major W R Bell, retired.....	76	\$3 Lt A McIntyre, 91st.....	67
\$15 Pte G W Murray, 90th.....	76	3 Pte W Lamb, 91st.....	66
12 E A Griffith, 90th.....	74	3 Lt David Huston, 91st.....	66
10 Sergt R Macklin, 90th.....	74	3 Col-Sergt D McEwen, 90th.....	65
8 Capt Balfour, 90th.....	73	2 John J Mackenzie, M R A.....	64
7 Col-Sergt Wm Huston, 91st.....	72	2 Thos Kean, M R A.....	64
7 Col-Sergt W H Cullin, 90th.....	71	2 Maj S L Bedson, 91st.....	62
7 Staff-Sergt T Dade, 91st.....	71	2 Sergt D Brundrit, 90th.....	62
7 Capt W H Bruce, 95th.....	70	2 Peter Lamb, M R A.....	62
7 Lt R C Brown, 95th.....	70	2 Pte John Lamb, 90th.....	61
7 Pte Thos Hutson.....	70	2 Lt Sutherland, 91st.....	60
5 Pte P McGregor, 95th.....	69	2 Capt Wastie, 95th.....	60
5 Pte J C Warren, 90th.....	68	2 W R Adamson, M R A.....	59
5 Staff-Sergt A W Bleasdel, 91st.....	67	2 Major L Buchan, S M I.....	59
5 Tr M C Clarke, T of C.....	67	2 John Hunter, M R A.....	59
5 Staff-Sergt K Graburn, 91st.....	67	2 Lt-Col Houghton, D A G.....	59
3 Pte Geo Baxter, 91st.....	67	2 Col-Sergt Norman, S M I.....	59
		2 John Mason, M R A.....	59

7. PATRON'S CUP MATCH—MARTINI.

First Stage—600 yards, 7 shots.

\$20 Sergt R Macklin, 90th.....	27	\$3 Lt A McIntyre, 91st.....	21
15 Col-Sergt Wm Huston, 91st.....	26	3 Sergt D Brundrit, 90th.....	21
10 Pte G W Murray, 90th.....	25	3 Sergt P Whimster.....	20
5 Pte W Lamb, 91st.....	25	3 Gr A G Barnhart, W F B.....	20
5 Capt Balfour, retired.....	24	2 Lt R C Brown, 95th.....	20
5 Capt W H Bruce, 95th.....	23	2 Sergt S Gabrilt, S M I.....	19
5 Capt C Graburn, 91st.....	22	2 Capt Wm Sheppard, 95th.....	19
5 Major Buchan, S M I.....	22	2 Pte Thos Huston, 95th.....	19
3 Sergt J Ingram, S M I.....	21	2 Staff-Sergt K Graburn, 91st.....	18
3 Pte H L Brown.....	21		

Second Stage—1,000 yards, 7 shots.

Open to winners in first stage. Two sighting shots allowed.

Patron's Cup, Col-Sergt W M Huston, 91st.....	28
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8. ASSOCIATION MATCH.

200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots. The Association cup and Forrest cup to become the property of the association or individual winning them twice.

Team Prizes.

1. Association cup and \$25 Rifle Association.	Manitoba			
Lt D Huston.....	26	21	31	78
Pte John Lamb.....	27	28	22	77
Gr A G Barnhart.....	22	20	30	72
Pte Geo Baxter.....	27	27	17	71
Pte Jas McDiarmid.....	29	22	13	64
Totals.....	131	118	113	362

2. \$20, Winnipeg Rifle Range Co.				
Tr M C Clarke.....	32	25	25	82
Capt Balfour.....	29	24	19	72
S S Kennon.....	25	20	25	70
Major Bell.....	28	20	21	69
Capt W H Bruce.....	28	17	15	60
Totals.....	142	106	105	353

3. \$15, 91st Battalion.				
S-Sgt A W Bleasdel.....	31	29	24	84
S-Sgt K Graburn.....	32	28	20	80
S-Sgt T Dade.....	26	18	25	69
Lt A McIntyre.....	27	20	16	63
C-Sgt W M Huston.....	27	13	11	51
Totals.....	143	108	96	347

4. \$10, Portage la Prairie Rifle Ass.				
Pte D McLean.....	26	24	26	76
John J McKenzie.....	28	22	24	74
Lt R C Brown.....	29	29	9	67
John Hunter.....	15	22	24	61
Sergt T Whimster.....	22	24	13	59
Totals.....	120	121	96	337

5. \$5, 90th Battalion.				
Sgt W H Cullen.....	29	26	25	80
Pte G W Murray.....	28	23	19	70
Sgt R Macklin.....	27	20	14	61
Pte J C Warren.....	24	20	14	58
Pte E A Griffith.....	23	17	8	48
Totals.....	131	106	80	317

Individual Prizes.

Forrest Cup and \$15, Staff-Sergt A W Bleasdel, 91st.....	84	\$2 Gr Barnhart, W F B.....	72
\$10 Tr M C Clark, W T C.....	82	2 Pte Wm Halyburton, 90th.....	72
7 Sergt W H Cullen, 90th.....	80	2 Capt. Balfour, retired.....	72
5 Staff-Sergt K Graburn, 91st.....	80	2 Pte Geo Baxter, 91st.....	71
4 Lieut David Huston, 91st.....	78	2 Thos. Kean, W R A.....	70
4 Pte Wm Lamb, 91st.....	78	2 S S Kennon, W R R Co.....	70
4 Pte P Lamb, 91st.....	77	2 Pte G W Murray, 90th.....	70
4 Pte John Lamb, 90th.....	77	2 Staff-Sergt Thos Dade, 91st.....	69
4 Pte D McLean, 95th.....	76	2 Major W R Bell, R.....	69
3 Staff-Sergt T W Taylor, 91st.....	76	2 W Cox, M R A.....	67
3 Major Buchan, S M I.....	76	2 Lieut R C Brown, 95th.....	67
3 Pte Hutson, 95th.....	75	2 Capt C Graburn, 91st.....	65
3 Capt Wm Shepherd, 95th.....	74	2 Pte P. McGregor, 95th.....	64
3 John J MacKenzie, M R A.....	74	2 Pte Jas McDiarmid, 95th.....	64
2 Capt Thos Wastie, 95th.....	74	2 G C Jones, M R A.....	63

9. BEDSON TROPHY MATCH.

200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots. The Bedson trophy to be the property of team winning it three times; the Stephen cup and Holt cup to become property of the team or individual respectively winning them twice.

Battalion prizes.

1. Bedson trophy and \$20—90th Batt.		2. \$16—91st Batt.	
Sergt R Macklin.....	78	Staff-Sergt Bleasdel.....	75
Pte Jas McDiarmid.....	74	Sergt W M Huston.....	74
Pte E A Griffith.....	73	Sergt K Graburn.....	72

1. 90th Batt.—Continued.

Pte G W Murray.....	65
Pte Walter McKay.....	61
Pte John Lamb.....	59
Sergt D Brundrit.....	57
Sergt W H Cullin.....	55
Total.....	576

The other team scores were:

Ninety-fifth Batt.....	488
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Company prizes.

1. Stephen cup and \$10—F Co., 90th.	
Pte McDiarmid.....	74
Pte Murray.....	65
Pte Hallyburton.....	64
Pte Allardyce.....	48
Total.....	251

3. \$8—A Co., 91st Batt.

Staff-Sergt K Graburn.....	72
Pte P R Lamb.....	64
Lt A McIntyre.....	55
Pte Wm Lamb.....	49
Total.....	240

5. \$4—E Co., 90th Batt.

Pte E A Griffith.....	73
Corpl S J Smith.....	68
Corpl Funston.....	46
Pte A C Matheson.....	45
Total.....	232

Individual Prizes.

Holt cup and \$10, Sergt Macklin, 90th.....	78
\$15 S-Sergt A W Bleasdel, 91st.....	75
10 C-Sergt W M Huston, 91st.....	74
8 Pte Jas McDiarmid, 90th.....	74
6 Pte E A Griffith, 90th.....	73
4 S-Sergt K Graburn, 91st.....	72
4 Tr Clarke, W F C.....	70
4 Capt Balfour, R.....	69
4 Capt W H Bruce, 95th.....	68
4 Capt Thos Wastie, 95th.....	68
3 Corpl S J Smith, 90th.....	68
3 Pte G L Warren, 90th.....	67
3 Capt Wm Sheppard, 95th.....	66
3 Pte Thos Huston, 95th.....	66
2 Capt J Harris, R.....	66

2. 91st Batt.—Continued.

Lt D Huston.....	63
Staff-Sergt Thos Dade.....	56
Lt McIntyre.....	55
Pte W Lamb.....	49
Capt C Graburn.....	46
Total.....	490

Mounted Infantry School.....	407
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2. \$10—A Co., 90th.

Sergt Macklin.....	78
Pte John Lamb.....	59
Sergt McEwen.....	59
Sergt Rieder.....	46
Total.....	242

4. \$6—C Co. 91st.

Staff-Sergt A W Bleasdel.....	75
Lt D Huston.....	63
Staff-Sergt T Dade.....	56
Capt Graburn.....	46
Total.....	240

The scores of other competing teams were:

Mounted Infantry School.....	231
C Co. 95th.....	225
D Co. 95th.....	206

10. MILITIA GRAND AGGREGATE.

Of scores in "Members Aggregate" No. 6, Association No. 8 and Battalion match No. 9. Brydges cup to be property of member winning it three times.

1 N R A medal; gold badge of M R A and Brydges cup, Staff-Sergt A W Bleasdel, 91st.....	226
2 Governor-General's silver medal and silver badge of M R A, Staff-Sergt Graburn, 91st.....	219
3 Governor-General's bronze medal and silver badge of M R A, Tr Clarke, W F C.....	219
4 D R A silver medal and silver badge of M R A, Capt Balfour, R L.....	214
5 M R A silver medal and silver badge, Sergt Macklin, 90th.....	213
M R A bronze medals and silver badges:	
6 Pte T Huston, 95th.....	211
7 Pte G Murray, 90th.....	211
M R A silver badges:	
8 Major Bell, retired.....	209
9 Lieut D Huston, 91st.....	207
10 Sergt W H Cullin, 90th.....	206

The next aggregates were:

11 Capt Wastie, 95th.....	202	16 Pte John Lamb, 90th.....	197
12 Major Buchan, S M I.....	201	17 Capt W Shepherd, 95th.....	196
13 Capt Bruce, 95th.....	198	18 Pte Geo Baxter, 91st.....	196
14 Lieut A C Brown, 95th.....	108	19 Sergt Thos Dade, 91st.....	196
15 Staff-Sergt Huston, 91st.....	197	20 Pte E A Griffith, 90th.....	195

The first eight of these who attend, to constitute the team to represent the province at the meeting of the Dominion rifle association, which opens at Ottawa on August 29th. The full strength of the team is ten, but the remaining places will be filled by Gillies and Mitchell.

The above twenty were eligible for competition for the Bell cup presented by Major W. R. Bell, and to be won three times before becoming absolute property. This competition was at 800 and 900 ranges, seven shots at each. The trophy was won by Major Buchan, with the good score of 54, consisting of 28 at 800 and 26 at 900 yards.

12.—CONSOLATION MATCH.

Open to members of the association who had not won prizes at the meeting above the aggregate value of \$10. 400 yards, seven shots.

\$8 Capt Sheppard, 95th.....	33	\$2 Pte Geo Baxter, 91st.....	29
6 Capt C Graburn, 91st.....	31	2 Isaac Riley, S M R A.....	29
5 J J Mackenzie.....	31	2 Peter Lamb, M R A.....	29
5 H L Brown, S M I.....	31	2 G C Jones, M R A.....	29
4 Lt W R Dow, 91st.....	31	2 D Farquhar, M R A.....	29
4 L-Corpl G G Anderson, S M I.....	31	2 C W Hoffman, M R A.....	29
3 Thos Kean, M R A.....	30	2 John Hunter, M R A.....	29
3 Pte A C Matheson, 90th.....	30	2 Q-M. Sergt Buckley, S M I.....	29
2 John Parker, M R A.....	30	2 Major S L Bedson, 95th.....	29
2 Sergt. Ingram, S M I.....	30	2 Pte. P R Lamb, 91st.....	29

## 18. REVOLVER MATCH.

\$7 Major Bedson, 91st.....	30	\$3 Capt Harris, Moosomin, R A ...	24
6 M C Clarke.....	29	3 Dr Sutherland, retired.....	21
5 Major W R Bell, retired.....	27	2 Major Forrest.....	18
4 Capt W H Bruce, 95th.....	26	2 Major Buchan, S M I.....	18
4 Lt-Col Houghton, D A G....	25	2 Thos Kean, M R A....	17

The prize lists for matches 13 to 17, all extra series, have not come to hand in time for insertion in this issue.

## Quebec's Annual Rifle Matches.

THE results of the first day's shooting in the nineteenth annual matches of the Quebec provincial rifle association were published in our issue of last week, with the exception of the military competitions, the scores of which were made up too late for insertion, and consequently appear below in conjunction with those of the matches fired subsequently:

## Tuesday.

## 3RD MATCH—MILITARY.

Great interest was taken in the military matches, for which the entries reached the high total of fifteen teams, of five men each. That is the teams were all supposed to comprise that number. But the 43rd Batt., whose entry had been made in the expectation of having the full complement of men upon the ground, found themselves with only four present, and not to be done out of the afternoon's practice, these four had the intrepidity to enter. And they shot to some purpose, too, taking fourth place in the skirmishing match, with only seven points less than the first prize winner. The four deserve honorable mention. They were: Major W. P. Anderson, Capt. J. Wright, Staff-Sergt. W. A. Jamieson, and Color-Sergt. Jas. Fairbairn.

## First Series—Skirmishing.

The rounds, fired advancing and retiring at distances between 500 and 200 yards. Targets, 4 ft. by 2 ft. 6 in., exposed 15 seconds at a time.

\$30 Fifth Royal Scots.....	72
25 Eighth Royal Rifles, first team.....	71
20 Third V. R. C.....	70
15 Forty-third Batt.....	65

## Second Series—Volley Firing.

Five rounds at 300 yards, kneeling.

\$20 Fifth Royal Scots.....	54
15 Sixth Fusiliers, first team.....	52
10 Sixth Fusiliers, second team.....	50

## Wednesday, 10th August.

To the uninitiated the weather on Wednesday appeared delightful. True it was a bit warm, but then there was a freshening breeze. The riflemen, however, were anything but grateful for the breeze. As on the previous day, it blew from the rear, and was of the fishtail variety, the most trying of all. No ordinary skill could accurately gauge it, and the windage allowance which gave a bull's eye for one shot, would place the next bullet in the outer edge, or perhaps cause the dust to be observed at one side, while the target remained upright. There was but one match timed for this day, besides the extra series, which went on as usual. This one was the Active Militia and Battalion, for teams and individuals, seven shots each range, at 200, 500 and 600 yards. By special invitation a squad of twelve marines from the French warship *Minerve* attended under Lieut. Boudreau, and took part in the match, entering two teams. Great attention was paid to the visitors, and their rifle was also examined with much interest. This is a magazine rifle, the Wrendl. Its barrel and every portion of the metal is polished, in marked contrast to the smoked barrels and sights adopted in the British service. Some blackened the sights before firing, but others took a pride in polishing up every part until it shone like a mirror. The rifles are repeaters, carrying altogether in the stock and chambers nine rounds. The rifling is heavy and the bullet about the size of the Martini-Henry. The charge is a trifle smaller. The rifle is considerably heavier than the British weapons, and the breach much more complicated. Peep sights are used and windage allowance is made by canting. The Frenchmen's shooting was, on the whole, poor. One, Doll, managed to put in 33 out of 35 at 500 yards, and was very heartily cheered for his performance by the large number of spectators who had gathered about the visitors.

The Frenchmen take great stock in the facilities for rapid firing supposed to be afforded by reason of the adoption of the magazine principle. Their officers having expressed a desire to have a test in this respect, Seaman Doll and Capt. Harkom of the 54th were chosen to compete against each other to demonstrate the rapid firing capabilities of the arms. Doll to use a Wrendl, fully loaded, at the commencement, with nine cartridges, and Harkom to use the Martini. The competition was to last three minutes, the number of shots fired and points recorded on the target both to count. The result was that Captain Harkom fired 35 shots, making 39 points, while Seaman Doll fired 31 shots, and made only 16 points. The details of the scores were:

Capt. Harkom, 35 shots.		Seaman Doll, 31 shots.	
Two bull's eyes.....	10	Two inners.....	8
One inner.....	4	Two magpies.....	6
Three magpies.....	9	One outer.....	2
Eight outers.....	16		
Total.....	39	Total.....	16

## 4. ACTIVE MILITIA AND BATTALION MATCH.

200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots, with Snider rifles.

## Team Prizes.

1. 6th Fusiliers, \$30.				2. 60th Battalion, \$25.					
Pte. Lavers.....	26	27	25	78	Pte. Stanton.....	29	25	23	77
Pte. Riddle.....	26	26	24	76	Capt. Jameson.....	29	21	18	68
Pte. Ward.....	28	26	21	75	Lieut. Beattie.....	25	20	22	67
Sergt. Marks.....	29	24	21	74	Sergt. Sweet.....	24	26	16	66
Sergt. D. Currie.....	39	24	18	72	Pte. Russell.....	30	25	11	66
Pte. T. Scott.....	19	18	20	57	Capt. Whitman.....	27	18	20	65
Totals.....	157	145	129	431	Totals.....	164	135	110	409

## 3. Montreal Garrison Artillery, \$15.

Sergt. Wilson.....	28	30	22	80
Gr. Drysdale.....	33	26	26	75
Sergt. Bell.....	28	14	22	64
Staff-Sergt. Cooper.....	24	19	19	62
Gr. Sharpe.....	29	23	10	62
Sergt. Dowker.....	18	23	19	60
Totals.....	150	135	118	403

Other team scores were as follows:

Victoria Rifles.....	161	118	117	396
Fifth Royal Scots.....	142	127	104	393
Gov.-Gen's Foot Guards.....	162	136	76	374
Eighth Royal Rifles.....	162	123	77	362

## 4. Prince of Wales Rifles, \$10.

Lieut. Abbott.....	27	23	24	74
Pte. Kough.....	29	25	18	72
Pte. McAfee.....	27	20	22	69
Staff-Sergt. Ross.....	28	20	20	68
Color-Sergt. McCrae.....	29	21	15	65
Capt. Henshaw.....	26	13	16	55
Totals.....	166	122	115	403

By their score in the above competition, the Sixth Fusiliers secured the custody of the City of Montreal Jubilee Challenge Trophy, presented by the corporation, on the occasion of Her Majesty's jubilee, to the Montreal brigade of active militia, for annual competition at the matches of the P.Q.R.A. The trophy to be awarded to the Montreal corps whose team made the highest score in the Active Militia Match, and to be held by the commanding officer for the year, and returned to the association in good order before the 1st August following.

In the shooting between the first and second teams of *La Minerve* for the cup offered by the association, the former won the prize by 102 points. The special individual prize winners, being the six highest scorers amongst the twelve visitors competing, were as follows:

\$10 Doll.....	65	\$4 Bugron.....	45
7 Hoc.....	56	3 Bataille.....	41
5 Joassim.....	54	2 Manuel.....	30

## Individual Prizes.

\$30 Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, Guards..	30	22	29	81	\$4 Pte. Ward, 6th.....	28	26	21	75
25 Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A....	28	26	27	81	4 Pte. Kimmerly, 49th.....	29	26	20	75
*Dolan cup and \$20, Sergt. Wilson, M.G.A.....	28	30	22	80	4 Lieut. Abbott, 1st.....	27	23	24	74
15 Sergt. Doyle, 53rd.....	27	25	26	78	4 Capt. Newton, 5th.....	25	27	22	74
10 Pte. Lavers, 6th.....	26	27	25	78	4 Sergt. Marks, 6th.....	29	24	21	74
8 Sergt. Johnson, 85th.....	27	25	25	77	4 Col.-Sergt. Fairbairn, 43rd.....	27	27	10	74
8 Pte. O. S. Stanton, 60th.....	29	25	23	77	4 Corpl. Pratt, Mon Eng.....				73
5 Capt. Wright, 43rd.....	28	30	19	77	4 Lt.-Col. Miller, 8th.....	27	26	20	73
5 Pte. Morrison, Guards.....	27	22	27	76	4 Capt. Thomas, 54th.....	29	26	18	73
5 Pte. Holtby.....	26	24	26	76	4 Major Anderson, 43rd.....	28	20	24	72
5 Pte. J. Riddle, 6th.....	26	26	24	76	4 Pte. Waters, 6th.....	29	20	23	72
5 Pte. T. Robert, 60th.....	23	26	26	75	4 Major Todd, Guards.....	28	25	19	72
5 Gr. Drysdale, M.G.A.....	23	26	26	75	4 S.-Sergt. Jamieson, 43rd.....	25	29	18	72
5 S.-Sergt. Brocklesby, 3rd.....	29	20	26	75	4 Pte. R. Kough, 1st.....	29	25	18	72
5 Pte. D. Smith, 5th.....	29	20	26	75	4 Sergt. Currie, 6th.....	29	24	18	71
5 Capt. Hood, 5th.....	27	25	23	75	4 Lieut. Spearing, 53rd.....	27	27	17	71
5 Pte. Clarke, 53rd.....	27	25	23	75	4 Pte. J. Scott, 6th.....	25	26	19	70
					4 Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	29	24	17	70

\* The Dolan cup, which if won twice in five years becomes the property of the person so winning it, is open only to competitors who are members of the active militia of the province of Quebec. Col.-Sergt. Mailleue and Staff-Sergt. Ogg being Ontario men, could not therefore take it.

## THE MEMBERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the competitors had been set down to take place at 10.30 on Wednesday morning, in the shade tent, but as the targets were at that hour all open for extra series, the competitors preferred to be at the firing points, and gave the shade tent a wide berth. There was consequently no meeting.

The annual business meeting of the members opened at eleven o'clock. Lieut.-Col. McEachern, C.M.G., was in the chair, and amongst others present were Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, C.M.G., Lieut.-Cols. VanStraubenzie, Fraser, and Brosseau, Majors Bond and Blaiklock, Capts. Hood, Newton, Ibbotson, Sims and Starke, Lieuts. Vaughan and Chambers.

The election of officers being proceeded with the president, Hon. Sir A. P. Caron was re-elected, as were also the following vice-presidents: Lieut.-Cols. McEachern, Ouimet and Miller, and Capt. Trenholme. The elective members of the council were chosen as follows: Lt.-Cols. Brosseau, Martin and Kowe; Majors Bond, Moorehouse and Blaiklock; Capts. Sims and Busted.

## THE PROPOSED NEW RANGES.

Lieut.-Col. Fraser said that as the levee now being built as a protection against the annual floods was to extend across the Point St. Charles rifle ranges and render them useless as such, it would be interesting to hear what had been done in the way of providing new ranges.

Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzie thereupon explained that a great deal of correspondence had been going on with the government at Ottawa on this subject. The committee entrusted with looking out for a site, had reported a suitable one at Cote St. Paul. The present proprietor would not rent the property, but offered to sell it, fixing \$18,000 as his price. It was a question if the government would make the purchase. If not then it would be for the association to decide whether it could form a syndicate to buy the range. As for the distance, he had no doubt that a line of busses would connect at the termination of the street railway service, so that the competitors would be nearly as well off as at present.

Lt.-Col. Fraser said the committee had viewed a great number of proposed sites, both below and above Montreal, and that at Cote St. Paul had been found preferable to all the rest.

Capt. Hood pointed out that at this place there could, if desired, be provided a range as long as 1,200 yards, or certainly 1,000 yards clear, a matter of great importance.

## THE UNSYMPATHETIC PUBLIC.

Major Bond introduced the subject of the interest shown by the public in the matches, the gradual lessening of which he said caused a good deal of anxiety to the council. It had been a question whether the public presentations should take the form of a field day, in the afternoon, or take place at night. But whatever time was fixed upon, it only needed the hearty co-operation of the members to make the affair a success. He hoped this would be given, as without thus arousing the interest of the public the necessary funds to carry on the prize meetings could not be got.

## LONDON MERCHANTS' CUP BADGES.

Lt.-Col. Miller, 8th R.R., inquired if anything had been done about the presentation of badges to the London Merchants Cup team.

Major Blaiklock, the secretary, answered in the negative. At Ottawa last season an effort had been made to get them, but it was unsuccessful, and he supposed that Quebec would now have to provide the badges.

Lt.-Col. Fraser said the province had done this four years ago.

MANAGEMENT OF THE MATCHES.

Lt.-Col. Fraser invited comment on the management of the matches. Capt. Sims thought there was a great improvement this year. Lieut. Chambers thought a change should be made in the regulations so that officers should be allowed to go along with their teams when skirmishing and direct them, as they would on service. This had been allowed at Ottawa. Capt. Hood supported Lieut. Chambers' contention. He had accompanied and coached his team on the previous day, and had since been surprised to learn that in so doing he transgressed the rules. He invariably accompanied his team when skirmishing at Ottawa. A motion providing for the desired change was then made by Lieut. Chambers, seconded by Capt. Hood, and adopted.

UNLIMITED TEAM ENTRIES.

Capt. Brown, 54th, suggested that in the military matches each corps should be allowed to enter one team only. The absence of a limitation in this respect he thought was unfair to corps that had not facilities for entering a number of teams as those in the city had.

Lieut.-Col. Fraser referred to and supported the contention recently made in the MILITIA GAZETTE, that as many teams as possible should be induced to enter for these matches, on account of the valuable practice and experience which they afforded.

Capt. Sims thought it would be a great mistake to limit the number of teams. Were this done, in place of finding fifteen or twenty men practising for the skirmishing teams as at present in some corps, only the five or six best men would take any interest in such shooting, and the same squad would enter every time.

Capt. Hood urged that all teams entered in these matches should compete simultaneously, as some were bound to have advantages over others when firing at separate times and at different distances, as at present.

Lieut.-Col. Fraser said it would have been impossible to have them all fire simultaneously on the present range, whatever arrangements might be made on the new one.

LET THERE BE LIGHT.

Major Anderson, 43rd battalion, saw no reason why the scores in the skirmishing matches should not be sent up to the statistical officer as soon as each squad had finished firing. If any points were deducted for volley firing, the squads should know of it at once, and not several weeks after.

Capt. Sims agreed with Major Anderson. The executive officer had the previous day taken off points from the scores of some of the teams. These should know how many they had lost and for what reasons the deductions had been made.

Lt.-Col. Fraser, the statistical officer, being appealed to, said the executive officer, Lt.-Col. Mattice, had when giving him the paper containing the scores, told him to publish the net results.

Capt. Sims said it would prove instructive to the teams to have the information asked for, and would help to prevent a repetition of the offences for which points were deducted.

Major Anderson said that in every other match the competitors knew the result as soon as it was finished. There was no good reason in the world to prevent them knowing exactly what they had done in these military matches.

THE ISSUE OF MARTINI.

Capt. Brown, 54th, asked that the association as such should bring some pressure to bear so that the rural corps would not be put to so much trouble to get Martini rifles with which to practise. He complained that before any of these were issued to corps the commanding officer had to make himself, his heirs and assigns, responsible for the entire value.

Capt. Sims said all regiments were alike in that respect.

Capt. Harkon, 54th, said that the lieutenant-colonel commanding that battalion did not care to and would not make himself and his heirs responsible. Country corps were as a rule poor, and could not assume such responsibilities. The captain of a company was given charge of its arms and accoutrements by virtue of being gazetted, and he thought that the extra rifles required for Martini practice should be issued upon the same footing as the others.

Capt. Trenholme, 58th, sympathized with the former speakers. He had lost his lieutenant from the Coaticook company, he having gone over to the 53rd simply because he could not get Martini rifles. Capt. Trenholme also objected to the extra change for post entries, as bearing unjustly upon country competitors, but the Secretary pointed out that the privilege of making entries in blank did away with the objection raised.

THE COMPETITORS HEARD FROM.

A number of competitors having strayed into the tent while the members' meeting was in progress, it was intimated when business had been finished that if these had anything to suggest they would be gladly heard.

Pte. D. Smith, 5th R. S., inquired what had been done about the Dolan cup and the dispute as to its possession for the past year. Lt.-Col. Van Straubenzie answered that the council had declared that Capt. Aylmer had been entitled to it. Whereupon Pte. Smith further inquired if it were in the power of the council or anybody else to make Capt. Aylmer an active militiaman when he himself said he was on the retired list.

Sergt. Clarke, 5th R. S., put in a plea for the back position, but his idea met with no favor from the powers, and the meeting adjourned.

Thursday, 11th August.

The weather on Thursday was much more propitious than on the two preceding days of the meeting. In fact better could not have been desired, with the exception that a heavy shower of rain fell in the morning soon after the commencement of the firing in the extra series, and had not quite ceased when the Frontier match was commenced. Later the sky cleared, and by the time the Martini shooting began the conditions were favorable to high scoring, and the competitors availed themselves of the opportunity, as a glance at the figures below will show. Nearly all the big scores in the Optional match were made on the afternoon of the last day. Sergt. Johnson of the 85th had put in a 34 on the first day, all efforts to improve on which had proved futile, until the last afternoon, when Capt. Patterson of the same battalion made a better score of equal numerical value, starting with an inner and then making six bulls in succession, taking first prize. Private Sutherland of the Guards, firing at the same time and only a couple of butts from Capt. Patterson, also made 34 points out of the 35 possible, but his inner was the sixth shot, and he secured third place only. It is noteworthy in connection with Pte. Sutherland's score that he had just made ten consecutive bulls eyes, five in concluding the Martini-Henry match, in which he took first prize with 32 points, and the first five shots in the Optional in which he fired immediately upon finishing the Martini match.

Curiously enough two valuable rifles, presented one by John Martin & Co., military outfitters of Montreal, and the other by Capt. Howard of the Dominion Cartridge Factory, and offered as prizes in the two extra series matches, were both won by the same individual, Capt. McMicking of the 44th, who headed the list in each series, with 24 points out of 25 at 500 and 21 out of 25 at 600. The low scores in these extra series matches, fired with the Snider are in marked contrast to the high totals of the prize winners in the Optional, where all used the Martini.

5. FRONTIER MATCH—500 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

25 Pte Waters, 6th.....	30	\$4 Sergt Dowker, M G A.....	26
20 Major Todd, Guards.....	29	4 Col-Sergt McCrae, 1st.....	25
15 Pte T Scott, 6th.....	29	4 Bandmans Cooke, 5th.....	25
12 Lt Desbarats, 3rd.....	29	4 Sergt McFarlane, 50th.....	25
10 Sergt Bird, 53rd.....	28	4 Pioneer Kambery, 5th.....	25
8 Sergt McFarlane, 3rd.....	27	4 Major Jackson, 85th.....	25
6 Pte Ward, 6th.....	27	4 Pte R McAfee, 1st.....	25
6 Mr Harvey, R C R A.....	27	4 Capt Hood, 5th.....	25
6 Pte K Kough, P W R.....	27	4 Pte W Russell, 60th.....	25
6 Corpl Shaw, 3rd.....	27	4 S-Sergt Ross, 1st.....	25
6 S-Sergt Jamieson, 43rd.....	27	4 Sergt Reardon, Guards.....	25
5 Sergt. Marks, 6th.....	26	4 Lieut Beattie, 60th.....	25
5 Pte Lavers, 6th.....	26	4 Sergt Goudie, 8th.....	25
5 Col-Sergt Mailleue, Guards.....	26	4 Pte McNaughton, 51st.....	25
5 Capt Whitman, 60th.....	26	4 Capt Ibbotson, 5th.....	25
5 S-Sergt. Wynne, 5th.....	26	4 Col-Sergt Fairbairn, 43rd.....	24
5 Major Blaiklock, 5th.....	26	4 Capt Busted, 3rd.....	24
4 S-Sergt McAdam, 3rd.....	26	4 Pte McLauchlan, 8th.....	24

6. MERCHANTS—600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS, MARTINI.

\$25 Capt Busted, 3rd.....	32	\$4 Major Jackson, 85th.....	26
20 Lieut Beattie, 60th.....	31	4 Lt Col Miller 8th.....	26
15 Color-Sergt Fairbairn, 43rd.....	30	4 Mr N H Vicat, G T R Co.....	26
12 Sergt Marks, 6th.....	30	4 S-Sergt Huntington, 56th.....	26
10 S-Sergt McAdam, 3rd.....	29	4 Sergt Sweet, 60th.....	25
8 Pte Graham, 6th.....	29	4 Pte T Scott, 6th.....	25
6 Lieut Spearing, 53rd.....	29	4 Mr C H Lawless, M R A.....	25
6 Pte Hall, 79th.....	29	4 Color-Sergt Mailleue, Guards.....	25
6 " Cunningham, 51st.....	28	4 Lieut Thompson, Guards.....	25
6 Pipe Sergt Clarke, 5th.....	28	4 Sergt Dewfall, 8th.....	25
6 S-Sergt Ogg, 1st B F A.....	28	4 Capt Hood, 5th.....	25
5 Pte O S Stanton, 60th.....	27	4 Pte R McAfee, 1st.....	25
5 Pioneer Kambery, 5th.....	27	4 S-Sergt Ross, 1st.....	25
5 Pte Riddle, 6th.....	27	4 Pioneer Edwards, 53rd.....	25
5 Capt W McDonald, retired.....	27	4 Mr Galbraith, M R A.....	24
5 Pte D Smith, 5th.....	26	4 Lieut Abbott, 1st.....	24
5 Sergt Bothwell, 54th.....	26	4 Pte Graham, 13th.....	24
4 Capt Thomas, 54th.....	26	4 " Sutherland, Guards.....	24

7. MARTINI MATCH—500 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

\$20 Pte Sutherland, Guards.....	32	\$5 Pte A Kimmerly, 49th.....	30
15 Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	32	4 " Riddle, 6th.....	30
10 Pte Clarke, 53rd.....	32	4 Mr Bellingham, M R A.....	30
6 Lt Spearing, 53rd.....	31	4 Pte McAfee, 1st.....	30
5 Pte T Scott, 6th.....	31	4 Major Blaiklock, 5th.....	30
5 Major Todd, Guards.....	31	4 Sergt McAdam, 3rd.....	30
5 Pte Morrison.....	31	4 " Goudie, 8th.....	29
5 Col-Sergt McCrae, 1st.....	31	4 Corpl Pratt, M E.....	29
5 Pte Douglass, 8th.....	31	4 Sergt Pratt, M E.....	29
5 Sergt Marks, 6th.....	31	4 Pte Russell, 60th.....	29
5 Pte Lavers, 6th.....	31	4 Capt Z V Whitman, 60th.....	29
5 Gr Sharpe, M G A.....	30	4 Sergt Ogg, 1st B F A.....	29
5 Sergt Short, Guards.....	30		

8. OPTIONAL (SNIDER OR MARTINI)—500 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

\$25 Capt Patterson, 85th.....	34	\$4 Col-Sergt Dalrymple, 5th.....	32
20 Sergt Johnson, 85th.....	34	4 Sergt Brocklesby, 3rd.....	32
15 Pte Sutherland, Guards.....	34	4 " E Pratt, M Eng.....	32
10 Pte Greaves, 79th.....	33	4 Pte Lavers, 6th.....	32
6 Corpl T Pratt, M Eng.....	33	4 " Stanton, 60th.....	32
5 Lieut Gray, Guards.....	33	4 " Kambery, 5th.....	31
5 Pte Hall, 79th.....	33	4 Capt Sylvestre, 85th.....	31
5 Bandsman Cooke, 5th.....	32	4 Capt McDonald.....	31
5 Gr Drysdale, M G A.....	32	4 Corpl Currie, 5th.....	31
5 Sergt Marks, 6th.....	32	4 Lt Vaughan, 5th.....	31
4 Pte J Scott, 6th.....	32	4 Capt Trenholme, 58th.....	31
4 Lt Desbarats, 3rd.....	32	4 Sergt Sweet, 60th.....	31
4 Pte Morrison, Guards.....	32	4 Capt McMicking, 44th.....	31
4 Major Blaiklock, 5th.....	32	4 Pte Cunningham, 51st.....	31
4 Sergt Doyle, 53rd.....	32	4 Col-Sergt McCrae, 1st.....	31

9. EXTRA SERIES—PRIZES IN KIND.

500 yards, 5 shots.		600 yards, 5 shots.	
Capt McMicking, 44th.....	24	Capt McMicking, 44th.....	21
Pte McAfee, 1st.....	22	Pte Holtby, Guards.....	20
" Sutherland, Guards.....	22	Capt Thomas, 54th.....	20
Capt Jameson, 60th.....	22	Col-Sergt Mailleue, Guards.....	20
Capt Thomas, 54th.....	22	Sergt D Currie, 6th.....	19
Pte Russell, 60th.....	22	Pte Sutherland, Guards.....	19
" Kennedy, 49th.....	22	Lieut Beattie, 60th.....	19
" Clarke, 53rd.....	22	Pte Johnson, 51st.....	19
Corpl Pratt, Engineers.....	21	Major Todd, Guards.....	19
Sergt Bell, M G A.....	21	Sergt Johnson, 85th.....	19
Color-Sergt McCrae, 1st.....	21	Sergt. Dowker, M G A.....	19
S-Sergt Huntington, 56th.....	21	Corpl Carroll, Guards.....	19
Sergt Marks, 6th.....	21	Mr W G Lawless, M R A.....	19
Staff-Sergt. Jamieson, 43rd.....	21	Lieut Spearing, 53rd.....	18
Sergt. Byrd, 53rd.....	21	S-Sergt Brocklesby, 3rd.....	18

10.—AGGREGATE.

National and D.C.R.A., the Governor-General's medals and Champion badge restricted to active militia of the Province of Quebec.

First Series—Militia.

For the aggregate scores in matches 2, 4, 5 and 6.

NR A medal, P Q R A championship badge and \$10, Sergt. W J. Marks, 6th.....	177	\$5 Capt J Hood, 5th.....	165
D C R A medal and \$10, Pte O Stanton, 60th.....	174	5 Capt J Wright, 43rd.....	165
\$10 Color-Sergt Mailleue, Guards.....	173	5 Pte J Waters, 6th.....	164
6 Col-Sergt Fairbairn, 43rd.....	169	4 Lieut A Beattie, 60th.....	164
5 Pte D Smith, 5th.....	168	4 Capt Z V Whitman, 60th.....	163
5 Lieut Spearing, 53rd.....	167	4 S-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B F A.....	161
5 Pte J Riddle, 6th.....	165	4 Pte R Kough, 1st.....	161
		4 Capt Thomas, 54th.....	160

In addition to the cash prizes those of the first ten who are eligible to shoot for the London Merchants' Cup, and attend the D. C. R. A. matches, receive free tickets to Ottawa.

Second Series—Nursery.

For the aggregate scores in matches 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6; restricted to those only whose names do not appear in any of the P. Q. R. A. or D. C. R. A. reports as winners of individual prizes.

\$8 Pte J Scott, 6th.....	170	\$4 Pte Johnson, 51st.....	151
6 Gr Sharp, M G A.....	157	4 Pte Cunningham, 51st.....	139
5 Pte N McNaughton, 51st.....	154		

Third Series—Teams.

For the aggregate scores in matches 2, 4, 5 and 6, of five previously named members of any affiliated association.

Cup and \$20, Sixth Fusiliers .....	817	\$10 Sixtieth Batt .....	789
\$15 Ottawa Rifle Club .....	797		

Fourth Series—The Governor-General's Medals.

For the best aggregate in matches 2, 4 and 6 at 600 yards.

1st Governor-General's silver medal, Pte. O. S. Stanton, 60th .....	76
2nd Governor-General's bronze medal, Sergt. J. W. Marks, 6th .....	71

Fifth Series—The Lieutenant-Governor's Medal.

For the best aggregate in matches 2, 4 and 5, at 500 yards.

Lieutenant-Governor's silver medal, Pte. Lavers, 6th .....	79
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The chief prizes of the competition were presented on Thursday evening, at the Victoria Rifles' new armoury, which proved admirably adapted for the purpose, and where a considerable of citizens of both sexes had gathered to witness the proceedings. Amongst the gentlemen who occupied seats upon the platform and assisted in the presentation were Sir A. P. Caron, president of the association, in the chair; Lt.-Cols. Van Straubenzie, Hughes, Fletcher, Caverhill, Martin and Massey; Admiral Vignes; and Lieut. Bourdeau, of La Minerve; Majors Blaiklock and Bond, Hon. Speaker Marchand, Sir Donald Smith, J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P.; ex-Mayor Beaugrand, Mr. Dubail, consul-general for France; Mr. Schwob, vice-consul, and a number of others. During the evening interesting speeches were delivered by Sir A. P. Caron, Sir Donald Smith and Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P. The formal presentation brought to a close what had undoubtedly been the best conducted and most satisfactory prize meeting held for some years by the provincial association.

The Target.

Ottawa.—The following were the leading scores in the twelfth weekly spoon competition of the Guards' rifle association, held at Rideau range last Saturday afternoon. The shooting was with Snider rifles at Queen's ranges:—

Pte Fairweather, No. 1 (spoon) ..	29	23	23	75	Staff-Sergt Cawdron, No. 3 ..	25	24	14	63
Pte Taylor, No. 1 ..	22	24	26	72	Sergt Codd, No. 2 ..	28	17	17	62
Pte Holbrook, No. 1 ..	26	23	23	72	Corpl Watts, No. 1 ..	24	18	18	60
Staff-Sergt Dawson, No. 2 ..	30	25	16	71	Col-Sergt Ross, No. 5 ..	26	20	10	56
Col-Sergt Mailleu, No. 2 ..	28	15	26	69	Bandsman Lamb ..	18	14	19	51

Halifax, N.S.—A match between teams of ten from the 63rd rifles and the York and Lancaster regiment (regulars) took place at Bedford on Wednesday of last week. The result was that the Rifles scored a magnificent victory. The day was favorable and good shooting was made. The rifles used were Martinis. Captain Corbin led the field with 95. The shooting of the 63rd team at 500 yds., it will be noticed reached the high average of 32 points per man. The 63rd won the match with a score of 102 points over their opponents—the eight highest making 717 points or 7 more than the score with which the Kolapore cup was won this year at Wimbledon.

63RD HALIFAX RIFLES.

Capt. Corbin ..	31	34	30	95
Major Walsh ..	32	32	27	91
Sergt. Mumford ..	31	30	29	90
Capt. Bishop ..	30	32	28	90
Sergt. Corbin ..	30	32	27	89
Lieut. Fiske ..	31	34	24	89
Pte. Longueil ..	30	53	24	87
Lieut. Silver ..	29	27	30	86
Capt. Crane ..	28	33	25	86
Sergt.-Major Lockhart ..	27	33	21	81

YORK AND LANCASTER.

Col-Sergt. Daniels ..	30	28	28	86
Pte. Simpson ..	26	33	26	85
Col-Sergt. Burney ..	50	29	25	84
Col-Sergt. Cooke ..	27	26	29	82
Pte. Butler ..	29	33	20	82
Col-Sergt. Carroll ..	29	25	26	80
Lieut. Howe ..	30	29	20	79
Sergt. Hill ..	27	26	25	78
Sergt. Knight ..	25	27	15	67
Lieut. Humphries ..	21	17	21	59

Totals .. 299 320 265 884

Totals .. 274 276 232 782

PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS MATCHES.

The seventeenth annual competition of the 66th battalion Princess Louise Fusiliers' rifle association took place at the Bedford range last Thursday. The prize winning scores were as follows:

1.—Nursery.

Range 400 yards. Five rounds, open to members who have never taken a prize at any former meeting.

Lieut. Barker's cup and \$3, Pte. H. Boyce ..	20	\$1.50 L.-Corpl. Matthews ..	15
\$3 Bds. Covey ..	18	1.50 Corpl. Withers ..	14
2 Corpl. Abernithy ..	17	1.50 Pte. Lowry ..	14
2 Pte. E. Smith ..	16	1.50 Bds. Covey ..	13
2 Pte. J. Hartlan ..	16	1.50 Pte. W. Barber ..	12
2 Sergt. Langridge ..	15	1.00 Pte. H. Blackborough ..	11
2 Corpl. Gabriel ..	15		

2.—200 and 400 yards, five rounds.

Lt.-Col. McDonald's medal and \$7, Capt. Brown ..	44	\$2 Pte. Elliott ..	34
\$7 Corpl. Wilson ..	42	1 Sergt. Williams ..	33
Col-Sergt. McDowell ..	41	1 Hos.-Sergt. Hare ..	33
Sergt-Major Gibson ..	41	1 Corpl. W. Fitzgerald ..	32
Sergt. Gray ..	38	1 Pte. W. Johnston ..	32
Sergt. Hancock ..	37	1 Corpl. Abernithy ..	31
Sergt. Malcom ..	36	1 Drum. Huggins ..	31
Col-Sergt. Horneman ..	36	1 Pte. R. Lowry ..	31
Pte. Cunningham ..	35	1 Pte. John Hartland ..	30
Pte. Watkins ..	34	1 Pte. P. McGugh ..	29
Dr Keating ..	34	1 Pte. W. Edmunds ..	29
Corpl. Thompson ..	34	1 Sergt. Locke ..	29
Staff-Sergt. Hughes ..	34	1 Pte. J. Renwick ..	28

3.—500 and 600 yards, 5 rounds.

Lt.-Col. Stairs cup and \$5, Sergt. Fluck ..	29	\$2 Sergt. Gray ..	18
\$5 Corpl. Wilson ..	28	1 Bds. Cunningham ..	17
Col-Sergt. Horneman ..	27	1 Pte. H. Boyce ..	14
Col-Sergt. McDowell ..	26	1 Sergt. Murphy ..	14
Drum. Keating ..	23	1 Bds. Horton ..	13
Sergt. Locke ..	22	1 Pte. Lowry ..	13
Pte. S. Glenville ..	22	1 L.-Corpl. McCuish ..	13
Hos.-Sergt. Hare ..	21	1 Bds. Covey ..	12
Pte. W. Edmunds ..	20	1 Sergt. Chambers ..	12
Corpl. Fitzgerald ..	19	1 Pte. Brooks ..	12
Corpl. Latter ..	19	1 Sergt. Malcom ..	12
Pte. W. Johnson ..	19		

4.—Company Team Match.

For the aggregate scores at the 200 and 500 yards ranges of the second and third competitions, made by five previously named members of any company.

1. Silver bugle and \$10 Co. B, Capt. Chipman ..	151	2. \$5 Co. G, Capt. Brown ..	124
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5.—Consolation.

400 yards; 5 rounds. No prize for any score less than 10 points.

\$4 Corpl. Brouch ..	22	\$1 Corpl. Handly ..	14
3 Pte. R. Flynn ..	18	1 Pte. Taylor ..	13
2 Sergt. Dempsey ..	17	1 Drum. Ryder ..	13
2 Q.-Master Sergt. Skinner ..	16	1 Pte. Symons ..	13
2 Corpl. Alves ..	15	1 Bandmaster Carlton ..	12
2 Sergt. Toby ..	14	1 Pte. Myer ..	11
1 Pte. Mackay ..	14	1 Drum. Lenahan ..	11

Range Prizes.

Highest aggregate score at 200, 400 and 600 yards, in 2nd and 3rd competitions, Col. Bremner's medal and \$2, Col.-Sergt. McDowell ..	53
Highest aggregate in 2nd and 3rd competitions, Capt. Henry's medal and \$2, Col.-Sergt. McDowell ..	67
Highest score at 200 yards, \$2, Sergt. Hancock ..	22
Highest score at 400 yards, \$2, Corpl. Wilson ..	24
Highest score at 500 yards, Surgeon's Cup and \$2, Sergt. Horneman ..	16
Highest score at 600 yards \$2, Pte. W. Edmunds ..	16

Officers' Competition—Handicapped.

Officers' Regimental Cup ..	Lieut. Stayner.	Silver Punch-bowl ..	Major Curren.
Officers' Field Glasses ..	Capt. Mackinlay.		

Montreal.—Two competitions for the jubilee trophy have taken place since the scores were last published, in our issue of the 4th inst. One of these was at the Quebec provincial matches, and the other at the Montreal Garrison Artillery matches on Saturday last. The Royal Scots still lead, having sixty points to the good, and as there is only one more match to be fired they will undoubtedly secure the trophy. The 6th Fusiliers it will be noticed have passed the Victorias, and are now second. The totals for the seven matches are as follows, for the teams still competing:

Fifth Royal Scots ..	1,788	First Prince of Wales Rifles ..	1,636
Sixth Fusiliers ..	1,728	Montreal Garrison Artillery ..	1,612
Third Victoria Rifles ..	1,699		

SIXTH FUSILIERS' ANNUAL RIZE MEETING.

The following are the prize lists for the annual matches of the Sixth Fusiliers' rifle association, which took place on the Point St. Charles ranges on Saturday afternoon.

NO. 1.—MAIDEN STAKES.

Open to all members of the regiment who have never won a prize at any previous rifle meeting:—

\$3 Pte. Burke, D Co ..	18	\$1 Pte. Bird, B ..	13
2 Pte. Hastie, B ..	16	1 Drum. Nolan ..	13
2 Pte. A. Lee, C ..	15	1 Corpl. England, F ..	12
1 Pte. W. Morrison, C ..	13	1 Pte. McArthur, A ..	12

NO. 2.—NURSERY MATCH.

Open to members of the regiment who have never won a cash prize of the value of \$5, company matches excepted. Range, 200 yards; 5 shots.

\$4 Col-Sergt. Todd, A Co ..	20	\$1 Band. C. Nolan ..	17
3 Corpl. Hunter, F ..	19	1 Pte. McArthur, A ..	17
2 Pte. Brighton, E ..	18	1 Pte. Mathewson, B ..	17
1 Pte. J. Milne, A ..	18	1 Corpl. W. Currie, A ..	17

NO. 3.—TEMPERANCE MATCH.

Open to members of the regimental temperance association. Range, 200 yards; 5 shots. Four prizes, presented by friends of the organization.

Pte. J. Ward, E Co ..	19	Lieut. Ross, C ..	18
Pte. T. Scott, A ..	19	Sergt. D. Currie, A ..	17

NO. 4.—BATTALION MATCH.

Open to all bona fide members of the regiment. Ranges 200, 400 and 500 yds., 7 shots at each; 1st prize, commanding officer's prize, stove, value \$30, or silver cup, presented by Lt.-Col. Massey; 2nd, prize in kind, presented by Major Gray; 3rd, prize in kind, presented by Captain and Adjutant Pettigrew; 4th, prize in kind; 14 other prizes in kind (presented by friends of the regiment). Marksmen's badges given to all men making over 62 points in this match, excepting those who have won badges previous years. The best shooting company (having the requisite number of men competing) awarded the gold cross guns, which will be worn by the sergeants for one year.

Pte. J. Ward, E Co ..	80	Pioneer Brighton, E ..	67
Sergt. Marks, E ..	80	Corpl. Currie, A ..	66
Pte. J. Waters, A ..	79	Sergt. Todd, A ..	65
Pte. J. Riddle, A ..	77	Pte. Burke, D ..	64
Sergt-Major Street, A ..	74	Pte. Lavers, E ..	63
Pte. Harrison, A ..	74	Pte. E. N. Graham, A ..	62
Sergt. Howard, B ..	71	Pte. H. Howard, C ..	61
Pte. Arnold, A ..	70	Sergt. Irvine, A ..	61
Capt. Denison, D ..	68	Corpl. Hunter, F ..	60

NO. 5.—SKIRMISHING MATCH.

Individual competition; 5 rounds advancing and 5 retiring at unknown distances.

	Hits.	Pts.		Hits.	Pts.
\$4 Pte. Riddle ..	4	24	\$1 Sergt. D. Currie ..	3	11
3 Sergt. Marks ..	5	16	1 Col-Sergt. Todd ..	3	8
2 Pte. Lavers ..	4	12	1 Pte. J. Waters ..	2	7

NO. 6.—ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Open to members of the Sixth Fusiliers rifle association. Ranges, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each.

\$10 Pte. J. Scott, A Co ..	48	\$2 Pte. E. N. Graham, A ..	36
8 Pte. J. Riddle, A ..	44	2 Pte. T. Scott, A ..	35
6 Pte. A. Harrison, A ..	43	1 Pte. Lavers, E ..	35
5 Sergt. Anthony, E ..	42	1 Pte. J. Ward, E ..	34
4 Corpl. Hunter, F ..	42	1 Pte. Brighton, E ..	34
3 Sergt. D. Currie, A ..	41	1 Color-Sergt. Todd, A ..	33
2 Capt. Denison, D ..	41	1 Sergt-Major Street, A ..	30
2 Pte. J. Waters, A ..	36	1 Sergt-Marks, E ..	30

THE MONTHLY MATCH.

The 200 yards score in match No. 4, and the score made in match No. 6 ga the scores for the regular monthly match.

Pte. A. Harrison, A Co ..	70	Pte. Riddle, A ..	68
Capt. Denison, D ..	68		

NO. 7.—OPEN MATCH.

Open to all comers for individual prizes, and to teams of five previously named bona fide members of any battalion or rifle association for the team prizes. Ranges 500 and 600 yards, 10 shots at each. Snider rifles.

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\$10 Pte. McCowan, 5th .....	76	\$2 Mr. Cooke, M. G. A. ....	61
8 Color-Sergt. Todd, 6th .....	69	2 Pte. Wilson, 6th .....	61
6 Mr. H. Clark, G.T.R. ....	68	1 Sergt. Marks, 6th .....	61
5 Staff-Sergt. Ross, 1st .....	64	1 Pte. Riddle, 6th .....	61
4 Color-Sergt. Dalrymple, 5th .....	64	1 Pte. Kambery, 5th .....	60
3 Pte. Smith, 5th .....	63	1 Staff-Sergt. Anthony, 6th .....	60
3 Sergt. Johnson, 85th .....	63	1 Mr. O'Brien, G.T.R. ....	59
2 Lieut. Finlayson, M. G. A. ....	62	1 Pte. McAfee, 1st .....	59

### Team Prizes.

\$15 G. T. R. R. Association .....	287	Montreal rifle association .....	259
10 1st Prince of Wales Rifles .....	283	3rd Victoria Rifles .....	232
5 6th Fusiliers, second team .....	274	Montreal garrison artillery .....	215
6th Fusiliers, first team .....	272	5th Fusiliers, third team .....	213
5th Royal Scots .....	268		

### NO. 8—EXTRA SERIES.

Open to all members of the regiment, 500 yards, five shots. Fifteen prizes in kind.

Sergt. Todd, A Co. ....	23	Sergt. Howard, B. ....	18
Sergt. Marks, E .....	22	Corpl. Hunter, F .....	18
Pte. Riddle, A .....	21	Sergt.-Major Street, A. ....	18
Sergt. Clarke, A .....	20	Pte. Graham, A .....	18
Sergt. Anthony, F .....	20	Pte. Harrison, A .....	18
Sergt. D. Currie, A .....	19	Pte. Brighton, E .....	18
Corpl. W. Currie, A .....	19	Color-Sergt. McDonald, F .....	17
Pte. T. Scott, A .....	18		

### AGGREGATE.

Highest aggregates matches in 4, 6 and 7.

1. N. R. A. medal, Pte. J. Riddle, A Co. ....	182
2. D. C. R. A. medal, Sergt. Marks, E Co. ....	171
3. P. Q. R. A. badge, Color-Sergt. Todd, A Co. ....	167

For best aggregate score at 500 yards, in matches 4, 6 and 7, gold and silver medal or cash \$12; presented by Mr. W. M. Massey, of New York. Won by Pte. J. Riddle, A Co., with 92 points.

For best aggregate score in matches 1, 2 and 4, gold and silver medal or cash \$12; presented by Mr. George Massey, of New York. Won by Pte. Burke, D Co., with 88 points.

Corpl. England, F Co., having made the highest score among married men, gained the prize of Mr. G. Carslake (two handsome engravings).

### Correspondence.

The Editor desires it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

#### THE P. Q. R. A. MATCHES—WANTING TO KNOW, YOU KNOW.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—I beg leave to ask, in regard to the recent Quebec provincial matches, etc., two questions or three, that perplex me.

Why are orthoptic eye-glasses allowed on the eye or nose, of a man, when they are not allowed on his rifle; where's the difference?

When were "Glengarry caps" made the full dress headgear of the kilties?

When did an Ottawa man discover that 4 added to 4 made 11? thereby making his chances of getting an aggregate doubtful.

Why did the owner of the pad (shoulder or otherwise) not come forward and claim his property?

Why should a man do well in the aggregate, and do nothing in extra or optional?

Why did the chief rifle association publish its report for '86, with the matches of '86 and the rules of '85, and furthermore this incorrect report was bound up in gold and blue, as something specially worthy of note?

If you have space, kindly satisfy some

CURIOUS MEN.

#### OFFICERS AS COMPETITORS IN RIFLE MATCHES.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—The question, should commissioned officers compete in the Dominion and provincial rifle association matches, has been brought before the active militia in a very public manner by some remarks made at the presentation of prizes won at the Nova Scotia provincial rifle association matches. There has been a feeling existing for some time in the active force, particularly among the non-shooting members, that some of the commissioned officers who compete on the rifle range take too large a proportion of the prizes offered, and the lists have been arranged so as to include a larger number of the less skillful marksmen, by reducing the amounts of the leading prizes, and adding a number of less value. But the remarks made on the evening of the fifth inst. were the first public expression of such sentiments from an official quarter, and as such are worthy of the serious consideration not only of the commissioned officers who shoot but of the whole force.

What would be the effect of a regulation prohibiting commissioned officers from competing with non-commissioned officers and privates at the provincial and other rifle matches? Would it be beneficial or otherwise? There are probably some very differ-



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ent opinions on the matter. But, I fear, the immediate effect would not be satisfactory and I cannot see that any permanent benefit would follow.

The first result would be the loss of a number of qualified officers whom the force can ill spare. For although the pecuniary benefit derived from competing in the rifle matches, even to the most successful, is trifling, the fact of being prohibited would no doubt cause some to sever their connection with the force. To replace those leaving it would be necessary to take non-shooting men, as very few marksmen would be willing to enter the ranks of a class prohibited from shooting. The final results of such a change would not be hard to foresee. In course of time the commissioned officers of the force, whose duty it is to instruct the men and see that they know how to shoot, will consist of men not interested in rifle shooting, and who not having a practical knowledge of the rifle themselves cannot impart it to others. This may be an extreme view to take of the case, but is fully illustrated in the regular army, where the greatest care is now taken to qualify the men as marksmen. Those regiments in which the commissioned officers are rifle shots and interested in rifle matches, can always muster a strong team and the regiments shew a good shooting record.

That the interest taken in rifle shooting by our commissioned officers has the effect of retaining them in the force, when they would otherwise retire, is a well known fact, and that it is not the amount of money won that has this effect is also well known, for any commissioned officer who belongs to a shooting battalion has a constant demand on his purse which fully absorbs any slight gains he may make at the rifle range. A non-shooting officer will not take the interest in rifle matches that another who is interested will, nor could he be expected to do so.

The actual gain to the rank and file by the withdrawal of the commissioned officers from the prize meetings would be trifling, for should the number of competitors be reduced say one-third, no doubt the amount granted by the government would be reduced in proportion, and this reduction and the loss of the contributions of the shooting officers would leave the rank and file with about the same or less proportion than they at present enjoy.

But aside from the loss or gain to individuals, whether commissioned officers or privates, who compete at the matches, would such a change benefit the active militia? This is the only question to be considered by any right feeling officer in the force.

The argument will no doubt be advanced that the mingling of officers and men in the same competitions has a demoralizing effect on the discipline of the force. This is only true when the officer forgets his position and by his conduct loses the respect of those under him. In an organization like the active militia of Canada an officer need not go on the rifle range to find opportunities of losing the respect of his men, and there are many of our most successful shooting officers who are not only popular but very much respected by those under them.

The difficulty which now exists of getting good men to take commissions will be increased, should one of the inducements held out to a good shot be withdrawn, and there are not so many advantages offered to an aspirant for military honor that this important one can be spared. To take a commission in a good battalion a man must be prepared to spend considerable time, and no small amount of money, and in a shooting regiment the latter item is more generally called for than in one where little interest is taken in the rifle. The love of military life, a fancy for military matters, and a fondness for rifle shooting, I take it for granted are the most prominent reasons for a man to incur the loss of time necessary to qualify for a commission and the expenditure necessary to purchase his outfit. Should one of these inducements be withdrawn, it is a question whether those remaining will be sufficient to keep the ranks of the commissioned officers filled.

I would like to see through the medium of your columns an expression of opinion on this subject from some of the officers of the force. There may be some strong arguments in favor of a change, but I confess I would not like to see any privilege that will keep good men in the force or induce others to join withdrawn without some very strong reason for it.

Halifax, N.S., 15th August, 1887.

E.

[The following is the Halifax Recorder's report of the occurrence concerning which the above communication has been written:—

"The city militia turned out in full force last evening at the presentation of prizes at the drill shed. Each corps was headed by its band, and representatives were present from the York & Lancaster and the 78th. Col. Worsley, D.A.G., presided. Cols. Murray, Mackinlay, Macdonald, Mowbray and Mackintosh were in attendance. A large number of ladies and gentlemen had seats on the platform. Before presenting the prizes, the winners were called out and drawn up into line in front of the table, where the long array of handsome prizes were spread out.

Col. Worsley addressed the victors in a few well chosen remarks, complimenting them on the high scores they had made and their efficiency as marksmen, but said he would like to see the non-commissioned officers and men compete for these prizes alone, and the officers to have competitions in swords and pistols. He thought the government meant the money for the privates, and it was not fair the officers should carry off the bulk of the prizes. These remarks received the hearty approval of the large audience, who applauded and would have cheered him, but he insisted that no applause was needed.

Mrs. Worsley then proceeded to pin on the medals and present the money prizes to the winners as they came forward one by one. Our readers already know the names of the winners, so we will not republish them. Every one as he came up for his prize received hearty applause from the audience, particularly the representative from the Y. and L., who seemed to be all alone; he had come to represent his team that won second place in the battalion match. When he stepped up to the table the volunteers and civilians gave him a great welcome; the applause continued for nearly a minutes he seemed to be all taken aback, and when Col. Worsley offered him his hand and congratulated him on the success of his team and the warm reception that the volunteers were giving him, he looked as shy and bashful as a school girl. After all the prizes had been awarded Col. Worsley proposed three cheers for the Queen, which were bravely given, the bands playing God save the Queen. In return Col. Mackintosh proposed three cheers and a tiger for Col. Worsley which were responded to in good shape. The battalions were then dismissed."

### Queries and Replies.

#### RIFLE RANGES AND EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

Q. Are rifle ranges used by rural battalions exempt from taxes? If so, kindly state the formality to be gone through to obtain the exemption. H.

A. Rifle ranges are not exempt from taxation unless owned or leased by the government.

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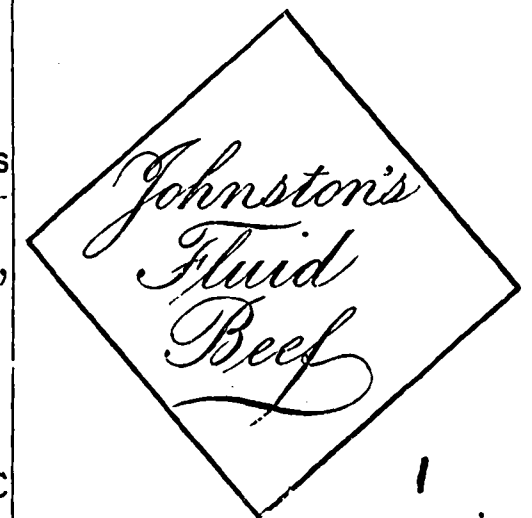
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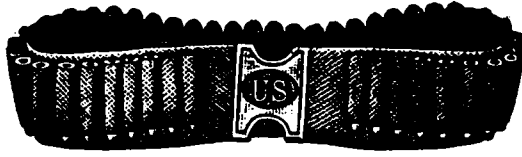
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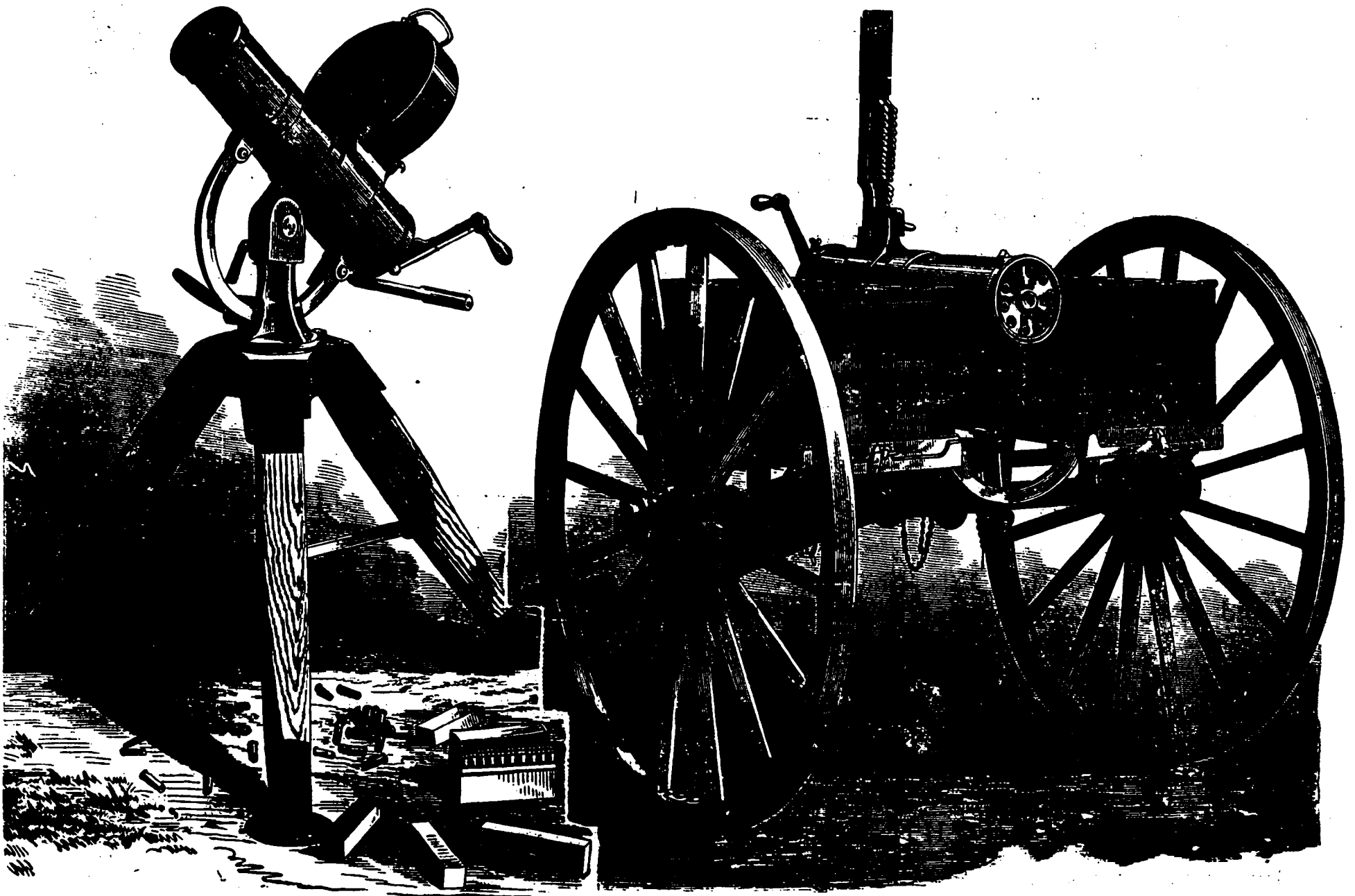
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