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Comment and Criticism.

THE Dominion Artillery Association's competition, open to the garrison batteries of the Dominion, is this week in progress at the Island of Orleans, below Quebec. Full particulars of the prize winning scores and other details of the meeting will appear next week.

SUPPLEMENTARY to the scores published in last issue, of the matches completed during the first two days of the Dominion Rifle Association prize meeting, we this week present to our readers a detailed report of the subsequent proceedings. This will be found much more complete than anything that has appeared or could have been expected to be published in the daily press, no trouble having been spared to secure all the details likely to be of interest to the competitors and our readers in general.

IN point of attendance, the meeting was the most successful ever held on Rideau range. The greatest number of competitors in any one match this year was 351, the highest figure ever reached here, and an increase of 29 over last year's, then also the highest to date. It is highly gratifying to note the steadily increasing interest thus shown to be taken in the competitions of the association, an increase which no doubt will continue so long as there is presented a prize list so liberal and attractive as that of this year, when the money prizes showed an advance of nearly \$750 over the largest amount ever offered previously. That with such an unexpectedly large attendance the meeting should have been conducted as smoothly as it was, is greatly to the credit of those to whom its management was entrusted.

A LARGE share of the credit for this happy result is due to the painstaking secretary of the association, Lt.-Col. Bacon, whose arrangements were very complete in every respect. Mention of his name will not appear invidious to anyone who, having a knowledge of the numberless details left to be attended to by the secretary, realizes the extent of his responsibilities. The statistical officer and his staff were well up in their work, and issued the prize lists with a promptitude which earned the gratitude of all in expectation of seeing their names upon them. And to add to the general happiness, the treasurer was early in attendance with a well filled cash box, the contents of which he apparently took great pleasure in distributing to the claimants. There were no vexatious delays about the extra series entry office—buying a ticket being in fact simplicity itself compared with the task of getting an opportunity to shoot it. The range officers gave general satisfaction, and though a complaint has appeared in a daily paper of a "flagrant case of checking" of a competi-

tor who was a lieutenant-colonel by a range officer who was a lieutenant simply, it seems to us that a well regulated lieutenant-colonel should not leave himself open to be checked by a range officer of any rank.

THE extra series matches were the weak point of the meeting. The accommodation was utterly inadequate, and had the proverbial Job been a competitor, even his patience must have been sorely taxed in waiting an opportunity to shoot. Particularly so if he had wandered off to the far distant riverside sandpit where the butts for the 800 and 900 yards targets were situated. There were only two targets, and these could in the week be operated for about thirty or thirty-five hours at the most. Yet two distinct matches were to be fired here, unlimited entries for which were to be allowed the 350 competitors. A simple arithmetical calculation would have shown that if all the competitors chose to enter in both matches there would barely be time for each to fire once only, allowing five pairs to a target per hour. It seems to have become an absolute necessity that greater target accommodation should be provided.

IT is a pity that the late hour at which Major Delamere brought up the subject of allowing unlimited team entries from the same corps in the military matches should have prevented a full discussion taking place. There is a very great deal which might be urged in favor of this proposition, the strongest argument perhaps being the excellence of the practice the militia would have in preparing themselves for these matches. It is unfair to the large body of the competitors to keep them idle on the range for a whole afternoon while one-fifth engage in a series of competitions from participation in which the remaining four-fifths are debarred. At Toronto a few weeks ago the same subject was brought up at the annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Rifle Association, and a resolution recommending that the number of entries from any one corps be unlimited, was carried at that meeting. The Quebec association has already adopted the principle.

THE committee appointed at the competitors' meeting to wait upon the Minister of Militia to urge upon him that the Canadian force be armed with the Martini rifle, did not have the proposed interview. Why, is not exactly known. Probably upon reflection the older heads of the committee found that they could not conscientiously carry out the bidding of the resolution. Had they waited upon the Minister to ask, not that the Martini entirely replace the Snider, but that the supply of the former now in the stores should be issued to the city corps and those of the rural battalions who would make good use of them, for practice at the longer ranges, then their request would have been a reasonable one, and properly pressed might have had some chance of being granted. Why should these Martini's be kept in store until they become obsolete?

THE late hour at which the London Merchants' Cup Match was fired no doubt had the effect of making the scores considerably lower than they would have been had the light been good for 600 yards. At

all events many of the men did considerably better in the Governor-General's match next morning, when the conditions were all favorable. The chief prize in the latter match, the great reward of the meeting, has this year been taken by a young man whose name is comparatively little known to Dominion riflemen. Private Duncan has, however, an enviable record which shows it was no happy fluke that has now brought him so suddenly into prominence.

The Governor General's Prize Winner.

PRIVATE W. S. DUNCAN, of the Queen's Own Rifles, who on Friday last won the special badge and \$250 granted as the chief prize in the Governor-General's match, with the fine score of 93 points out of 105, has been a regular attendant at the D. R. A. meetings ever since 1882, in which year he joined the Queen's Own Rifles. From this corps, after three years' service, he retired in 1885, but rejoined in the autumn of 1886. This is the first occasion upon which the honor of winning the prize has fallen to the Queen's Own. Private Duncan is now thirty-one years of age. He was born in Orkney Island, but commenced his residence in Canada when only six months old. He never fired a military rifle before joining his present corps, but the proficiency he soon acquired has won for him every year since the silk cross guns awarded for marksmanship in the regiment. In 1884, when with 648 points, an average of 81 per man, the highest score ever recorded, the Queen's Own won the Tait cup in the regimental match of the O. R. A., Pte. Duncan was a member of the team. He has twice won a place in the Ontario Grand Aggregate, winning the Governor-General's bronze medal in 1885, but never until this year got into the Dominion aggregate, though he has been almost in on three occasions, once losing his chance by making a bull's eye on the wrong target in the last match. We congratulate him upon the good use he has made of the opportunity now that he has got in. His friends will be all the more pleased at his success from the fact that Pte. Duncan is of a very modest and retiring disposition. He has, however, a keen eye to business, and found time while in Ottawa, in addition to making prize scores in nearly all the matches, to secure some valuable orders for the firm of whom he is the Toronto agent, that of Mason & Risch, the well-known piano manufacturers.

Dominion Rifle Association Prize Meeting.

IN last issue there appeared the scores of the matches of the D. R. A. fired on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Those of the Gzowski and British Challenge Shield matches, which took place on Tuesday afternoon, were not made up in time for publication.

As the result of the change from heavy marching order to drill order, in the dress required for the military matches, there was a large increase in the entries, there being fourteen teams competing in place of nine last year. Owing to a delay about commencing these matches, it was almost dark before they were concluded. The skirmishing for both was done first, then the volley firing, and next the independent firing. The Eighth Royal Rifles, whose team consisted of Serjts. Goudie, Dewfall and Hartley, Corpl. Norton and Pte. Thomson, were victorious in the Gzowski cup match, scoring 418 points, or 37 more than stood to the credit of last year's winners. The score in the British Challenge Shield match also showed an increase, the Governor-General's Foot Guards becoming its custodians for the year with a total of 286 points, four more than that of the Eighth Royal Rifles, the winners in 1886. This is the second time the Guards have won this handsome trophy, they having taken it in 1884. Their team consisted of Staff-Serjt. Newby, Color-Serjt. Maillieu, Serjt. Short, Ptes. Armstrong and Sutherland. The following were the complete scores of the matches:—

GZOWSKI MILITARY MATCH.

Skirmishing, 20 rounds, advancing and retiring, from 450 yards to 100 yards; any military position.

Volley firing, five rounds at 300 yards, kneeling.

Independent firing, five rounds at 150 yards, standing.

	Skirmishing. Hits. Score.	Volley. Hits. Score.	Independent. Hits. Score.	Total.
1. \$35 and cup, Eighth Royal Rifles	67 294	9 37	20 87	418
2. 30 13th Battalion	61 241	12 49	24 96	386
3. 25 6th Fusiliers	48 291	18 75	18 78	354
4. 20 12th Battalion	51 210	10 46	21 96	352
5. 15 G. G. F. Guards	55 331	6 28	17 74	333

The scores of other competing teams were as follows:

British Columbia	45 203	10 44	19 78	325
Queen's Own Rifles	48 208	9 43	15 64	315
Halifax Garrison Artillery	37 164	13 63	18 69	296
Fifth Royal Scots	46 180	8 35	21 79	294
62nd St. John Fusiliers	49 205	11 38	12 50	293
10th Royal Grenadiers	43 177	11 48	19 59	284
P. L. D. Guards	44 185	7 30	16 65	280
43rd Battalion	33 106	10 46	21 89	241
3rd Victoria Rifles	32 128	6 26	18 76	230

BRITISH CHALLENGE SHIELD MATCH.

Skirmishing, twenty rounds, advancing and retiring, at distances from 100 to 450 yards.

	Hits.	Score.
1. The shield and \$40, G. G. F. Guards	64	286
2. \$25, 12th Battalion	63	281

The scores of the other teams were as follows:—

10th Royal Grenadiers	268
British Columbia	246
Queen's Own Rifles	246
3rd Victoria Rifles	245
6th Fusiliers	234
13th Battalion	231
5th Royal Scots	229
8th Royal Rifles	216
43rd Battalion	215
62nd Fusiliers	209
Halifax Garrison Artillery	209
Princess Louise Dragoon Guards	206

Wednesday, 31st August.

Dense smoke from bush fires in the adjoining country hung over the range during the early part of Wednesday morning, and the obscurity of the targets caused many a fine shot to go to pieces in the first range of the Minister of Militia's match. Many of those who, shooting in the later pairs, were not hampered by the smoke, had a severe trial at 600 yards, quite a whirlwind prevailing close to the firing points just before the conclusion of the match. This was attributed as the cause of an unusual number of previously good scores ending with a miss, or two misses, this being the manner of winding up of many high in the forties. As a result of the adverse circumstances attendant upon the match, it was taken with the comparatively low score of 51, which last year was only good enough for fifth place.

MINISTER OF MILITIA MATCH.—500 AND 600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Team Prizes.

1. Caron Challenge Cup and \$45—43rd Batt. Rifle Association.		2. \$36—Queen's Own Rifles.	
Lieut H C Chamberlin	26 21 47	Staff-serjt Ashall	29 22 51
Capt Wright	23 23 46	Pte Duncan	26 19 45
Major Anderson	25 19 44	Staff-serjt Harp	26 13 39
Totals	74 63 137	Totals	81 54 135
3. \$30—53rd Battalion.		4. \$24—Guelph Rifle Association.	
Pte Clark	20 28 48	Corpl Crowe	23 28 51
Lieut Spearing	18 28 46	Staff-serjt Ogg	22 16 38
Pte May	22 11 33	Serjt Armstrong	21 16 37
Totals	60 67 127	Totals	66 60 126
5. \$18—33rd Battalion.		6. \$15—78th Batt. Rifle Association.	
Staff-serjt Wilson	26 21 47	Lieut Dover	25 23 48
Major Wilson	28 19 47	Corpl Cribb	31 13 44
Pte Courtice	22 9 31	Staff-serjt Blair	21 12 33
Totals	76 49 125	Totals	77 48 125

Other team scores were as follows:

Bowmanville Rifle Assn	75 49 124	5th Royal Scots	71 36 107
St John Co Rifle Assn	81 43 124	Victoria Rifle Assn, Montreal	63 43 106
G G F Guards	79 45 124	Queens, P E I, Rifle Assn	69 37 106
New Brunswick Provincial Assn	65 58 123	Halifax Garrison Artillery	69 36 105
Ontario Provincial Assn	66 53 119	54th Battalion	52 51 103
Prince of Wales Rifles	68 51 119	6th Fusiliers	58 45 103
Nova Scotia Rifle Assn	79 38 117	Winnipeg Rifle Range Co	72 31 103
Toronto Rifle Club	67 48 115	G T Rifle Assn	62 40 102
Quebec Rifle Assn	69 46 115	Queens Rifle Assn, Toronto	68 33 101
45th Battalion	61 52 113	Kings, N B, Rifle Assn	68 31 99
Manitoba Rifle Assn	60 51 111	P E I Provincial Assn	64 31 95
51st Battalion	62 47 109	Victoria Co Rifle Assn	48 39 87
8th Royal Rifles	70 39 109		

Individual Prizes.

\$30 Corpl Crowe, 1st B F A	23 28 51	\$5 Major Blaiklock, 5th	25 20 45
25 Staff-serjt Ashall, Q O R	29 22 51	5 Pte McAvity, St John Rifles	25 20 45
20 Capt Hartt, St John Rifles	30 20 50	5 Lieut Cartwright, 47th	25 20 45
15 Staff-serjt Graburn, 91st	27 22 49	5 Capt W Macdonald, R L	25 20 45
10 Pte Kimmerly, 49th	27 22 49	5 Lieut Beatty, 60th	26 19 45
10 Major Hartt, 62nd	30 19 49	5 Serjt W H McNaughton, 51st	26 19 45
10 Pte Clark, 53rd	20 28 48	5 Pte W S Duncan, Q O R	26 19 45
10 Lieut Dover, 78th	25 23 48	5 Staff-serjt Winter, 71st	27 18 45
10 Lt-col Macpherson, Guards	26 22 48	5 Pte Burns, 62nd	30 15 45
10 Staff-serjt Brocklesby, 3rd	27 21 48	5 Serjt Short, Guards	30 15 45
10 Capt Sims, 3rd	29 19 48	5 Pte Cameron, 57th	20 24 44
10 Col-serjt C N Mitchell, 90th	22 25 47	5 " Lavers, 6th	22 22 44
8 Major Sparham, 42nd	23 24 47	5 Lieut Dimock, 78th	22 22 44
8 Pte McAfee, 1st P W R	25 22 47	5 Corpl D McNaughton, 51st	22 22 44
8 Lieut H C Chamberlin, 43rd	26 21 47	5 Staff-serjt Bell, 12th	23 21 44
8 Staff-serjt A Wilson, 33rd	26 21 47	5 Pte Morris, 45th	23 21 44
8 Lieut W Abbott, 1st P W R	26 21 47	5 Staff-serjt J B Mitchel, 45th	25 19 44
8 Major Wilson, 33rd	28 19 47	5 Pte Adam, 13th	25 19 44
8 Capt Weston, 66th	29 18 47	5 Major W P Anderson, 43rd	25 19 44
8 Lieut Spearing, 53rd	18 28 46	4 Pte J D Taylor, Guards	26 18 44
8 Capt Wright, 43rd	23 23 46	4 Serjt Case, H G A	26 18 44
8 Serjt Adams, 62nd	24 21 45	4 Lieut Kincaid, 6th Cav	26 18 44
5 Serjt Sweet, 60th	24 21 45	4 " J K Fairbairn, 42nd	26 18 44

Table with 3 columns: Name, Points, and other details. Includes entries for Corp Cribb, Dr Geo Hutchison, Lieut Desbarats, etc.

STANDING MATCH.—200 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.—MARTINI.

The targets having been changed during lunch hour, the Standing match, fired with the Martini rifle, at 200 yards, took place first thing in the afternoon. The first and last prize winning scores aggregated the same as those of last year, when the Snider was the weapon used.

Large table listing names and scores for the Standing Match. Includes names like Col-sergt Hewgill, Lt W Mitchell, Major Delamere, etc.

At the conclusion of the Standing Match, the 200 yards range of the Dominion of Canada Match was proceeded with, and this being finished ended the day's shooting, the other ranges being fired next day.

Thursday, 1st September.

Ten o'clock being the time set for the commencement of firing at the 500 yards range of the Dominion of Canada match on this morning, the targets were open for extra series from 8.30 until the above mentioned hour. It was lucky that this was the case, for the smoke was worse than ever, so dense in fact that it was about half-past nine o'clock before even the outlines of the targets could be discerned.

DOMINION OF CANADA MATCH.—200, 500 AND 600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Points, and other details. Divided into Team Prizes and Individual Prizes. Includes names like Staff-sergt Jamieson, Lt H C Chamberlin, etc.

Other teams entered scored as follows: 63rd Halifax Rifles, 62nd St John Fusiliers, St John Rifle Co, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Points, and other details. Includes names like Lieut Conboy, Serg. Marks, Lieut Russell, etc.

GRAND AGGREGATE.

Large summary table with columns: Macdonnall, Rideau, Manufacturers, Ouimet, Minister Militia, Standing, Dominion, Total. Lists names and their aggregate scores across various categories.

*According to rule, Sergt. Adams and Sergt. Case being ties for second and third places, they had to shoot off five rounds at 600 yards, the result placing Sergt. Adams ahead, as follows:—

Small table showing scores for Sergt Adams (2 3 5 3 4 17) and Sergt Case (4 3 2 3 3 15).

THE LONDON MERCHANTS' CUP.

It was after four o'clock on Thursday afternoon before the London Merchants' Cup Match could be commenced, and it was so late when the firing was finished in this great inter-provincial contest that the light was very bad. Very many scores suffered in consequence. The match resulted in a victory for Ontario, this making the seventh time, out of fourteen competitions, that the cup has gone to that province.

against 407 made this year by Ontario with the Martini. The following are the scores in detail:—

1. The Cup and \$80—Ontario.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3, Total. Includes Corpl Marris, Lt Russell, S-S T Mitchell, etc.

Totals..... 231 211 196 638

2. \$60—Nova Scotia.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3, Total. Includes Lt Dover, S-S Blair, Lt Fiske, etc.

Totals..... 237 214 177 628

3. Quebec.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3, Total. Includes Lt Spearing, Pte Stanton, Pte Thomson, etc.

Totals..... 218 212 189 619

4. New Brunswick.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3, Total. Includes Capt Hartt, Sergt Loggie, Corpl Beatty, etc.

Totals..... 232 210 175 617

5. Manitoba.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3, Total. Includes Lieut Clarke, Sergt Macklin, Pte Gillies, etc.

Totals..... 220 183 184 587

6. Prince Edward Island.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3, Total. Includes Lt J A Longworth, Sergt Yonker, Lt R V Longworth, etc.

Totals..... 215 181 166 562

Friday, 2nd September.

During the night rain fell heavily, but it had ceased long before the time for shooting to commence on Friday, and there was almost perfect weather for the great match of the week, the contest of the sixty highest in the grand aggregate for

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and for places upon the Wimbledon team of 1888. There was no sun, but the light was beautifully clear. Not a trace remained of the smoke which had been so troublesome the two preceding mornings, the rain having quenched the forest fires. There was scarcely any wind—none to give trouble with the Martini. All the sixty had made their entries in good time, and promptly at nine o'clock the match commenced. Everything was favorable to high scoring, and this was the order of the day. The splendid prizes offered caused every competitor to do his utmost. Sergt. Keddy, of the 68th, made a great bid for first place by putting 34 points out of 35 possible, to his credit at 200 yards; but he started with two outers at 500 yards, and thus spoiled his chances. At the end of the firing at the second range, Pte. Armstrong, of the Guards, was top man with 63 to his credit, and he seemed once more safely on the way to the big prize which he so narrowly missed last year, when he finished second. Capt. McMicking, who had made 31 at 200 yards, had a damper put upon his hopes by the waving of a ricochet bar when his target reappeared after having gone down in response to his first shot at 500 yards. Six shots then fired as he thought the first had been, gave him 29 points, five bulls and inner, but the "ricochet" had ruined him. There were a number of men with scores over sixty when the 600 yards range was commenced, and the excitement began to run high amongst the spectators. Armstrong made three misses, and the vision of the prize money disappeared. Lieut. H. C. Chamberlin, the game little crack shot of the 43rd, starting with two magpies next made five bulls, making 31 at 600 yards, and 91 in the match, and was heartily congratulated upon making a prize score. But Lieut. Mitchell, firing alongside, had 88 with a shot to go and putting an inner to his credit took the lead with 92. Everybody congratulated him, he was the winner sure! But while the handshaking was still going on there was a great cheer from the butts on the left. Inquiry showed that Pte. Duncan, of the Queen's Own, who had made an even 30 at each of the former ranges, had topped his score with 33, and wound up with the grand total of 93, assuredly first place. For he was about the last to conclude. No others touched the nineties, and Duncan, Mitchell and Chamberlin, in that order, took the three handsome money prizes generously donated by His Excellency. This is the fourth occasion upon which Lieut. Mitchell has shared in these prizes. In 1880 and in 1881 he was third, and in 1883 he won first money. Lieut. Chamberlin has also previously had the good fortune to share in them, having been second in 1881. The following were the scores in detail of the first ten in the match:—

Table with 5 columns: Prize, Name, 200 yds., 500 yds., 600 yds., Total. Includes \$250 and special badge, Pte W S Duncan, QOR, \$150 and badge, Lieut W. Mitchell, 32nd, etc.

*In accordance with the rule, five rounds at 600 yards were fired to determine the

places of those tying numerically in this match, the results in the three ties being as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, Score. Includes 1 Capt McMicking, 2 Lieut Fiske, 1 Capt Thomas, etc.

The extra series matches were brought to a close at noon on Friday, after four days and a half keen competition, all the targets set apart for this purpose having been continuously occupied. Some great shooting was done in these on the last morning, notably in the 600 yards Martini, where the two 34's which head the list were both made on Friday.

EXTRA SERIES—MARTINI, 7 SHOTS.

Large table with 3 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3, Total. Divided into Series A (500 yards), Series B (600 yards), Series C (800 yards), and Series D (900 yards).

SNIDER SERIES—FIVE SHOTS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Score 3, Total. Divided into No. 1 (500 yards) and No. 2 (600 yards).

REVOLVER MATCH—25 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Pte Hall, 79th; Sergt Fairbairn, 43rd; Staff-sergt Margetts, 13th; Capt Bell, 43rd; Asst-surg McLaughlin, 45th; Lt H C Chamberlin, 43rd; Lt-col Macpherson, Guards; Asst-surgeon Grant, Guards; J P Nutting, O R C.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

There was a public presentation of prizes to the winners of the first three places in each match. This took place on Friday afternoon, on the range, at the entrance to the council tent. The Minister of Militia, Sir A. P. Caron, presided, and made the presentations.

Amongst other distinguished personages present were Sir John Macdonald and Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton. Sir John being called upon for a speech received an ovation upon rising. He first expressed the pleasure which he felt at being present upon the occasion.

THE LIST FOR WIMBLEDON.

The team of twenty to represent Canada at Wimbledon in 1888 will be chosen by the executive committee of the Dominion Rifle Association, from the sixty competitors in the Governor-General's match, their places on the list being determined by the totals of their scores in this match and in the "grand aggregate" combined.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Grand Aggregate, Governor General's Match, Total. Lists 57 competitors including Lieut E A Smith, Sergt Case, Lieut H C Chamberlin, etc.

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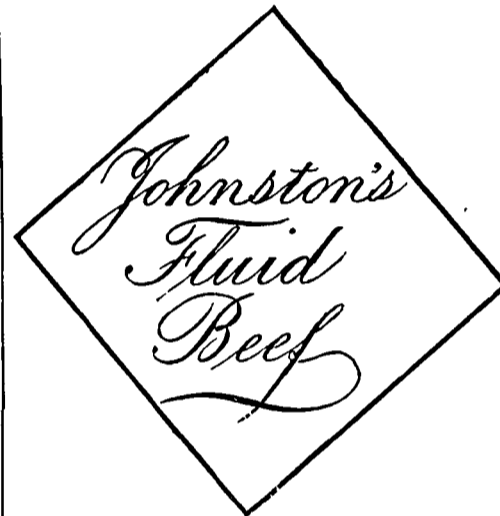
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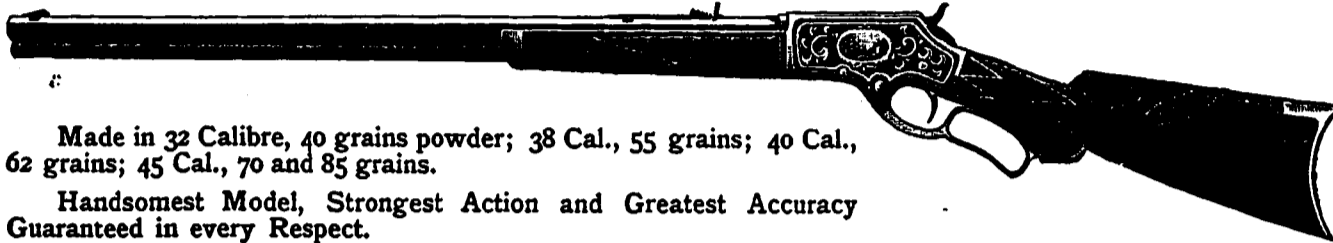
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DISTRICT STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND BATTALION RANK.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—A major in a battalion of Canadian militia is appointed to the permanent staff of his district. Query: How does such appointment affect (if at all) his former rank and position in the battalion? Perhaps some of your informed correspondents can give a reliable answer to this question.

6th September, 1887.

V. B.

The Target.

Belleville.—A fair number of competitors attended at the annual matches of the 15th Batt. Argyle Light Infantry, held at Belleville on Monday. The top prizes in each match were in cash, the remainder in kind. The winners were as follows:

1. Battalion Match.

200, 400 and 500 yards, five rounds at each. Position, standing at 200 yards, kneeling at 400.

\$8 Lieut Vermilyea.....	61	Pte Landon	34
7 Lieut Munro.....	52	Col-Sergt McRae.....	30
6 Corpl Hulme	48	Sergt McFarlane	30
Lieut Donald	46	Sergt Mills	29
Capt Ponton.....	46	Capt Keuny	27
Capt Pope	38	Corpl Gibson	26

2. Association Match.

200, 500 and 600 yards, five rounds. Position at 200 yards, kneeling.

\$9 Lieut Vermilyea.....	66	Capt Pope.....	33
8 Capt Ponton.....	54	Corpl Hulme.....	32
7 Sergt McFarlane	39	Corpl Jellet	28
4 Capt Kenny.....	39	Pte Landon	28
Lieut Donald	38	Corpl Gibson.....	27
Lieut Munro.....	37	Corpl Sills.....	23
Col-Sergt McRae.....	33		

3. Aggregate Match.

Highest aggregates in matches 1 and 2.

D R A medal and \$5.		\$7 Lieut Munro	89
Lieut Vermilyea	127	Lieut Donald	84
O R A medal and \$4.		Corpl Hulme	80
Capt Ponton.....	100		

4. Martini-Henry Match.

500 and 600 yards, five rounds.

\$5 Lieut Donald.....	32	Lieut Vermilyea.....	28
4 Capt Ponton.....	32	Lieut Munro.....	26

A silver napkin ring presented by J. W. Walker to the competitor making most bulls eyes in matches 1 and 2, was won by Lieut. Vermilyea with 5.

A case of IXL, presented by H. Corby, divided between the two competitors making the highest aggregates in matches 1, 2 and 4, went to Lieut. Vermilyea, 155, and Capt. Ponton 130.

A happy ending to a very romantic courtship occurred last Friday in the marriage of Miss Isabel Ferguson, of England, late nurse in the London, hospital, to Duncan McDonald, of Little Bras d'Or, N.S. McDonald was one of the Nile voyageurs from Canada, and bravely remained to nurse the late Col. Kennedy when down with the most virulent type of small-pox in London. Taken with the disease himself, Miss Ferguson was the nurse who attended him through his illness. An attachment was there formed and an engagement followed, which was happily not affected by the great distance between them after McDonald's arrival home. Miss Ferguson arrived Friday morning from London, and the couple were quietly united in marriage in the afternoon at the manse, Sydney mines. They will reside at Little Bras d'Or.

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Gleanings.

The following is from the Charlottetown, P.E.I., *Examiner* of the 31st ult:—"A very strong feeling of indignation is entertained by the artillerymen of this province, and of the maritime provinces generally, because their teams have been refused railway passes to Quebec to attend the grand artillery competition about to be held there, though free passes were given members of the Dominion rifle association attending the rifle competition now being held at Ottawa. The men say they have been unfairly and scurvily treated. They think their services just as arduous and of quite as much importance to the government as those of the riflemen; and why they should be snubbed while the others are favored they cannot understand. We own to a great deal of sympathy with the feelings of the artillerymen in this matter. They give, freely, a large amount of time to drill, and to preparing themselves for active service whenever their country may demand it; they wield a most important arm of the department of militia and defence, and on these grounds are entitled to every courtesy and favor which can be extended by the government without absolute loss to the public. But it is disheartening to find that their services and their importance are regarded as so much less valuable than those of riflemen. The discrimination against them seems to be unnecessary in the interests of the public, and unjust. We therefore hope it will be removed."

Recently some very important and interesting experiments have been made at Lydd camp. Besides shell practice at a concrete fort specially constructed, an experiment was made by Capt. Hawkins, R.E., with a new and ingenious method of working electric search light. The object sought to be attained was to be able to work the search lights under the fire of the rifles and Gardner guns of an enemy. The engine and apparatus which worked the light were placed under a casement about 200 yards from where the light was actually seen. The light was so arranged as to be under cover and to throw the rays on to a reflector on the top of a parapet, by means of which the country all around was scoured. The reflecting disc had a diameter of 22 inches, and it was found that although it was struck by bullets several times the damage to the reflector was practically *nil*, the reflecting power being only diminished by the area of a bullet hole. The reflector was worked by four temporary guy ropes divided equally round its surface, two to give depression or elevation, and the other two for lateral direction, the whole of these movements of course being worked from the casement. The difficulty in shooting at this bright light was found to be very great indeed, as aim could only be taken through a dark piece of oiled paper placed over the foresight. Ten riflemen of the East Surrey regiment, under Lieut. Birch, and a Gardner gun in charge of Lieut. English were brought to bear upon this light. Several hundred rounds were fired at a range of 1,000 yards and a similar fusilade made at 500 yards. It was found after two hours' sharp firing that the reflector had been struck fifteen times without being seriously damaged. The light was shown at intervals of about a minute only. At a former experiment it was found that under similar conditions the reflector was struck four times by the Gardner gun only. The Royal engineers have also commenced a series of balloon experiments. A captive balloon was held at a distance of 1,000 feet or more from the earth, and observations made on range firing. Some very interesting photographic experiments have been made from a small balloon which ascends to a height of about four hundred feet. The cap is removed from the camera by an ingenious process, and after the balloon has remained in the air a few minutes, it is hauled down with a photograph of the surrounding country beneath. A captive balloon is being moored on the sea-shore at Dungeness, and experiments are to be made by firing shrapnel shell at it.

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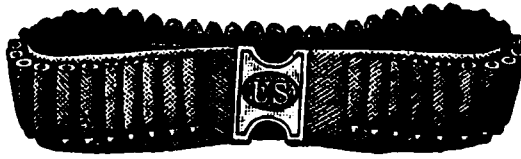
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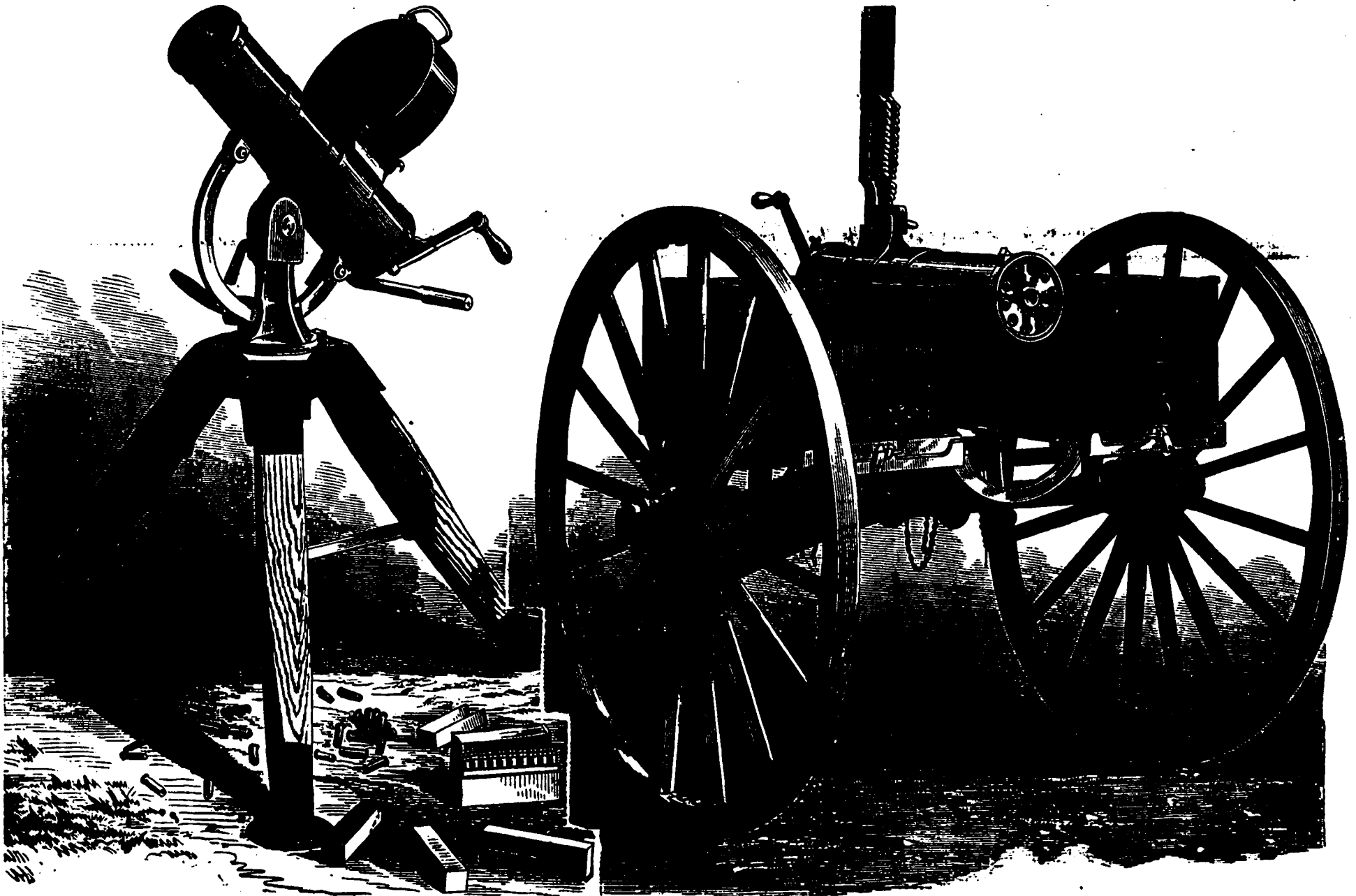
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