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The Quebec Rifle Meeting.

The twenty-second annual prize meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held at the Cote St. Luc ranges, Montreal, last week, opening on Tuesday, 12th inst., and lasting three days. The attendance was very large, numbering about 175, and including about 50 Ontario riflemen, the usual contingent from the neighbouring city of Ottawa being supplemented by representatives of Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and other Western points. The weather was fine, thus rendering life on the ranges pleasant for the campers as well as those making the daily trip from town. The firing was under the direction of Lt.-Col. Mattice, B.M., chief executive officer, with Lt.-Col. Bond, Majors Radiger (Vics.) and Hodgins (Guards) and Capt. Manley (Grenadiers) as range officers, and the competitors generally were well satisfied that they could not have been in the hands of officials more obliging or more courteous in the discharge of the rather trying duties imposed upon them. Major Blaiklock, the secretary, and his staff bore with exemplary patience and good nature the siege laid upon their office, whence the firing tickets were served out with commendable alacrity. Col. Fraser presided as usual over the statistics, and the members who worried for twenty-eight hours about the non-posting of the "Frontier," forgot all about their grievance when later in the meeting the prize lists began to appear almost simultaneously with the close of the matches. The happiest of all were those competitors who had the opportunity of interviewing the genial treasurer, Col. Martin, and hearing the kind words of interest and congratulation accompanying the crisp bank bills rewarding their skill.

The ranges had been put in first-class order, a great improvement over the precoding year being noticed in this respect. The competitors' tents were much more conveniently pitched, being placed at the end adjoining the roilroad track, and to the left of the road by which the range is approached. In front of these and to the lett were the offices, in the old spot. To the right, in the orchard enclosure, the officers' quarters were again placed, and three or four hundred yards down the range stood the canteen and dining tent. Those who made the long journey for their midday meal were as a rule anything but satisfied with the catering; the discovery that a meal served in more inviting manner could be had at the railway restaurant afforded a measure of relief.

There were twenty targets in use, all in the one butt, and all used for the regular matches, there being none set apart for the extra series firing, which went on only when time permitted an hour to be snatched between the regular matches. The system of marking was tediously slow, necessitating a search for each bullet hole before the target was lowered, as the marking disc giving the value of the hit had to be raised simultaneously with the lowering of the target. This was a severe tax upon the patience of the riflemen, especially when the vagaries of the wind deprived them of a reasonable certainty of having hit, and scores of challenges were made simply because the competitors had not confidence in the efficacy of an examination made without lowering the target. Between the slow marking and the continuous challenging (for which there was inadequate telephone accommodation) the matches soon began to run behind, loss resulting to the Association from the curtailment of the possible time for extra series shooting,

Tuesday, 12th August.

The matches commenced Tuesday morning with the Nursery, seven shots at 400 yards, open to members never having won a Provincial or Dominion prize. It is satisfactory to note in the prize list the names of

4. Staff-Sergt. Helmer, 43rd..... 28 4. Pte. C. S. Reynolds, Vics..... 26

After an interval of extra series firing, eagerly availed of for " sighting," the Frontier match was commenced. This consisted of seven shots at 500 yards, and the prizes were in two series, the first of which were open to all members and were thus taken :---

\$20.	Lance Corp. McCrae, Vics 31	\$4. Capt. MacMicking, 44th 27
15.	Corp. J. P. Nutting, G.G.F.G. 31	4. ColSergt. Goudie, 8th 27
12.	Corp. T. Westman, Q.O.R 31	4. Corp. J. Armstrong, 6th Fusiliers. 27
10.	Sergt. Hall, 79th 30	4. Pte. Armstrong, G.G.F.G 27
8.	Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A 30	4. Staff-Sergt. Cawdron, G.G.F.G. 27
- 7.	Gr. Cooke, M.G.A 30	4. ColSergt. Pratt, 6th Fusiliers 27
6.	Pte. T. Scott, 6th Fusiliers 30	4. Lieut. J. Mason, 83rd 27
6.	Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 10th 30	4. Sergt. Short, G.G.F.G 27
6.	Staff-Sergt. Harp, Q.O.R 29	4. ColSergt. Boville, 43rd 27
6.	Corp. F. Hawkins, 8th 28	4. Corp. Mathews, Vics 27
6.	Master Gr. Lavie, B Bat. R.C.A. 28	4. Staff-Sergt. Wilson, M.G.A 27
5.	Gr. W. Pugh, B Battery 28	4. Lieut. Davidson, 8th 27
5.	ColSergt. Mailleue, G.G.F.G. 28	4. ColSgt. Howard, 6th Fusiliers. 27
<u>.</u>	Corp. Marris, 13th 28	4. Pte. Jehue, 6th Fusiliers 27
5	Staff-Sergt. Macadam, Vics 28	4. Lieut. J. F. Crean, Q.O.R 27
5.	Capt. W. Macdonald, Toronto . 28	4. Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd 27
5.	Capt. Jamieson, 43rd 28	4. Sergt. R. J. Taylor, 43rd 27
4.	Lieut. Hora, 14th 28	4. Staff-Sergt. Wood, B Battery 27

The second series of prizes were open only to those never having won a prize of \$5 or upwards at a Provincial or Dominion meeting. By a wholesome ruling not appearing in the prize list, competitors were only allowed to take prizes in one of the two series, and thus some of the tyros with prize scores figured in the senior list and not in the junior, which was as follows :-

\$4. Sergt.-Major Dowker, M.G.A... 26 4. Pte. Reynolds, Vics..... 25 \$15. Sergt. Sanson, Q.O.R.... .. 30 10. Sgt. Inst. Roberts, B Co. I.S.C.. 30 7. Pte. Elmitt, G.G.F.G...... 28 4. Cadet O. C. Macpherson, R.M.C 25 Lieut. Williamson, 45th...... 28 Sergt. Drysdale, M.G.A..... 27 Bomb. Gardner, M.G.A..... 26 5. 4. Pte. H. A. Johnson, 51st. 26 4. Sergt. Morgan, B Battery..... 26

After an hour spent in extra series, all regular firing was stopped at three o'clock in the afternoon, preparatory to the "military" matches, which were carried out with commendable promptitude, and without the unnecessary delay usually accompanying such contests. Thirteen teams of five men each entered, and they fired in three squads, each squad being first paraded for skirmishing, and then, when all had had a turn at

that, being called upon to perform the volley firing, in the same order

and at the same targets. As usual the scoring was very low. The skirmishing match, five shots per man at distances varying from 500 to 200 yards, had for its best score 111 points out of 250 possible. The winners were the team of B Battery, Regiment Canadian Artillery, whose success was noted with great pleasure, it being felt that the Battery men well deserved reward for their perseverance in rifle practice in addition to maintaining their well known efficiency in big-gun drill. The fact that the Guards of Ottawa were a close second was another demonstration of the utility of practice, for it is well known that the Guards have for years made it a point to give their skirmishing team a little regular practice, with the result that they never fail to take a high place in these matches at Ottawa, Montreal, and Toronto. The four prizes were thus taken :--

\$ 30.	B Battery, R.C.A.	111
25.	GovGen's Foot Guards (1st team)	109
20.	Montreal Garrison Artillery	99
	Figh Povel Sector	0.2

15. Fifth Royal Scots.....

The so-called volley firing (five shots at 300 yards) was as usual about as unsatisfactory as it well could be, and not only were there very few decent volleys, but the scoring was ridiculously low. The teams were cautioned that the rule providing for a deduction of from 1 to 3 points for each shot fired out of time would be enforced, but they seem to have regarded this caution as a mere threat, and the published result indicates that they were not far astray. The match was won by the first team of the Guards, who not only scored well, but formed an exception to the rule in that they fired almost perfect volleys. The winners of the three prizes were :—

5 20.	Gov. Gen's. Foot Guards (1st team)	73.
15.	43rd Battalion (1st team)	52
IÒ.	Victoria Rifles	32

The fact that the third out of the thirteen teams could only score 32 out of a possible 125 points shows that the competitors as a rule take no interest in the match and do not practice for it. The contest is regarded pretty much as a lottery. One corps having entered two teams about equally matched, tried a very interesting experiment. One of its teams went in for points, the members making no effort to fire in volleys unless they happened to have the exact aim desired when word was given to fire. They thus secured good hits, and so trifling were the deduction for the bad volleys that they took a good prize. The other team determined to fire good volleys, at whatever loss in the aim ; they fired about perfect volleys, but failed to get into the prize list. All of which goes to show that the easiest way to win the volley match is to refrain altogether from firing volleys.

The challenge cup presented this year by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and awarded to the team making the highest aggregate in the two matches—skirmishing and volley firing—went out of the district, the first winners being the Governor General's Foot Guards, who with 182 points were far out of reach of the rest of the field.

After the military matches the range was thrown open for extra series practice at 600 yards, giving an opportunity for sighting at that distance, and of trying experiments to overcome the difficulty peculiar to this range caused by the evening sun, which shining through the target from behind almost obscures all but the bull's eye, and also burns into the competitors' eyes in a most uncomfortable manner. At the same time a "competitors' meeting" was in progress with a very slim attendance, for with the limited time at their disposal for shooting the riflemen will not give any of it up to talk. Some one advanced the strange theory that the object of the association is to develop individual rather than team shooting, and had it resolved accordingly that the council should be recommended to no longer have the same competitors squadded together throughout the meeting, but to intermingle the corps so that each competitor will be thrown entirely upon his own resources. For a pleasant wind-up, Col. Anderson of Ottawa and Capt. Knifton of Toronto congratulated the association on the improvements noticeable this year in the range and arrangements, and also for the kind treatment accorded the Ontario riflemen.

Wednesday, 13th August.

The second day opened with the commencement of the Active Militia and Battalion Match, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots. The new third class target was used, and in consequence there was a noticeable drop in the scoring at 200 yards. This, combined with a very troublesome wind at the longer ranges, made the totals much below those of last year, when one 79 was counted out, though the highest man was only one point above Col. Anderson's score. The Dolan cup being restricted to the militia of Quebec province, went to the second scorer :—

8 Sgt. F. Bartlett, 47th	 \$25 LtCol. Anderson, 43rd	\$4 Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd
4 Sgt. J. Waters, 6th Fus 77 4 Sgt. Sanson, Q.O.R 72	8 Sgt. F. Bartlett, 47th	4 ColSgt. Mailleue, G.G.F.G

There were four team prizes offered for scores made by battalion teams of six in the above match, with this result :--

 \$24. 6th Fusiliers.
 477

 18. 43rd Battalion.
 466

 12. 3rd Victoria Rifles.
 426

 9. 5th Royal Scots.
 407

The next in order were the Governor-General's Foot Guards, 406; Montreal Garrison Artillery, 390, and Queen's Own Rifles, 387. The Corporation Challenge Cup, awarded to the Montreal team making the highest score, was won by the 6th Fusiliers, who also won the trophy the first year contested for, in 1887. Last year and the year before the Fifth Royal Scots were the winners.

The first range of the Association match was fired in the alternoon, but the unexpected delays in the shooting made it necessary to put off the second range until the following morning.

THE MEMBERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Association was held in the forenoon while the firing was in progress. There was a very small attendance, and the non-shooting members predominated. Lt.-Col. McEachern, C.M.G., presided.

The president, Sir Adolphe Caron, and the vice-presidents, Lt.-Cols. McEachern, Ouimet and Miller, and Capt. Trenholme were re-elected, and the following elective members of council were named : Lt. Cols. Brosseau, Martin and Gilmour, Majors Bond and Blaiklock, Capts. Sims and Busteed and Lieut. Spearing ; the only change being the replacing of Lt.-Col. Rowe by Lt.-Col. Gilmour, who has succeeded him in the command of the 60th Bn.

The secretary, Major Blaiklock, introduced the question of affiliation fees, suggesting that the amount be reduced from \$10 to \$5 for each association, but that no individual membership should be granted in consideration of this fee. It was explained that difficulty had arisen through competitors from various military associations, in excess of the ten necessary to secure affiliation by payment of \$1 each, affiliating in the name of civilian associations to which they belonged, and claiming the right to shoot in military as well as civilian matches, by virtue of such affiliated membership. The funds of the P. Q. R. A. thereby suffered. Major Blaiklock's suggestion was favourably received, and the requisite notice having been given a motion to give effect to it will be introduced at next meeting.

Major Bond reported the result of the meeting of competitors called for the previous afternoon, and referred with special pleasure to the complimentary remarks of Ontario representatives on that occasion.

Mr. J. D. Taylor suggested that a change should be made in the time of holding the competitors' meeting, and also the meeting of members. He said the competitors had not failed to note the many improvements made in connection with the range and its appointments, and duly appreciated the unselfish efforts made by those responsible for the management of the association, but at the same time there were many suggestions they desired to make with a view to further improvement. They did not wish to bring forward grievances, but rather through open discussion to remove any possible source of discontent. They would not, however, attend meetings held while shooting-even if only in the extra series-was in progress. The same objectionapplied to the time of holding the members' meeting, which was to-day in progress while one of the most important matches was being fired ; and not being able to attend for more than a few minutes he was unable to present or explain resolutions which he had intended to lay before this meeting on several subjects in which many of the competitors felt a very keen interest. These included the new shooting qualification clause applied to those entering the militia matches, and which discriminated in favour of the inefficient and unqualified officer as against the really efficient non-commissioned officer or man who perhaps has been accidentally prevented from performing his last annual drill. Another source of discontent was the clause permitting the cancellation of a team or individual aggregate because a man who had shot well enough to win a prize was not an expert arithmetician or practised copying clerk, and made a blunder in transferring the score from the register board to his ticket. The forfeiture clause had been dropped at Toronto and Ottawa, and the Quebec association should follow suit. He considered it would be of advantage to the association to have the competitors generally take more interest in its management, and that this could not be hoped for until the meetings were held at a time more suited to their convenience.

Major Bond, Lt -Col. Martin, Major Blaiklock and others agreed that it was desirable to interest the members to as large a degree as possible and to secure their attendance at the meetings, and it was promised that attention would be given to the suggestion of a change in the time of holding the meetings, and, if found practicable, such a change would probably be made.

THE "AT HOME."

A large number of visitors from Montreal attended the "at home" held in the Council tent in the afternoon. The visitors were received by Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. E. L. Bond. Among those present were Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Houghton, Major and Mrs. E. L. Bond, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Massey, Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Lieut.-Col. Count d'Orsonnens, Lieut.-Col. Lyman, Major Geddes, Mr. and Mrs. Binl's, Mrs. James Mc-Dougall, and Mr. Crean, of Toronto. The Vics' ban l, under the leader9

ship of Mr. E. Hardy, played popular airs while the visitors discussed the refreshments provided; and a photographer busied himself securing a collection of views.

While the "at home" was in progress, Major W. E. Hodgins, G.G.F.G., had the pleasure of parading at the Council tent the team of that regiment who had on the previous day won the Houghton cup for the best aggregate in the two military matches. The members of the team were-Col.-Sergt. G. A. D. Mailleue, Corp. J. P. Nutting, Ptes. J. A. Armstrong, Wm. Short and R. Tink. Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., made a brief address, congratulating the team upon their victory, and saying that while he would naturally have liked to see the trophy won in his own district, he hoped that the victors on this occasion would attend and shoot just as well next year, so that when they surrendered the cup it would be to a team who had learned to make even a better score. Amidst hearty applause the cup was then handed to Major Hodgins by Mrs. Houghton. Major Hodgins briefly returned thanks on behalf of the team, who, he said, would not fail to attend next year, if possible, and do their best to retain possession of this beautiful trophy, of which they were proud to be the first winners.

Thursday, 14th August.

The second range of the Association match, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, was fired this morning, in a very difficult wind, which played havoc with the scores. There were six team prizes, for teams of six, and these were taken as follows :---

Cup	and \$30, Toronto Rifle Association	254
\$25	3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal	241
18	Montreal Rifle Association	238
[2	Victoria Rifle Club, Hamilton	236
10	Montreal Garrison Artillery	231
5	Sherbrooke Rifle Association	231

The cup has to be won twice consecutively to become permanent property. The winners in 1888 were the Victoria Rifle Club of Hamilton. This was the individual prize list :---

\$20 Major Thomas, 54th 56 15 Capt. W. Macdonald, Toronto 55 10 Pte. D. Smith, Scots	\$4 Corp. Westman, Q.O.R
5 ColSergt. Brown, Vics 53	4 Sergt. J. Riddle, oth

The Carslake Trophy match, a new event and the biggest of the meeting, was commenced near eleven o'clock. The firing consisted of seven shots standing at 200 yards, seven shots at 400, and seven shots at 600. The contest was for both team and individual prizes, but the trophy offered caused attention to centre on the team firing. The scores were very low, even when it is considered that the position was standing at 200 and that the reduced inner and magpie were used there. These were the totals of the teams, consisting of ten men each:---

Trop	hy and \$30. 3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal	700
\$25.	6th Fusiliers, Montreal:	670
20.	43rd Battalion, Ottawa	668
15.	Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto	663
10.	5th Royal Scots, Montréal	616

The Vics thus had the proud satisfaction of becoming the first winners of the trophy, which they will hold for a year. The individual prize list also shows very low scoring, There were, however, a few high aggregates, notably Staff-Sgt. Mitchell's 88, which that noted shot commenced with six bull's eyes and a magpie at 200 yards :---

20 15 10 10 8 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	StfSergt T. Mitchell, 10th84Major Jameson, 60th	642111909999887777	54 Lieut. Crean, Q.O.R.4 Capt. Rogers, 43rd.4 Col-Sergt. Boville, 43rd.4 Staff-Sergt. Ogg. 1st Brig. F.A.4 Staff-Sergt. D. Mitchell, 13th.4 Corp. T. Westman, Q.O.R.4 Sgt. J. Riddle, 6th.4 Pte. Hilton, 47th.4 Sgt. Kimmerly, 47th.4 Sgt. Lavers, 6th.4 Pte. McJanet, 43rd.4 Cadet Panet, R.M.C.4 Sgt. Sylvestre, 43rd.4 Major Hood, Scots.4 StfSgt. Macadam, Vics.4 Pte. Kenny, 45th.
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THE AGGREGATES.

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Those of the first twenty who attend the Dominion matches and are eligible to shoot for the London Merchants' Cup, are entitled to free tickets to Ottawa. It will be seen that only five of the twenty are eligible, the other fifteen being Ontario men.

In the Nursery aggregate, for the scores in the matches included above combined with the Nursery match, the winners were :----

\$8	Bomb. Gardner, M.G.A	224	\$4 Sgt. R. J. Taylor, 43rd	208
6	Corp. Bethune, Scots	222	4 Cadet Macpherson, R.M.C	206
5	Cadet Panet, R.M.C	208	• • •	

The Martin Challenge Shield and two cash prizes of \$15 and \$10 were offered for the aggregates of Nursery teams of five, but unfortunately there were no entries.

For the aggregate scores of teams of five in the Frontier, Active Militia, Association and Carslake matches, there were three prizes offered :---

Cup and \$20. Toronto Rifle Association	J I 44
\$15. 6th Fusiliers, Montreal	1110
10. Victoria Rifle Club, Hamilton	1089

The cup now becomes the permanent property of the Toronto Rifle Association, they having won it twice, the previous occasion being in 1888.

For the best aggregates in the Militia, Association and Carslake, at 600 yards, Sergt. Riddle, 6th Fusiliers, won the Governor-General's silver medal with 70 points ; and Pte. Macfarlane, Vics, the Governor-General's bronze medal with 69 points. The Lieutenant-Governor's silver medal, for the best scores in the Frontier, Militia and Association at 500 yards, was won by Lieut. Davidson, 8th, with 83 points.

The last regular match was the Martini-Henry, seven shots at 600 yards. This was commenced shortly before five o'clock in the afternoon, and resulted as follows :---

\$20 Lieut. Pope Vics	\$5 Pioneer Pratt, 6th 28
15 Major J. Wright, 43rd 31	4 Corp. Westman, Q.O.R
10 Sergt. Hall, 79th 30	4 Capt. Macdonald, Toronto 27
6 Major Jameson, 60th 30	4 Pte. Reynolds, Vics 27
5 Pte. McJanet, 43rd 30	4 Pte. McAfee, Vics 27
5 Bomb. Gardner, M.G.A 30	4 Sergt. Wynne, Scots 27
5 Sergt. Johnson, 85th 29	4 Major Hood, Scots 27
5 Corp. Binmore, Vics 29	4 Pte. Kambery, Scots
5 Pte. Morse, G.G.F.G 29	4 Stf-Sergt. Pink, 43rd 27
5 Staff-Sergt. Simpson, 12th 29	4 Sergt. Clark, 53rd 27
5 Sergt. Riddle, 6th 28	4 Pioneer Brighton, 6th 26
5 Sergt. Thompson, 12th 28	4 Corp. Armstrong, 6th 26
5 Sergt. Mitchell, 10th 28	A

THE EXTRA MATCHES.

In the Extra Series matches there was very little firing, a great part of the time allotted to them in the programme having to be given to the regular matches. The scores ruled low in consequence, and on the last day the association had to redeem upwards of \$100 worth of tickets which the competitors could not find opportunity to fire.

Optional, 500 vards, 7 shots, Snider or Martini :---

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Optional, 300 Jards, 7 shows o	
\$30 Sergt. Thompson, 12th	\$4 Lieut. Mercer, Q.O.R

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Extra series, 500 yards, 5 shots, Snider, prizes in kind :--

Lieut. Spearing 53rd	* *
Capt. Rogers, 43rd. 23 Pte. D. Smith, Scots. 23 Sergt. Wynne, Scots. 23 Pte. Macfarlane, Vics. 23	Corp. Binmore, Vics
Extra series, 600 yards, 5 shots	, Snider or Martini, prizes in kind :—
Sergt. Waters, 6th	Staff-Sergt. Simpson, 12th 21 Lieut. Hora, 14th 21 Sergt. Thorn, O.O.R

Lieut. winnamson, 45 th	Sergt. I norn, $0.0.R$
Sergt. Hall, 79th 22	Staff-Sergt, Cleveland, 54th 20
Sergt. Thompson, 12th 22	ColSergt, Boville, 43rd 20
Capt. Rogers, 43rd 22	Pte. McAfee, Vics 20
Pte. Scott, 43rd 22	Sergt. Macadam, Vics
Capt. MacMicking, 44th 22	Lieut. McDiarmid, 6th Cav 20
Lieut. Pope, Vics 22	Lieut. W. M. Andrews 20
Ten 20's counted out.	

The Revolver match, fired on the newly adopted Standard target, excited considerable interest, and there was keen competition for the handsome Webley revolver presented by Major Bond as first prize :---

Revolver. Sergt. Thompson, 12th... 40 \$3 Sergt. Hall, 79th..... 35 \$5 Lt.-Col. J. P. Macpherson, Ottawa.... 4 Staff-Sergt. Harp, Q.O.R. 36

The Military Rifle League.

On Saturday last, 16th inst., the Mon'real teams fired the last of the series of the League matches, completed with their exception on the 9th August. The record of team totals will be found below, with the exception of the returns for the last match for the four teams whose totals are blank and who have failed to communicate with the secretary either by mail or by wire :---

	-	May	Mav	June	Inly	Inly	Aug.	Ang	Aaare
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	rath Battalion	_				-		9	gate.
1.	54th Battalion	807	799	830	788	841	860	838	5763
2.	13th Battalion	688	775	749	813	841	873	946	5685
3.	53rd Battalion	683	724	795	849	843	885	890	5669
4.	45th Battalion, Bowmanville	623	755	814	802	851	875	926	5646
5.	Halifax Garrison Artillery, 1st	797	757	817	<u>771</u>	738	831	816	5527
6.	96th Battalion	677	747	701	829	781	- 848 '	816	5399
7.	45th Battalion, Lindsay	652	769	722	776	825	812	819	5375
8.	21st Battalion	625	820	737	806	812	847	714	5361
.9۰	12th Battalion	648	744	754.	746	780	802	767	5241
10.	63rd Battalion	756	696	738	759	751	77 I	742	5213
11.	43rd Battalion, 1st team	576	738	797	788	703	762	801	5166
12.	Queen's Own Rifles, 1st team	622	657	769	815	754	793	723	5133
13.	1cth Royal Grenadiers, 1st team	638	732	776	729	753	754	711	5093
14.	82nd Battalion	610	757	735	739	760	745	•	0 70
15.	Gov. General's Foot Guards, 1st .	614	731	766	790	709	719	728	5057
16.	8th Royal Rifles	634	799	641	707	721	777	736	5015
17.	B Battery R. C. A.	748	767	647	769	760	636	674	5001
18.	Victoria Rifles, 1st team	528	733	758	784	711	716	759	4989
19.	62nd Fusiliers	598	681	708	694	734	785	774	4978
20.	Saskatchewan Rifle Assn	738	619	675	656	630	709	114	477-
21.	57th Battalion	688	694	691	694	721	689	69 9	4876
22.	Charlottetown Engineers	653	633	678	675	739	720	726	4824
23.	Queen's Own Rifles, 2nd team	569	6 Š Õ	646	739	724	776	676	4810
24.	6th Fusiliers, 1st team	512	637	723	728	736	731	720	4787
25.	F. Division N. W. M. P.	Ğ16	633	676	726	676	726	/20	4/0/
26.	P. E. I. Garrison Artillery	551	672	635	733	756	•		
27.	Montreal Garrison Artillery	439	665	651	740	749	732	689	4672
28.	90th Battalion	628	600	739	695	749	739		
29.	Halifax Garrison Artillery, 2nd	600	600	644	671	694	593 680	690 602	4665
30.	5th Royal Scots, 1st team	448	608	723	695			692	4581
31.	43rd Battalion, 2nd team	528	630	652	712	679	 660	529	3682
32.	9th Battalion	403	622	617	631	613		731	4526
33.	35th Battalion, Orillia team	413	482	652		634	664	625	4196
34.	6th Fusiliers, 2nd team	427	544	631	711 601	672	600	633	4163
35.	10th Royal Grenadiers, 2nd team.	. \$26	565	595	611	642 611	690	665	4200
36.	A Battery R. C. A	414		595 618			627	587	
37.	38th Battalion	390	559	564	595	622		640	
38.	49th Battalion		507		645	659	671	658	4094
39.		205	455	606	726	763	680	737	3967
40.	C Company I. S. C	395	634 468	657	561	562	562	584	
41.	Gov. General's Foot Guards, 2nd.	-		594	529	613	642	574	
42.	Regina Rifle Assn		569	689	729	643	587	681	3898
43.	14th Battalion	571	465	412	564	488	651	493	3644
43.	B Company I. S. C.	424	570	485	487	437	522	594	3519
44.		317	437	461	562			503	
46.		257	421	478	532			526	
40.		254	389		571	434		522	
47.		491	590	589			622	656	
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49.		356	447	•••	•••	467		458	2214
50.		139	238		318	-		• • •	1245
51.	Governor General's Rody Current		209		249			54	694
52.	Governor General's Body Guard .	325	462	490	484	505		F	Retired.
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Here are the details of the remarkable scores rehorted by the teams

taking the first two places in the last match, fired 9th August; 200, (kneeling) 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, with Sniders ;

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.

Weather, good; light, good; wind, steady, 3 feet 3 o'clock; fouling dry. Cap-tain of team, Capt. Jas. Adam, R.L.; Range officer, R. L. Greene. Memo. from team captain: "We were very fortunate in having such a perfect day to shoot; there was not a variation of ten inches in the wind from beginning to end, and the coaching we performed was really good. Had we started to coach at an earlier stage in the competition we would undoubtedly be at the top."

Lieut. A. Pain	4554554-32	4454454—30	5555555-35 97
ColSergt. E. Skedden	4554444-30	5554554-33	55545-5-34 97
StfSergt. W. M. Godwin	5555454-33	2554554-30	5445555-33 96
Pte. A. Murdoch	4454444 - 29	5555555-35	4544555 - 32 96
Corp. J. Mitchell	5555555	444455531	3345555-30 96
StfSergt. D. Mitchell	5455554-33	555545534	4555540-28 95
Major J. J. Mason	455444531	454454430	4555455-33 94
StfSergt. W. H. Clarke	554435531	345445530	4555554—33 94
Lieut. G. Margetts	445555533	4445455—31	4444355-29 93
Pte. A. Miller	5444444-29	5453455—31	5455405-28 88
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Totals	316	315	315 946

FORTY-FIFTH BATTALION BOWMANVILLE TEAM.

Weather, fine, clear ; light, bright ; wind, gentle 3 o'clock ; fouling, dry. Captain of team, Capt. W. S. Russell ; range officer, Capt. W. P. Milligan, Durham **Field Battery**

Field Dattery.				•
Capt. W. S. Russell	544455431	5555555-35	555555535	101
StfSgt. J. B. Mitchel	5454444-30	4455545-32	4555455-33	95
Capt. Brown	545545533	2454555-30	5553553—31	94
Pte. D. Beach	4554544 31.	335544529	5454555-33	93
Pte. J. Curtis	445555533	55 3 4555—32	5525335-28	93
Major J. Hughes	544454430	543445530	5454554-32	92
Pte. J. Sando	545544431	5435545 – 31	5554252	90
Sergt. D. Stewart	445454430	5545555 <u>34</u>	3325535-26	90
StfSergt. W. C. King	4554454—31	5555554 —34	2535442-25	90
Pte, T. Brisbin	4454555 — 32	535355430	5423525—26	88
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Totals	312	317	297	626
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It will be noticed that Capt. Russell's score of 101 is the highest • single match score recorded, entitling him to the Foster prize.

THE HAMILTON POWDER COMPANY THANKED.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,---Will you please allow me space in your paper to express my thanks to the Hamilton Powder Co. for their kindness in allowing us to use their range (which they use for testing powder) during the League shooting in Windsor Mills, a range which everyone that has ever seen it acknowledges is the best in the Dominion. I thank Mr. Brainerd, President of the H. P. Co., for the valuable sporting rifle which he presented to the highest nursery aggregate in the 54th Battalion team. I also wish to thank Mr. Swallow, Superintendent of their mills, for the kindness that he has showed our team in every particular on League days.

M. H. HEALY, Lieut. 54th Batt.

Windsor Mills, August 13th, 1890.

Correspondence.

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

USEFUL HINTS FOR EXECUTIVES.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,-I offer a few friendly suggestions, which, if taken into consideration by the executives of the D. R. A. and Provincial rifle associations, I think might be the means of proving a benefit both to the competitors and associations. I understand that the targets at Ottawa are to be divided into sections as they were in Montreal; and if so, there ought not to be more than three sections-that would make eleven targets to each.

After the experience of going through the P. Q. R. A. matches I think to have them divided into any smaller sections will only cause confusion, as it did in Montreal, which was the sad experience of more than one competitor, who fired on his own target according to number, but after the register keeper called out "miss," found out to his surprise that he had hit the target with the corresponding number on the next section; in one case that I am aware of, by so doing it threw the competitor out of the prize list, as it did also the team with which he fired.

Another very important matter to be looked into is this: to know that every marker knows how to mark properly, and also that every register keeper knows the signals when they appear and the number of points value they represent. I saw three cases where the register keeper was checked for giving bull's eyes for magpies at the P. Q. R. A. matches last week, and also where a competitor would have got a bull's-eye for an outer at the last O. R. A. matches, and that at 200 yards into the bargain-a clear case of incompetency. If all accounts are true the same thing has also happened at the D. R. A. meetings. The trouble would be easily avoided by having every man examined beforehand to see that he thoroughly understands the duty he is expected to perform.

And now a word or two about the challenging of shots by the range officers There is a right and a wrong way of doing this, and as there seems to be no set worded rule as to how a shot is to be challenged, the wrong way is often used, and this is a sample : Pte. Grasp fires. The target does not go down. He is so sure his shot struck the target that he invests fifty cents to find out. The range officer (perhaps for the first time) calls up the officer in charge at the butts to have the last shot signalled on No. 5 target. Down goes the target and up comes an inner disc; the consequence is that in five cases out of six Pte. Grasp gets credited with the inner although he never struck the target. It is simply the inner made by Lt. Saynothing, who fired before him. Now, one of the right ways to challenge a shot is this: "Examine No. 5 target and see if there is on it a shot not marked." If a shot is found Pte. Grasp will get the benefit of it. If not, he does not get what belongs to another as in the first case.

One more item and I am done. Ricochets are signalled at the D.R.A. by a black bar (or the "rake" as the riflemen generally call it) and misses by the waving of a black disc (i. e., where the target has been lowered thinking there was a bit and none found). Now, the trouble is, the markers have had no black discs to signal a miss with, so the old rake comes up for a miss just the same as for a ricochet. It is not always easy for the unfortunate competitor to tell which it is meant for. This could be easily rectified by furnishing the disc. A competitor may have just grazed the top of the target, and the marker puts up the rake for him, so he concludes he has gone too low, puts up his sight and it will be some time before he finds the target, thus perhaps ruining his chance for a trip to Bisley. FORE-SIGHT.

18th August, 1890.

DIVINE WORSHIP.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE, - Queen's Regulations, Sec. 7, para. 268, reads :--(1) No soldier being a Roman Catholic, or of any religious belief differing from that of the Established Church, is to be compelled to attend the Divine worship of the Church of England, and (2) every soldier is to be at full liber:y to attend the worship of Almighty God according to the forms prescribed by his own religion when military duty does not interfere with this arrangement. R. & O. para 269, 1883, and R. & O. para 234, 1887, contain section 2 of above and to this date I fail to find that any alteration has been made therein.

What I want to know, sir, is this, -On what authority Methodist and Presbyterian soldiers are forced to attend the Church of England in certain of the permanent schools of Canadian militia ? Are our religious views to be respected ? Are we to be allowed to worship God according to our own religious convictions, or is the Canadian militia to be made a recruiting ground for the purpose of the Church of England.

" JANET GEDDES."

A CHALLENGE.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,-Having strong doubts as to certain scores being honestly made in the recent League matches, I hereby challenge any Nurseryman to shoot for the sum of \$50, who, during these contests, is credited with a score of 98 points or better, match to take place on Rideau range (with kind permission) immediately after the Dominion matches are completed. Queen's ranges. Snider rifles. The money to be deposited in the hands of Thos. Mitchell on Monday, 1st Sept., immediately before the Dominion matches commence.

S. B. GREEN, Pte. (Nurseryman), Essex Centre, August 11th, 1890. 21st Essex Fusiliers.

TEAM CHALLENGE WITHDRAWN.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,-Will you kindly insert the following letter: A few weeks ago I issued a challenge on behalf of the 21st Fusiliers to the 13th Battalion to shoot for any suitable trophy that might be named. The challenge, as yet, has never been accepted, and I hereby withdraw such challenge, as I freely admit it would be useless for my team to cope with such a strong aggregation of shots, who can average nearly 95 points per man with Snider rifles at Queen's ranges.

Essex Centre, Ont., August 13, 1890.

A Paris paper holds that the French artillery may be favourably compared to that of any other European Power. The field guns range 9 kilos. Their breech system, which works on a hinge, is superior to the German screw, and enables the French gunner to fire more rapidly. The destructive power of melinite shells is so great that two steel towers with walls 101/2 in. thick, and two solid ramparts of granite mounted on a layer of the hardest concrete 3 ft. thick, were pulverized in 22 rounds. There is talk of a new explosive, 30 times stronger than melinite, which will render steel plates, concretes and granite useless !



Regimental and Other News.

Hamilton.

The sports of the 13th Battalion were held on the afternoon of the 11th at Dundurn Park, and great interest was taken in them by the members of the battalion, as well as by a large number of spectators, the only drawback being that the ground was not altogether satisfactory, but it was the best one that could be selected, as those engaged in the band contest occupied the only good place in the Park for holding sports. The events were open to members of the 13th only, but the rivalry between the companies was very hot, and all the events were keenly contested The field officers present were Lt.-Col.Gibson and Maj. Moore Capt. Stoneman was clerk of the course, Capt. Bowman starter, Capt. Mewburn and Lieut. Labart judges at the finish, and Capt. Tidswell secretary. The following are the events and prize winners :---

100 yds. Race-1st, Pte. Southam, D Co.; 2nd, Pte. McNeill, B Co.; 3rd, Pte. Kidner, D Co.

Putting the Stone-1st, Pte. Wisson, C Co.; 2nd, Pte. Campbell, D Co.; 3rd, Pte. Haynes, A Co.

Sack Race, 100 yds.—1st Pte. Wisson, C Co. ; 2nd, Pte. Walford, E Co.; 3rd, Pte. Gilbert, D Co.

200 yds., Drill Order—1st, Pte. Wisson, C Co. ; 2nd, Pte. Tovel, D Co.; 3rd, Pte. Shuttleworth, A Co.

Tug-of-War, 10 men—Team from C Co.

Three-legged Race—1st, Ptes. Aylett and Leith ; 2nd, Ptes. Chester and Earle.

Buglers' and Drummers' Race—1st, Bugler Wakelm; 2nd, Bugler Earle ; 3rd, Bugler Chester.

Hurdle Race--1st, Pte. Southam, D Co.; 2nd, Pte. Poole, C Co.; 3rd, Pte. McNeill, B Co.

Auger Race—1st, Pte. Walford, E Co. ; 2nd, Pte. Matthews, A Co. ; 3rd, Pte. Franey, H Co.

The sack race, tug-of-war and three-legged race caused much amusement. The events were run off in good shape, and everyone seemed satisfied. The prizes, which were well worth competing for, will be presented at the next parade.

Captains Stoneman and Moore have been granted leave of absence for the purpose of taking a special course of instruction at the Royal School of Infantry, London. H. A. M.

Toronto.

Death has been very busy in our midst this week, and both regiments have been visited. On Thursday word was received in town of the death of Mr. D. J. McBride, a law student in the office of McPherson, Clarke & Jarvis. Deceased was a member of B Co., Queen's Own, having been transferred from the Foot Guards of Ottawa last spring. Mr. McBride had never fully recovered from an attack of la grippe, and had gone up to his home at Egbert, where he was seized with typhoid fever which resulted fatally. The following message of condolence was sent by Capt. Pellatt, on behalf of his comrades :-

"Members of B Co., Q.O.R., unite in heartfelt sympathy with you in your great bereavement, and express deep regret at loss of their comrade.

H...M. PELLATT, Capt." L.O.L. 469, of which deceased was a prominent member, met Friday night, and passed the following resolution :-

" That the hearty sympathy of our lodge be conveyed to the bereaved relatives of our worthy deceased and well beloved brother, and that our Worthy Master and Im-mediate Worthy Past Master be deputed to attend the funeral of our late brother; that the Warrant of our lodge be draped in token of bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be suitably engrossed, and presented to the parents of our late brother."

On Wednesday Staff-Sgt. Curzon of the Grenadiers died, after about three weeks' illness. The news of his death was quite a surprise to all. Although his condition had been serious no one had any idea of a fatal ending. Deceased had for many years been an active member of the Grenadiers, beginning military life in the Queen's Own, from which he transferred. He was prominently identified with the shooting interests of his regiment, being a member of last year's Wimbledon team. On Thursday Col. Dawson issued the following memo. :---

" It is with deep regret the officer commanding has to announce to the regiment the death of Staff-Sgt. F. W. Curzon. The regiment will parade at the drill shed at 1.45 p.m. to-morrow, in review

order.

Officers commanding companies are requested to have as many of their n.c. officers and men present as possible to pay a last tribute of respect to one who was for many years a distinguished member of the regiment."

The body was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, a large crowd of spectators occupying the line of March. The firing party was furnished by G Co., of which deceased was a member. Representatives of all the different corps were present in uniform.

"D" COMPANY, Q.O R., RIFLE MATCH.

One of the most successful matches held in the history of the company took place on Saturday afternoon at the Garrison Common. Over 50 members were present.

General Match-200, 400 and 500 yards-Bugler Sergt. Woods 59, Sgt. Strachan 53, Pte. H. Rose 53, Pte. J. Turner 49, Corp. S. Cnnningham 49, Acting Sgt.-Major McKell 48, Pte. Crockett 48, Pte. Blainey 48, Staff Sgt. Harp 47, Pte. A. H. Gilmore 47, Pte. W. Smith 44, Pte. H. Page 43, Staff Sgt. F. Thompson 42, Staff Sgt. E. A. Thompson 44, Capt. P. L. Mason 42, Pte. W. Duncan 41, Pte. J. Irvine 37, Corp. Smith 37, Pte. Aylett 35, Sup. Sgt. Moggridge 34,

Nursery Match-Ranges 200 and 400 yds.-Pte. A. H. Gilmore 37, Pte. J. Crockett 35, Pte. H. Rose 35, Pte. Aylett 25, Bugler Lennox 23, Pte. W. Porter 22, Pte. F. Stott 20, Pte. W. Clark 20.

Standing Match-Range 200 yds.-Pte. J. Turner 19, Staff Sergt. Harp 19, Pte. Clark 18, Pte. A. H. Gilmore 17, Pte. H. Page 17.

Ex-members' Match-Capt. Macdonald 60, Ex-Sgt. Medland 56, Major Delamere 47.

Practice at the ranges closed Saturday till Sept. 23rd, owing to the O. R. A. matches and Exhibition. A funny incident happened during practice, Saturday, in which two members of the Queen's Own figured conspicuously. A discussion arose on the respective merits of two pairs of field glasses and the owners turned them on a notice board some two hundred yards distant. First, Mr. V. could make out the tacks which held the notice. Mr. G., going him one better, declared he could see the line of reading matter. Mr. V., not to be out-done, started off to read the notice, and getting about half way pretended to be in difficulties. Now was the time to show the better glass and Mr. G. seized it, and with a shout of triumph gave what he thought was the balance of the notice. Both were totally unaware that the notice that they had seen some hours previous had been changed and that a notice of a totally different character had been substituted.

Teams from B. Co. Q. O. R. under Col.-Sgt. Cooper and Sgt. Crichton had a competition, but owing to scores not being all in it is impossible to give the exact return. It is, however, believed that the "BREECH BLOCK." genial Col.-Sgt. has victory on his side.

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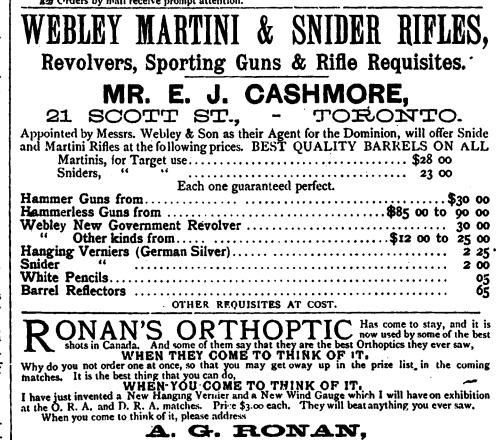
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