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Comment and Criticism.

A CORRESPONDENT, signing himself "A Young Shot," writes from Quebec complaining of being unable to get a Martini rifle with which to practice for the D.R.A. matches, and asking who is to blame. As he has not sent his name the communication cannot be published in these columns nor can the inquiry be answered.

THE strength allowed for drill in Military District No. 8 formed the subject of a brief comment in our issue of the 14th inst. The attendance of A Company, I.S.C., at the brigade camp was erroneously, as explained last week, assigned as the cause of the limitation to 37 officers and men per company. A correspondent from New Brunswick, writing before the receipt of the paper containing the correction, points out the error, and also says: "The district order in question is based simply and clearly on General Orders (8) of 2nd June, which, limiting the district quota to 1,404 of all ranks, render the limit of the strength per company for drill absolutely necessary. No one regrets this more than the D. A. G. who issued the district order. One should not infer from the article above referred to that the district orders for drill this year were issued at the 'eleventh hour.' The general orders bear date 2nd June, and district orders 3rd June; no time therefore was lost in their issue. A spirit of economy is certainly the original cause of this much to be regretted limit of quota, but this is surely not a district matter."

WE never supposed that the grievance complained of was one which could be remedied at will by the D. A. G. of No. 8 district. For had such been the case we are satisfied that its existence would have been of brief duration. And as nothing gratifies the officers at headquarters more than to be able to please the force under their control, it may confidently be assumed that they also could not help it. But the grievance was a real not a fanciful one, and we hope the ventilation the matter has had in these columns may prove of some service in removing the necessity for such a cutting down in the future. To our mind it is not the officers of the district or of the department who need exhortation or deserve reproof. Rather should some means be devised to arouse greater public interest in the force, that the constituents might exercise a wholesome influence on its behalf with the representatives in parliament, and that they in turn might show a more liberal disposition when the militia estimates come before them for consideration.

ONE of the daily papers, which expresses disapproval of the action of the government in securing British naval pensioners to fill the ranks of "C" battery now being organized for duty in British Columbia,

says that the difficulty in securing recruits in Canada might easily be overcome by drafting men from "A" and "B" batteries, to go to the Pacific coast, and subsequently recruiting for these batteries in Eastern Canada. No doubt if such a draft were made the majority of the men would serve out the balance of the term for which they have engaged, but they would hardly re-enlist in British Columbia, where in civil life they could easily secure much more lucrative employment. With the pensioners the case is different. They have been brought up to a military life, and would gladly continue in it so long as well treated, while desertions would be very improbable as by such action forfeiture of their pensions would be involved. The strength of the new battery will probably be one hundred men.

BY the programme for the Nova Scotia provincial rifle matches this year it is shown that the shooting men of that province are firm in their opinion, so freely expressed at the last meeting of D. R. A. competitors, that the Snider is not a weapon fit for use at 600 yards. That range has been dropped from two of the matches fired with the Snider, and in all competitions to be fired at 600 yards it is provided that Martini rifles shall be used, while this weapon is also given a prominent place at the shorter ranges. The grand aggregate, which determines the team for Ottawa, will be made up as follows: With the Snider—14 rounds at 200 yards, and 24 at 500; total 38. With the Martini—7 rounds at 200 yards, 14 at 500 and 14 at 600; total, 35. The matches open on Tuesday the 2nd prox., two weeks earlier than last year. The prize list is a good one. The association are to be congratulated on the completeness and neat appearance of the printed programme, upon which it would be hard to improve.

THE maritime province men were probably the most ardent advocates of the replacement of the Snider by the Martini rifle at the 600 yards range in the D. R. A. matches. They carried their point at the competitors' meeting. The peculiar manner in which the executive of the Dominion association have responded to the wishes then expressed was pointed out in these columns when the D. R. A. programme was published a few weeks ago. It is not likely that the Nova Scotia men will be at all grateful for the change. It is true there is some Martini shooting introduced, but the Snider has to be used at 600 yards as much as ever, and those who have neglected practice with that weapon seem likely to be left behind in the keen competition for prizes. It will be noticed that the Ontario association, whose programme is published in this issue, stands loyally by the Snider rifle, all the aggregate matches being shot with it, while Quebec makes practice with both necessary.

WHEN it is noted that the mother country team who won the Kolapore cups last week averaged 89 points per man in the competition, it is not to be wondered at that the Canadians, who finished second, were so far behind—6 points per man. It is only occasionally in this country, where the Martini is still a strange weapon to most of the shooting men, that one hears of a single score of 89, let alone a team

average of that number of points. In the old country, on the other hand, scores of 90 and over are as common as 80's here, and the leader in a match at Queen's ranges has quite frequently only two or three points short of 100 to his credit out of a possible 105. In the first stage of the Queen's this year twenty-eight competitors made 90 and over, the highest being 95, and eighteen had scores of 89 each. The five highest Canadians, who won places in the three hundred to whom the second stage was open, scored as follows: Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 92; Pte. Gillies, 90; Pte. Thomson, 89; Color-Sergt. Mitchell, 86; Sergt. Langstroth, 85. In the Governor-General's match at Rideau range last summer, with a first prize of \$250 dangling before the sixty from whom this year's Wimbledon team were to be chosen, the top scores were 91, 90 and 88 for the three highest. More practice with the Martini is needed before Canada can cope with the mother country with that weapon.

The Militia Regulations—A Revision and Consolidation.

THE growth during the last twenty years of the business of the various departments of the government has been in many respects remarkable, and comparing the present with the past it is evident that the complicated machinery required for the transaction of that business is rapidly being perfected, and administration thereby made more easy. In no department is this growth more apparent than in the militia, because it is newer than most of the others. Indeed at confederation, only twenty years ago, there was no distinct Dominion system in the sense it now exists, except the authority granted by law to raise corps and train them. We had the traditions of the Imperial regular army and the models the regiments stationed in the country supplied; also the civil departments, which included the commissariat, store, pay, barrack and medical staffs, and the system under which they worked, as an example, but we had no corps except those raised to act as auxiliary with the Imperial troops, and it was convenient that our corps should be governed by the Imperial methods. The Fenian raids of 1866-70 gave cause for greater activity in military matters, and the withdrawal of the Imperial troops from Canada, in the latter year, left the country practically to its own resources for internal administrative purposes in so far at least as the militia was concerned.

It became evident that the models and practical advantages the Imperial troops had supplied must be perpetuated by creating in Canada from Canadian materials somewhat similar devices for the instruction and government of its force, in accordance with the conditions and requirements of the country. In doing so it was apparent that as the country would grow, and the territorial militia be widely scattered, it would be necessary to have an expansive system based on regulations that would operate equally on all, and enable every militiaman to make himself acquainted beforehand with the conditions applicable to him whenever he volunteered or was called on to serve. As a foundation for such a system a military college and many schools of military instruction based on permanent corps have been created, and although these corps have only a strength of 1,000 men, the machinery required for their government and for the college, schools, and active militia, is the same as would suffice for a much larger organization. What has been acquired is in fact a workable system applicable to the piping times of peace, and to such exigencies requiring military aid as may arise in the future. These exigencies of one kind or another have been numerous since confederation. In dealing with them not only has it been shown that a military force is necessary, but the promptitude displayed has demonstrated the excellence of the measures for raising, maintaining and turning out such a force in any portion of the Dominion. Such satisfactory results can only be accomplished by preparation made beforehand. This preparation has entailed undoubted labor, but the regulations resulting from it, and under which the college, schools of military instruction, and active and reserve militia are governed, are models of compactness and effectiveness. They are based on the traditions of the Imperial army and conform to the necessities of the force and the circumstances of Canada.

A revision and consolidation having been made during the present year, the experience gained by the results of the actual service in the North-West Territories in 1885 now form part of existing knowledge handily available for future use. The regulations are not yet as complete as they will require to be when the various branches are expanded to meet requirements of service, but comparing the results obtained with those existing in 1867 there are indications of the growth and development of this useful branch of the public service, in a direction making it more and more able to fulfil the duties required of it in connection with the interior affairs of the country, as well as to aid in its defence should circumstances arise requiring it. But although it is to be hoped the time when such aid may be required is distant, it is satisfactory to know that this provision has been and is being made in the direction of economy and effective administration.

It is to be hoped that a new edition of the Regulations and Orders will be issued at an early date, so that members of the force may have an opportunity of acquainting themselves with the regulations. The last book bears date 1883, but the changes made since then have been so many and radical that the volume is now really of very little use.

Personal.

Lieut.-Col. Bruce Campbell, of the 84th Batt., St. Hyacinthe, speaks of resigning owing to a disagreement which has arisen between himself and the department concerning the battalion, which it is said is not in the most flourishing condition.

Major-General Middleton, when in Montreal last week, was asked what he thought of the militia, after his tour of inspection. He is reported to have replied: "I am delighted, in fact astonished that with so little encouragement as they receive the volunteers do so well. It is in fact only enthusiasm which keeps them up."

Lieut.-Col. Ouimet, commandant of the Wimbledon team, and Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick were amongst the Canadians invited to witness the great naval review at Spithead last week.

Lieut.-Col. Holmes, commandant of "C" Battery R.C.A., British Columbia, visited Ottawa last week on business connected with the organization of the battery. He has since gone on to Montreal and Quebec, but is expected to return shortly.

Lieut. C. F. Winter, of the G.G.F.G., is to have his portrait appear as that of a typical Canadian volunteer, in the *American Magazine* shortly, in connection with an article on the Canadian Militia from the pen of Mr. J. Macdonald Oxley of this city.

Capt. A. P. Sherwood, of No. 1 Co. of the 43rd Batt., who is also Superintendent of Dominion Police, has in the latter capacity gone on a trip to Belgium, having in custody the fugitive embezzler Buzon, whose extradition had been asked and granted.

Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, and Major-General Middleton will leave on their contemplated trip to British Columbia as soon as the plans for the fortifications there, in preparation by Col. O'Brien, R.E., arrive from England.

The Queen and the Army.

THE fifty years of Her Majesty's reign have witnessed not only many stirring incidents connected with the British army, but also vast changes in its constitution and organization. The army as it existed at the Queen's accession was in all material respects the same army that had fought and conquered in the Peninsula and at Waterloo. Indeed it might be said that it remained unchanged until the period of the Crimean war, ever since which time every department of military science has been revolutionised. But if any army ought to be perfect as a military machine, it ought to be that of England, which has been constantly at war. Even in this year of the jubilee it cannot be said that the Temple of Janus is closed, as we are still warring in a desultory fashion with dacoits in Burmah. It is true, and fortunately so, that, with the exception of the war with Russia, this country has been engaged with no European combatant, but it has had many a tough and costly struggle with combatants who were not to be despised. The British army has had its misfortunes, but, thank God, they have been few, and the record of the British army for the last fifty years has been a splendid one. That we emerged victorious from the perils of the Indian mutiny is due as much to the heroism and martial character of the British race as to the gallantry of the British soldier. That the errors which gave rise to it have been amended, and that a better understanding now exists between the Imperial Crown and the subordinate states, the presence of noble Indian princes in the pageant of Tuesday last is a pleasing testi-

mony. We would that we could say that all our minor wars have been just ones, but we cannot recall the past, and with the justice or injustice of a war soldiers have nothing to do. Two wars with China, the Persian war, two Afghan wars, a disagreement with Japan, two Sikh wars, the Abyssinian war, the Ashantee war, a series of wars in South Africa, with the discreditable Boer war, the New Zealand war, two, or we might say, three Egyptian wars, besides numerous smaller wars and expeditions in India, such as the Bhotan War and the Jowaki Expedition, bear testimony to the gallantry and ubiquity of the British Army. During the course of Her Majesty's reign the British soldier has done "sentry go" in Pekin, Coomassie, Yokohama, Magdala, Cabul, Ulundi, and Cairo, and but for the procrastination of a policyless party we might have added Khartoum to the roll. But the changes which have taken place in the army during Her Majesty's reign are not less numerous than its achievements. Purchase, which found so many opponents both inside and outside the services, has been abolished, and the possession of money is in itself no longer a title to command. But as each year the non-effective expenses grow, even the most virulent opponent of the purchase system must doubt the expediency of its abolition. Abolished it is, however, for good or evil, and unless we adopt the *Spectator's* proposal that officers should provide their own pensions by means of a compulsory subscription to a fund for the purpose, the State will have to provide officers of the army with pensions on retirement. Not the least beneficent of the changes of the Victorian reign has been the abolition of flogging in the army. We have never heard it stated that the efficiency of the army, even on active service, has ever lost by its suppression. We have had long service converted into short service, and a valuable reserve has been created, which will enable us to fill our ranks and replace, at the opening of a campaign, the too old or too young. If we cannot point to England as a nation in arms, as is the case with most of the nations of Europe, we can show a permanent force of over 200,000 volunteers, something more than partially armed and trained, and capable, with very slight trouble and expense, of being brought to a high point of efficiency if the nation would only provide the means. Other reigns have seen great musterings of volunteers for the defence of the nation, but it was reserved for the reign of Queen Victoria that the volunteers should be permanently enrolled among the defences of the State. The abolition of purchase in the army brought in its train compulsory retirement, promotion by selection, and educational tests. Army examinations meet officers of the army at every point of their career. Although it cannot be said that the modern system has produced anything exceptionally brilliant, either in the way of a general or of a military writer—a Wellington or a Napier—the professional knowledge of the army is certainly of a higher character than formerly. But it is in the weapons of war that the army has seen the greatest change during the Victorian age, and more especially during the last thirty years. The old musket—Brown Bess, as it was familiarly called—has been replaced by the Enfield rifle, which, in its turn, gave way to the converted Snider, the first of our breechloaders, and this was succeeded by the Martini-Henry, which will make way for the repeating rifle. The old smooth-bore field guns have been replaced by rifled guns of increased range and precision. The heavy armament of ships and fortresses have changed from the cast-iron 64-pr. and 8-in. shell gun to built-up wrought-iron monsters of 20, 40, and even 100 tons, carrying projectiles almost as heavy as the guns themselves of former days. The feeding and lodging of soldiers have been improved, and the advance in military hygiene has increased the healthiness of soldiers, even in the most unhealthy climates. At the same time the pay, clothing, and equipment of the army has been improved. In drill our army has seen but few changes. It is true that has been much simplified, and numerous antiquated and cumbrous movements have been erased from the drill-book, but the old system of close order and rigid lines maintains its hold among us. But among all the changes which the last fifty years has brought us, two things remain unchanged, and these are the gallantry and devotion to duty of the British officer, and the bravery of the British soldier; and as long as these maintain their high character the British army will continue to hold its own, if not in numbers, at least in efficiency, among the armies of the world.—*Broad Arrow.*

Ontario Field Battery Scores.

THROUGH the kindness of Capt. J. B. Donaldson, secretary of the Dominion artillery association, we are enabled to publish in this issue the scores made in the annual competitive gun practice with 9 pr. R. M. L. guns, by the field batteries of Ontario, from which province alone the returns are yet complete. The practice took place while the annual camps were being held. The batteries from Kingston, Gananoque, Durham and Ottawa fired at Kingston, and the Welland Canal, London, Guelph 1 and 2, Hamilton and Toronto batteries at Port Colborne. Sixteen men from each battery fired in the preliminary contests, and the eight highest of these in the final. The scores were as follows:

Durham Field Battery.			Welland Canal Battery.		
	Preliminary.	Final.		Preliminary.	Final.
Corpl. Pearson.....	19	28	Sergt. Jeffrey.....	18	
Sergt. Trew.....	18		Gr. Mesler.....	26	23
Gr. Lowry.....	12		Corpl. Chamberlin.....	12	
Corpl. A. Thompson.....	25	29	" Bradt.....	22	21
Sergt. Pearce.....	11		Br. Richardson.....	25	25
Br. Howden.....	22	7	Gr. Dickenson.....	22	
Or. Mr. Sergt. Snyder.....	13		Sergt. King.....	10	
Gr. Kennedy.....	23	39	Sergt. Canute.....	24	23
Br. Bragg.....	15		Br. Rearley.....	23	10
Sergt. McMahon.....	28	23	Corpl. Secord.....	15	
Sergt. Gillies.....	14		Corpl. Clifford.....	10	
Gr. McMillan.....	21	21	Gr. Ness.....	24	26
Sergt. Wetherall.....	12		Gr. Halliday.....	13	
Sergt. Henderson.....	20	20	Gr. Phipps.....	24	11
Gr. Lannon.....	10		Gr. Munroe.....	23	9
Corpl. J. Thompson.....	28	21	Corpl. Hallet.....	20	
	291	188		311	148
Aggregate.....	479		Aggregate.....	459	
No. 1 Battery, 1st Brigade.			Ottawa Field Battery.		
	Preliminary.	Final.		Preliminary.	Final.
Bg.-Sergt.-Major Snyder.....	23	21	Sergt.-Major Peck.....	29	6
Or.-Mr.-Sergt. Armstrong.....	13		Br. Fox.....	30	7
Sergt. Cross.....	24	23	Dr. Gray.....	30	1
Sergt. McIntyre.....	14		Corpl. Cowan.....	21	
Br. Tennant.....	24	32	Gr. Welch.....	28	8
Sergt. Goar.....	18		Sergt. Dunnett.....	25	17
Gr. Frew.....	21	18	Gr. Alexander.....	21	
Sergt. McIntosh.....	23	19	Sergt. Hood.....	22	29
Gr. Gibson.....	13		Gr. Lillico.....	22	22
Br. Ritchie.....	12		Sergt. Perry.....	9	
Gr. Gilchrist.....	10		Sergt. Dowsley.....	7	
Br. Sallows.....	22	28	Gr. Thompson.....	16	
Corpl. McCutcheon.....	3		Corpl. Faughey.....	21	
Corpl. Crowe.....	19	15	Gr. Shattuck.....	17	
Corpl. Stewart.....	16		Corpl. Peck.....	16	
Bg.-Sergt.-Major Young.....	23	24	Sergt. Ingram.....	31	16
	278	180		345	106
Aggregate.....	458		Aggregate.....	451	
London Field Battery.			No. 2 Battery, 1st Brigade.		
	Preliminary.	Final.		Preliminary.	Final.
Sergt. Wilson.....	26	31	Sergt.-Major Donaldson.....	32	22
" Colerick.....	24	19	Or.-Mr.-Sergt. McIntosh.....	23	26
" Case.....	25	20	Corpl. Orsman.....	23	21
" Brown.....	3		Br. Kennedy.....	26	22
Sergt.-Major Hood.....	25	23	Sergt. Hood.....	23	17
Corpl. Herrick.....	24	22	Gr. Parsons.....	10	
" Patton.....	23	18	Gr. Ewing.....	21	
" Barrett.....	22	16	Br. Austin.....	11	
" Keilor.....	20		Gr. Haycock.....	24	16
Br. Mitchell.....	15		Corpl. Bigby.....	13	
" Brown.....	16		Corpl. Price.....	2	
Tpr. Leigh.....	3		Br. Cosford.....	17	
Gr. Fitzgerald.....	9		Sergt. Watson.....	21	
" Hall.....	22	8	Sergt. Newstead.....	20	
" Cartledge.....	20		Gr. Bayne.....	13	
" Bide.....	9		Corpl. Parker.....	26	14
	286	157		305	138
Aggregate.....	443		Aggregate.....	443	
Hamilton Field Battery.			Kingston Field Battery.		
	Preliminary.	Final.		Preliminary.	Final.
Gr. Ilurkholder.....	22	10	Corpl. Wilmot.....	23	2
" Wilson.....	22	19	Gr. Connell.....	20	
Sergt. Coombs.....	9		Sergt.-Major Ray.....	23	28
Gr. Worrall.....	22	29	Gr. Jos. Woods.....	13	
Corpl. Collett.....	23	20	Gr. M. Whitney.....	24	16
Gr. Ross.....	20		Corpl. Stickney.....	11	
Br. Atkinson.....	10		Sergt. Patterson.....	9	
Gr. Jocelyn.....	25	12	Sergt. Jno. Maclean.....	21	7
Sergt. Turnbull.....	25	14	Gr. F. Wilmot.....	15	
Tpr. Crides.....	13		Corpl. Dunlop.....	6	
Tpr. Homer.....	19		Sergt. Graves.....	31	12
Br. Collett.....	12		Gr. Marshall.....	22	19
Sergt. Fearnside.....	9		Sergt. H. Maclean.....	32	15
Corpl. Omand.....	24	16	Br. Ashley.....	24	19
Sergt.-Major Wholeston.....	20	27	Gr. Jno. Woods.....	10	
" Kerley.....	20		Gr. Burke.....	4	
	295	147		288	118
Aggregate.....	442		Aggregate.....	406	
Toronto Field Battery.			Gananoque Field Battery.		
	Preliminary.	Final.		Preliminary.	Final.
Corpl. Gagnier.....	13		Sergt.-Major Lloyd.....	13	12
Gr. Roberts.....	21	14	Or.-Master-Sergt. Carr.....	9	
" Rowley.....	16	40	Sergt. Lloyd.....	13	18
" Oliver.....	15		Sergt. Knight.....	10	
" Benson.....	25	12	Sergt. Trickey.....	10	
Sergt. Bennett.....	22	7	Sergt. Capes.....	9	
Staff-Sergt. Spry.....	20	8	Corpl. Knight.....	22	19
Sergt. Fitzpatrick.....	5		Corpl. Cliff.....	0	
Sergt. Sanderson.....	—		Corpl. Tinney.....	13	23
Sergt. Hines.....	10		Corpl. Cameron.....	17	5
Br. Scott.....	24	10	Br. Leakey.....	11	
Br. Pringle.....	10		Gr. Sheeks.....	9	
Sergt.-Major Woodman.....	20	16	Gr. Cowan.....	12	16
Br. Stewart.....	10		Gr. Aitkens.....	12	
Corpl. Ryan.....	13		Gr. Parks.....	20	5
Br. Farmery.....	18	18	Gr. MacNinch.....	14	10
	242	125		194	108
Aggregate.....	367		Aggregate.....	302	

THE OFFICERS' COMPETITION.

Three of the trial shots in the preliminary competition and all five of the final are taken to make an officers' competition, limited to two officers from each competing battery, to fire four rounds each. The scores made by the officers of the Ontario batteries competing were as follows:

Major Nicoll, No. 1 Bat, Guelph.....	30	Major King, Welland Canal Bat.....	13
Lieut. Shields, Gananoque F B.....	27	Lt.-Col. Peters, London F B.....	13
Lieut. Macdougall, Welland Canal Bat.....	25	Lieut. Gordon, Ottawa F B.....	11
Major McLean, Durham F B.....	20	Lieut.-Col. Gray, Toronto F B.....	11
Lieut. Milligan, ".....	19	Lieut. Myles, Toronto F B.....	11
Major Stewart, Ottawa F B.....	19	Major Hood, No. 2 Bat, Guelph.....	10
Lieut. Mereweather, No. 2 Bat, Guelph.....	17	Capt. Hendrie, Hamilton F B.....	9
Lieut. Knowles, No. 1 Bat, Guelph.....	16	Lieut. Fairbanks, London F B.....	7
Lieut. McKenzie, Gananoque F B.....	15	Lieut. Bankier, Hamilton F B.....	4

The Ontario Rifle Matches.

THE programme of the Ontario provincial rifle association matches for 1887, opening at Toronto on the 22nd August, does not present any new features compared with that of 1886, the matches and prizes being the same, except that pool shooting has been provided for in connection with the extra series matches. The name "Frodsham" has been applied to the latter, in honor of Messrs. Frodsham & Co., of London, Eng., who have contributed to the prize list. The association have adopted the new rule of the D.R.A., by which Snider ammunition is served out by the register keepers and the price included in the entrance fees. The matches in the aggregates are all to be shot with the Snider. The "Gibson" match—two stages—will give the Martini men an opportunity to show what can be done with that weapon, which may be used also in two of the extra series matches. The following is a synopsis of the programme:—

1st.—"Canada Company."—Presented by the Canada Company of London, Eng. Restricted to the active militia of Ontario who have never won a prize at any provincial or D.R.A. match, not including consolation matches.—400 yards; seven rounds; kneeling (Hythe). Entrance 60 cents. First prize, \$10; second, \$7; four of \$5; ten of \$4; 16 prizes; total, \$77. To be fired at 1 p.m. on the first day (Monday), close at 2 p.m.

2nd.—"Macdonald."—Named after the late Judge A. Macdonald, of Guelph, ex-president of the association. 200 yards; seven rounds; standing. Entrance 60 cents. First prize \$15; two of \$10; two of \$7; fifteen of \$5; fifteen of \$4; fifteen of \$3; 50 prizes; total \$229. To be fired at 1 p.m. on the first day.

3rd.—"Gilmour."—Named after Lt.-Col. Allan Gilmour, of Ottawa, ex-president of the association. 500 yards; seven rounds. Entrance 60 cents. First prize \$15; two of \$10; two of \$7; fifteen of \$5; fifteen of \$4; twenty of \$3; 55 prizes; total \$244. To be fired at 2.30 p.m. on the first day.

4th.—"Gordon."—Named after the late John Gordon, of Toronto, ex-president of the association. 600 yards; seven rounds. Entrance 60 cents. First prize \$15; two of \$10; two of \$7; fifteen of \$5; fifteen of \$4; twenty of \$3; 55 prizes; total \$244. To be fired at 9 a.m. on the second day (Tuesday).

5th.—"Walker."—Named after Lieut.-Col. Walker, of London, ex-president of the association. 500 and 600 yards; seven rounds at each. Entrance, teams free, individuals 70 cents. Team prizes—To be competed for by five previously named members of any one affiliated association: First prize, the Ladies' Challenge Cup (value \$150), presented by the ladies of Toronto, and \$30; second \$25; third \$20; fourth \$15; fifth \$10; 5 prizes; total \$100. The cup to be competed for annually. The winning association to have possession (subject to the approval of the council) until the next ensuing association prize meeting. Individual prizes—First \$20; second \$15; two of \$10; two of \$7; twenty of \$5; twenty-five of \$4; 51 prizes; total \$269.

6th.—"Tait-Brassey."—Restricted to the active militia of Canada. 200, 500 and 600 yards; seven rounds at each; 200 yards kneeling (Hythe), 500 and 600 yards any. Entrance, \$5 each battalion team, \$2 each company team, and \$1.00 for individual prizes. Battalion team prizes to be competed for by eight previously named officers or men from any battalion, brigade of garrison or field artillery, or squadron of cavalry of the active militia of Canada. First prize silver cup (value \$250), presented by Sir Peter Tait, of London, England, and \$60; second \$50; third \$40; fourth \$30; fifth \$20; 5 prizes; total \$200. The cup to remain in the custody of the winning corps for the year, at the discretion of the council, and to be competed for annually at the prize meeting of the Ontario rifle association. Company team prizes—To be competed for by five previously named officers, n.c.o's. or men from any company, troop or field or garrison battery of active militia of Canada. First prize silver cup (value \$125), presented by the late Thos. Brassey, of England, and \$25; second \$20; third \$15; fourth \$10; 4 prizes; total \$70. The cup to be won three times consecutively by the same company, troop or battery, before becoming the absolute property of the winners. Individual prizes—First \$25; second \$20; third \$15; three of \$10; four of \$7; thirty of \$5; thirty-five of \$4; 75 prizes; total \$408.

7th.—"Ontario."—Named in honor of the municipalities of the province who have contributed to this prize meeting. Entrance 75 cents. First Series; restricted to the Province of Ontario—1st. To highest aggregate score in 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 500 and 600 yards of 6th matches: the Governor-General's silver medal. 2nd. To second highest aggregate score in ditto: the Governor-General's bronze medal. Second Series; restricted to the Province of Ontario.—To highest aggregate score in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th matches: the Elkington cup (value \$125), presented by Messrs. Elkington & Co., of London and Liverpool. To be won three times before becoming the property of the winner. Temporary possession to be awarded at discretion of the council. Third Series; open to the Dominion.—Highest aggregate scores in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th matches: 1st D. R. A. medal and \$20; 2nd \$15; five of \$10; eighteen of \$5; 25 prizes; total \$175.

8th.—"Gibson."—Named after Lieut.-Col. Gibson, M.P.P., of Hamilton, president of the association. 1st Stage—Rifle, Martini; 500 and 600 yards, seven rounds at each. Entrance 50 cents. First prize \$20; second \$15; third \$10; twenty-two of \$5; twenty-five of \$4; 50 prizes; total \$255. Rifles for this match will be furnished on the ground to competitors who have not their own.

9th.—"Gibson."—2nd Stage.—Presented by Lieut.-Col. Gibson, M.P.P., president of the association. Open to the 25 highest scorers in the first stage. Rifles, Martini; 800 and 900 yards; seven rounds at each. Entrance 50 cents. First prize \$25; second \$20; third \$15; four of \$10; 7 prizes; total \$100.

10th.—"Gzowski."—Named after Colonel Gzowski, of Toronto, A. D. C. to the Queen, ex-president of the association. Restricted to the active militia of Ontario. To be competed for by six officers, non-commissioned officers or men from any battalion, brigade of field or garrison artillery, or squadron of cavalry. 1st. Skirmishing—100 to 500 yards; five rounds advancing, 5 retiring; position, any, at all ranges; entrance \$4 each team. First prize \$30; second \$25; third \$20; fourth \$15; fifth \$10; 5 prizes; total \$100. Volley firing—200 to 400 yards; five rounds at each; position 200 yards standing; 400 yards kneeling; entrance \$4 each team. First prize \$30; second \$25; third \$20; fourth \$15; fifth \$10; 5 prizes; total \$100. A silver cup presented by Col. Gzowski, A. D. C. to the Queen (value \$200), will be awarded to the team making the highest aggregate in both matches. To remain in possession of the winning corps for one year.

11th.—"Revolver."—Any pattern not exceeding 45 calibre, 25 yards; seven rounds; standing, off-hand. Entrance 50 cents each entry (unlimited). First prize \$10;

second \$8; third \$7; five of \$5; six of \$4; six of \$3; 20 prizes; total \$92. To be fired at any time during first four days.

12th.—"Frodsham."—Extra Series.—Two silver watches (valued at \$50 and \$30 respectively), presented by Messrs. Frodsham & Co., London, England, and such other prizes in value as may be contributed, together with cash added by the association. Unlimited entries at each range; the highest score to count, and winners to choose their prizes according to their scores. The whole of the targets will be used at stated periods for this match; at other times five targets will be open for Nos. 1 and 2. No. 1. (Snider)—500 yards; 7 rounds. Entrance 60c. No. 2. (Martini)—500 yards; 7 rounds. Entrance, 50c. No. 3. (Snider)—600 yards; 7 rounds. Entrance, 60c. No. 4. (Martini)—600 yards; 7 rounds. Entrance 50c.

Pools in "Frodsham." (Extra Series.)—Pool tickets must be obtained at the secretary's hut. Snider, 10c each; Martini, 20c each. Ammunition included in price of ticket. Tickets will be given by the non-commissioned officer in charge of firing point to all scoring bull's-eyes. One-third amount of the entrance money will be retained by the association; the remaining two-thirds will be divided equally among those who score bull's-eyes and will be paid on the production of a bull's-eye ticket, at the close of the day's shooting.

Entries, accompanied by the fees, for the first seven matches, must be made (upon forms to be obtained from the secretary, Lt.-Col. Otter), on or before Wednesday, 17th August; other matches during the first two days of the meeting. Post entries (10 per cent. extra) will not be squadded until the regular entries have been provided for.

By arrangement with the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, and Northern and North-Western Railways, competitors will be carried to and from the meeting at reduced fares on being furnished by the secretary of the association with certificates.

Competitors desirous of being near the ranges may obtain a tent and ten blankets on payment of \$1.50, or a tent alone, \$1. Meals can be obtained on the ground.

Non-commissioned officers and privates competing in the "Canada Company," "Tait-Brassey," and "Gzowski" matches will be required to produce certificates from the commanding officer or adjutant of their corps that they are regularly enrolled and efficient members of the same.

Officers, non-commissioned officers and men competing for prizes restricted to the militia, must appear in the authorized full dress or undress uniform of their corps, with a waist belt. Officers need not wear sword belts, nor officers of rifle corps cross belts. Cap covers may be worn.

In accordance with the by-laws of the association, the annual meeting of members will be held in the council tent on Tuesday, the 23rd August, at 5 p.m.

The Target.

Ottawa.—The eleventh spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club was held on Saturday afternoon last, at Queen's ranges, with Sniders. The position at 200 yards was standing. Mr. Jamieson won the senior spoon; for the junior spoon Messrs. Ellis, Fairweather and Nutting tied and will have to shoot off:—

W. A. Jamieson.....	29	24	24	77	F. C. Lightfoot.....	25	19	17	61
N. Morrison.....	24	24	28	76	E. D. Sutherland.....	26	20	15	61
Lieut. H. H. Gray.....	28	26	21	75	Major H. F. Perley.....	24	19	17	60
Major W. P. Anderson.....	26	25	23	74	Capt. Cox.....	18	22	16	56
F. W. Smith.....	29	23	16	68	Capt. J. Wright.....	24	19	13	56
T. Carroll.....	25	23	18	66	G. Duncan.....	23	17	15	55
J. W. de C. O'Grady.....	24	22	18	64	F. W. Smith.....	23	17	15	50
J. H. Ellis.....	27	16	19	62	R. H. Brown.....	19	22	9	50
J. H. Fairweather.....	27	17	18	62	Jas. Mathews.....	16	9	6	31
J. P. Nutting.....	25	20	17	62					

The tenth spoon competition of the Guards' rifle association took place on Saturday at Queen's ranges with Snider rifles. Position at 200 yards, kneeling; 500 and 600, any. Pte. Morrison won the spoon. The principal scores were as follows:—

Pte. Morrison, No. 3.....	29	24	28	81	Sergt. McCarthy, No. 5.....	25	16	22	63
Major Todd, No. 1.....	29	27	24	80	Staff-Sergt. Dawson, No. 2.....	23	21	19	63
Sergt. Short, No. 2.....	27	26	18	71	Corpl. Watts, No. 1 (Martini).....	19	21	16	56
Corpl. Carroll, No. 4.....	29	23	18	70	Staff-Sergt. Cawdron, No. 3.....	27	16	11	54
Lieut. Thompson, No. 1.....	26	22	17	65	Color-Sergt. Ross, No. 5.....	26	15	11	52
Pte. Howard, No. 5.....	25	22	17	64	Corpl. Behan, No. 4.....	20	20	10	50

THE GUARDS' CLASS-FIRING.

No. 4 Co. (Capt. H. G. Bate's) of the G.G.F.G., had their annual class firing at the Rideau range on Wednesday of last week. A liberal prize list was offered, the funds having been generously subscribed by the officers of the company. A handicap of 10 per cent. deducted from the scores of four of the older shots accounts for the position they occupy on the prize list given below. The firing consisted of 10 shots at 200 yards standing, five at 300 kneeling, and five at 400 yards prone.

\$5 00 Pte. Cairns.....	54	1 00 Pte. Church.....	27
4 00 Sergt. Reardon.....	57	1 00 L.-Corpl. May.....	27
3 00 Sergt. Cairns.....	51	75 Pte. Hutchison.....	24
2 00 Pte. Burns.....	51	75 Pte. Sutton.....	24
2 00 Corpl. Carroll.....	54	75 Pte. Herbert.....	20
2 00 Q.-M.-Sergt. Benbow.....	47	75 Pte. Walsh.....	18
2 00 Sergt. Church.....	47	75 L.-Corpl. Thomas.....	17
2 00 Pte. Legg.....	42	75 Pte. Bowes.....	17
1 00 Corpl. Behan.....	44	75 Pte. Watts.....	16
1 00 Pte. Day.....	44	75 Pte. Herbert.....	15
1 00 Pte. Long.....	37	75 Corpl. McCullough.....	12
1 00 Pte. Watley.....	35	75 Pte. Olmstead.....	12
1 00 Pte. Brown.....	30	50 Pte. Croshaw.....	6
1 00 Pte. McCracken.....	30	50 Pte. Derinzy.....	2
1 00 Bugler King.....	29	50 Pte. Hubbard.....	0
1 00 Pte. Ingram.....	28	50 Pte. McCormack.....	0

The Ross medal, awarded to the highest scorer, goes this year again to Sergt. Reardon. This is twice in succession he has won it.

No. 5 Co., Governor-General's Foot Guards, held their annual class-firing on Monday afternoon, 18th July. The day was a fine one for shooting. Sergts. Ross, Gallwey and Taylor withdrew from the prize competition in favor of the junior shots. The highest possible score was 80 points. The following were the scores of the prize-winners:—

Color-Sergt. Ross.....	51	\$1.25 Pte. Neitholm.....	28
\$3.50 Sergt. McCarthy.....	51	1.25 Pte. J. Walmsley.....	28
2.75 Pte. Howard.....	47	1.25 Pte. Haak.....	27
2.25 Corpl. Stroulger.....	47	1.00 Pte. W. Stroulger.....	27
2.00 L.-Corpl. Sleeman.....	46	1.00 Pte. E. Stroulger.....	26
Sergt. Gallwey.....	45	1.00 Pte. McElroy.....	26
1.75 Corpl. McCarthy.....	38	1.00 Pte. Cross.....	25
1.75 Pte. Rabbey.....	38	1.00 Pte. Avery.....	24
1.50 Pte. Kirk.....	35	1.00 Pte. Bell.....	24
Color-Sergt. Taylor.....	33	1.00 Pte. Boehmer.....	22
1.50 Pte. E. Walmsley.....	30	1.00 Pte. Lattimer.....	21
1.25 Pte. Archibald.....	28		

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THE MARITIME PROVINCES' MATCH.

As announced in last issue the inter-provincial rifle match between teams representing the Maritime Provinces, fired at Charlottetown on the 14th inst., was won by Nova Scotia, with a score of 654 points. P. E. Island was second with 597; not 590 as previously published, while New Brunswick scored 571 points. A transposition of the types made this total appear 517 in our last.

The match took place at the Kensington rifle range, which is distant from the city about half a mile, and is beautifully situated on the banks of the Hillsborough river. The range is fitted with canvas targets and gave every satisfaction to the marksmen. In the evening, the visiting marksmen were entertained at dinner at the Rankine house by the Island team. Major Irving presided, with Lieut.-Col. Murray on his right, and Capt. Kinnear, of the St. John team, on his left. Captian Passmore occupied the vice-chair. After the dinner had been thoroughly enjoyed, toasts were given and duly honored, that of "the winning team" being responded to by Lt.-Col. Murray and Capt. Weston. The company afterwards conversed at great length about the design of the trophy, and it was finally decided to cable Capt. Hartt, St. John Rifles, at present in England, to bring out designs for a trophy the cost of which would not exceed £80. It was decided to change the time for holding the competition, and make it from the 8th to 14th June. Next year some range in Nova Scotia (probably Bedford) will be the scene of operations, the other provinces having had their turn. The following were the scores of the match. The ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each:—

NOVA SCOTIA.

Sergt. Blair, 7th.....	28	27	32	87	Lieut. Maxwell.....	31	32	20	83
Lieut. Adams.....	29	29	27	85	Pte. Corbin.....	29	23	29	81
Gr. Faulkner.....	28	32	24	84	Capt. Harris.....	29	27	24	80
Capt. Weston.....	27	33	23	83	Gr. Campbell.....	28	23	20	71
Team average, 81½.					Total.....	654			

P. E. ISLAND.

Sergt. Crockett.....	28	26	27	81	Staff-Sergt. Allen.....	26	26	23	75
Lieut. R. Longworth.....	32	26	22	80	Lieut. J. Longworth.....	30	25	19	74
Sergt. Davison.....	19	51	20	80	Corpl. Hooper.....	29	19	19	67
Sergt. Johnson.....	28	27	21	76	Capt. Weeks.....	29	14	21	64
Team average, 74½.					Total.....	597			

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Pte. Burns, 62nd.....	30	24	25	79	Capt. Kinnear, 74th.....	30	21	23	74
Lieut. Weyman, 74th.....	29	22	25	76	Sergt. Lordly, 62nd.....	29	24	18	71
Lieut. Langstroth, 74th.....	29	27	19	75	Pte. McAvity, Rifles.....	28	21	16	65
Sergt. Henderson, 62nd.....	32	26	17	75	Sergt. Grey, 74th.....	22	25	9	56
Team average, 71½.					Total.....	571			

THE JUBILEE TROPHY.

Montreal.—The fourth competition between the teams entered for the jubilee trophy took place at the Point St. Charles ranges on Saturday afternoon. The Scots maintained their lead, the aggregate scores now standing as follows:

5th Royal Scots, first team.....	1,085	Montreal Rifle Association.....	986
3rd Victoria Rifles.....	1,054	5th Royal Scots, second team.....	920
1st Prince of Wales Rifles.....	1,038	Province of Quebec Rifle Association.....	Retired
6th Fusiliers.....	1,029	85th Battalion.....	Retired
Montreal Garrison Artillery.....	1,006		

The next trial will be at the open match of the M.G.A. Saturday, 30th instant, with Snider rifles.

THE PRINCE OF WALES MATCHES.

The sixteenth annual prize meeting of the Prince of Wales Rifles rifle association took place on Saturday afternoon last at the Point St. Charles Ranges. The prize winners and their scores were as follows:

MATCH NO. 1.—MAIDEN STAKES.

Open to members who had never won a prize (company matches excepted.) 200 yards; 7 shots, standing or kneeling. Eighteen entries.

Corpl. Lindsay, A Co.....	12	Sergt. Donohue, D.....	10
Pte. E. Ross, C.....	11	Pte. Jackson, F.....	10
Pte. Vanstone, C.....	10	Capt. Godfrey, B.....	9

2.—BATTALION MATCH.

For commanding officer's cup, with prizes added by the association. Open to all bona fide members of the regiment, 200 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each. First prize, Colonel's prize, cup and \$10; 2nd \$8, and thirteen prizes in kind. Thirty-six entries.

Staff-Sergt. Ross, F Co.....	74	Color-Sergt. Jones, A.....	43
Color-Sergt. McCrae, E.....	59	Corpl. Cummis, E.....	42
Lieut. Abbott, F.....	55	Pte. E. Ross, C.....	41
Pte. McAfee, F.....	54	Staff-Sergt. Bruce, D.....	40
Color-Sergt. Ferguson, C.....	53	Pte. J. Watson, E.....	39
Lieut.-Col. Bond.....	46	Pte. Davee, E.....	39
Pte. Kough, E.....	46	Staff-Sergt. Lefebvre, B.....	37
Sergt.-Major Porteous, E.....	45		

3.—CITIZENS' MATCH.

Open to all members. 500 and 600 yards, 5 shots at each. First prize, chaplain's gold medal and \$5; and nine prizes in kind. Twenty-five entries.

Staff-Sergt. Ross, F Co.....	25	Lieut. Abbott, F.....	16
Sergt.-Major Porteous, E.....	24	Pte. Kough, E.....	14
Pte. McAfee, F.....	23	Sergt. Eberwine, E.....	14
Color-Sergt. Jones, A.....	20	Pte. Kemp, E.....	13
Pte. J. Watson, E.....	19	Lieut.-Col. Bond.....	13



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Persons tendering are further notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an *accepta* bank cheque made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, *equal to five per cent.* of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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\$8 Sergt. Pratt, Montreal Engineers..... 25	\$2 Sergt. Brown, 5th Royal Scots..... 23
5 Pte. Kough, 1st P. W. R..... 24	1 Major Jackson, 85th Batt..... 23
3 Sergt. Johnson, 85th Batt..... 23	1 Corpl. Pratt, Montreal Engineers..... 23

5—OPEN MATCH.

Open to teams of five, and individual members of any rifle association. Associations to name their representatives before firing. Rifles, Martini-Henry for teams. Ranges, 500 and 600 yards.

Team Prizes.

\$15 First team 5th Royal Scots..... 262	Second team 5th Royal Scots..... 241
19 First team Prince of Wales..... 252	Montreal Garrison Artillery..... 232
5 Second team 6th Fusiliers..... 251	Montreal Rifle Association..... 209
First team Victoria Rifles..... 246	Second team Victoria Rifles..... 207
First team 6th Fusiliers..... 244	Second team Prince of Wales Rifles..... 134

Individual Prizes.

\$10 Sergt. Johnson, 85th battalion..... 59	\$2 Sergt. Brown, 5th Royal Scots..... 54
8 Lieut. Vaughan, 5th Royal Scots..... 59	2 Capt. Henshaw, 1st P. W. R..... 54
6 Pte. Tabb, V. R. C..... 58	1 Color-Sergt. McCrae, 1st P. W. R..... 54
5 Bandsman Cook, 5th Royal Scots..... 58	1 Capt. Patterson, 85th battalion..... 54
4 Lieut. Desbarats, V. R. C..... 57	1 Pte. Deuchars, 5th Royal Scots..... 54
2 Staff-Sergt. Ross, 1st P. W. R..... 56	1 Sergt. Bell, M. G. A..... 53
2 Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th Royal Scots..... 56	1 Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, V. R. C..... 53
2 Pte. D. Smith, 5th Royal Scots..... 55	

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

For highest aggregate in matches 2 and 3, marksman's badge and cup presented by captain of the team; second, prize in kind.

Staff-Sergt. Ross, F Co..... 99	Pte McAfee, F Co..... 77
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For highest aggregate in matches 1, 2 and 3, prize in kind, won by Pte. D. Ross, C Co., with 62 points.

COMPANY MATCH.

Open to teams of five from each company; ranges, 200, 400, 500 and 600 yards.

E Company..... 341	A Company..... 181
F do..... 280	B do..... 164
C do..... 220	

THIRD MONTHLY COMPETITION.

Ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards.

Lieut.-Col. Bond..... 72	Pte. Kough, E..... 68
Color-Sergt. McCrae, F Co..... 69	Pte. McAfee, F..... 65
Staff-Sergt. Ross, F..... 67	Color-Sergt. Ferguson, C..... 65

Correspondence.

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

POUCH BELTS WITH PATROL JACKETS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—In reply to "One who doesn't know" in your issue 21st please allow me to venture the opinion that pouch belts *should* be worn with patrol jackets by infantry, although there is no regulation for the same and neither have we the custom of the service to guide us, as the infantry of the British army still wear the sash; however, cavalry, artillery, engineers, and rifles wear the pouch belt with patrol jacket, though no one has ever been able to assign any use for the pouch worn by those branches of the service. Now with the new regulation for infantry the matter is totally different, as we wear the field glass case which should contain a field glass, and any officer may require to use one at any time either in reconnaissance duties, target practice or field days in drill order, and on many other occasions. The officers of the corps to which the writer belongs *always* wear the pouch in undress, though in some regiments it is only worn by an officer when on duty, and thus the orderly officer in camp or garrison can easily be distinguished. Besides the usefulness of the accoutrement in question, I think it will be allowed that the belt is a handsome addition to the undress uniform, and therefore if it adds to the appearance of the officers of the militia by all means let us wear it with undress; it is time however that we had a proper set of dress regulations to guide us in this and many other important matters.

"GRENADE."

A portrait of General Guzman Blanco, the President and autocratic ruler of the United States of Venezuela, furnishes the frontispiece of *The American Magazine* for August. A lively description of a sojourn in Venezuela (illustrated) is contributed by Dr. W. F. Hutchinson. That country is exceedingly attractive, and those who have once visited it, whether for business or pleasure, are almost sure to make the trip again. Most of the coffee sold in this country as "Mocha" or "Java" is raised there. The present ruler, General Guzman Blanco, is a man of soldierly fame and world-wide reputation. The name is compound, as are most Castilian ones of high degree. His father was called

Guzman, his mother came from the Blanco family, and in accordance with custom he took both names. On both sides, the general is of good blood, and in person does credit to his descent. Dr. Hutchinson says: "Presented one afternoon by our popular minister, Major C. L. Scott, whose many estimable qualities have won the love of his visiting countrymen and the respect of the President, we were given an excellent opportunity to study this remarkable man. Personally, Guzman Blanco is of imposing appearance and princely bearing. Fully six feet tall and of stalwart frame, he is beginning to stoop, and his beard is almost white. For he is in his sixtieth year. His skin is bronzed; he has the most penetrating pair of eyes that were ever seen. Suave, dignified and courtly in his manner, there were still gleams of fire in those black orbs that boded ill for an enemy in his power, and suggested the fact that it would be safer to tamper with a loose tiger than with Guzman in his present position. He wields absolutely autocratic power, and as history shows, wields it for his country's good."



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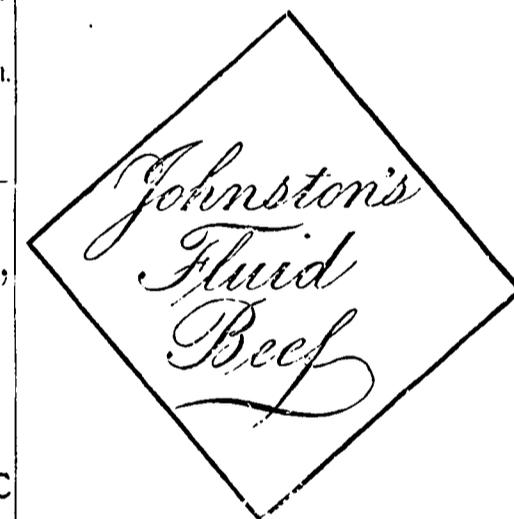
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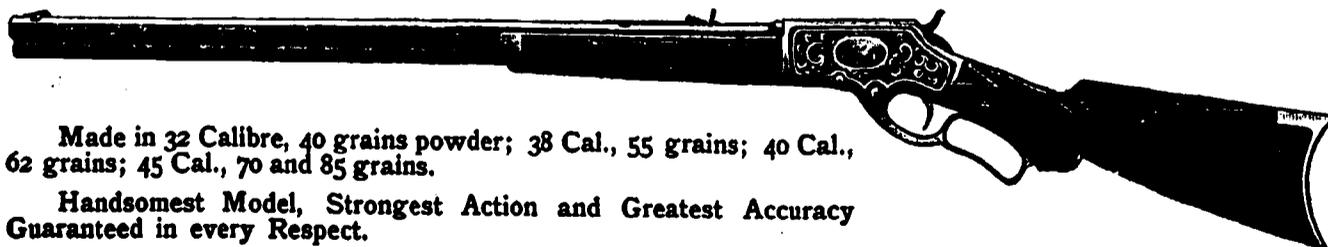
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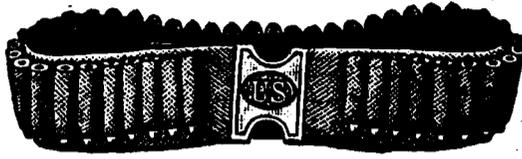
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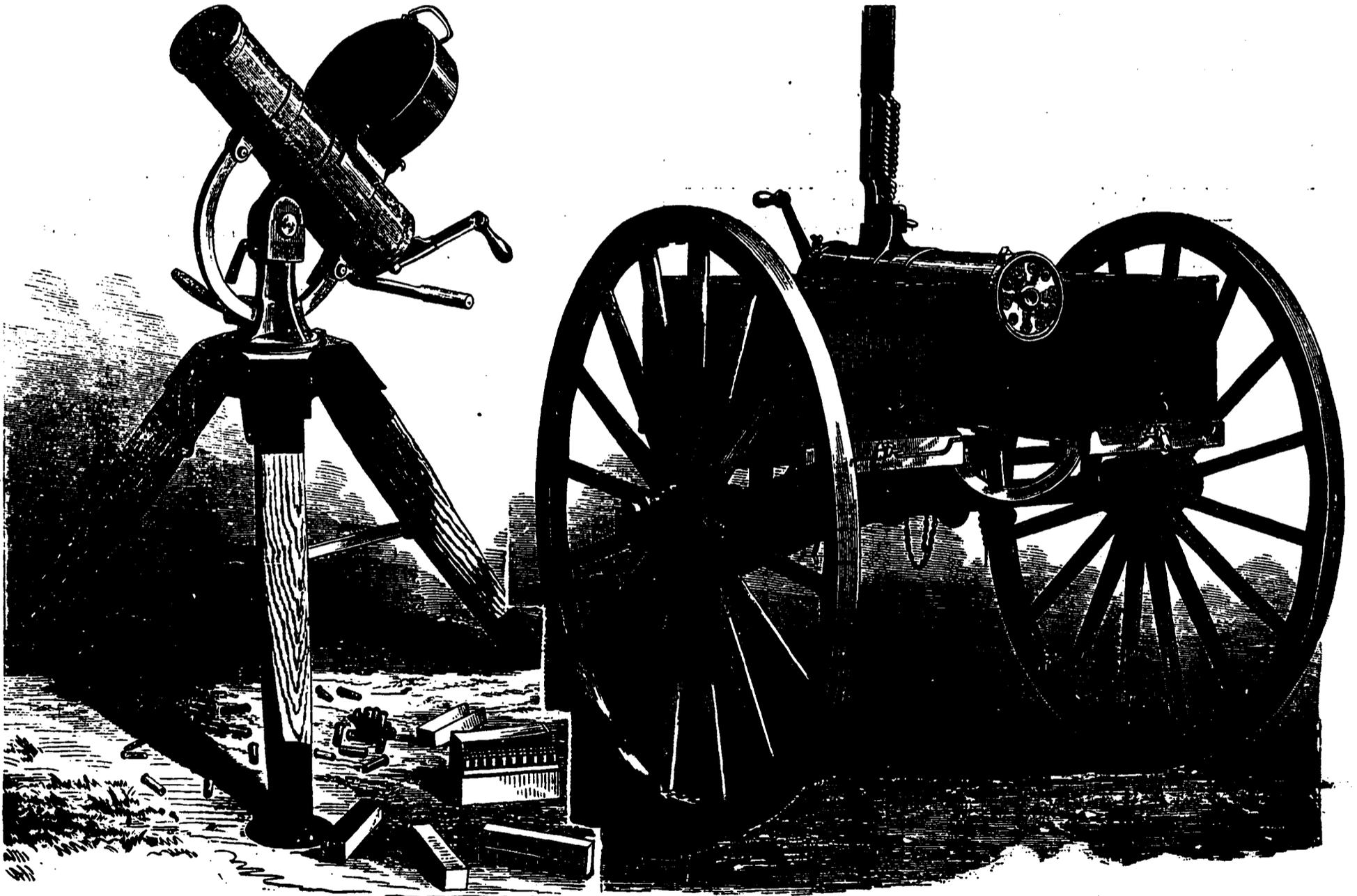
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