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## The Command of the Militia.

None of those who have been busy during the past three months in nominating candidates for the command of the Canadian militia, are to have their desires satisfied, the important office having been offered to Col. Ivor Caradoc Herbert, an officer of the Grenadier Guards, but since 1886 serving as Military Attache at St. Petersburg. He is a man in the prime of life, being but 39 years old, and it would seem that what he lacks in the way of the experience which comes with age is amply made up by his natural ability, for we are told that Col. Herbert has distinguished himself in the army and has won the favour of Lord Wolseley. His service record is thus briefly stated: Born 15th July, 1851; commissioned an Ensign and Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, 5th November, 1870; Lieutenant and Captain on 25th November, 1874; Brevet Major 18th November, 1882; Captain and Lt.-Colonel 2nd May, 1883; Colonel 18th August, 1889; Regimental Major 26th October, 1889; Brigade-Major of the Home District from 25th February to 31st July, 1882; Brigade-Major of the Expeditionary Force to Egypt, from 4th August to 6th November, 1882; Brigade-Major of the Home District from 11th November, 1882, to 1st May, 1883; Commandant of the School for Auxiliary Forces, Wellington Barracks, from 1st November, 1885, to 6th April, 1886, when appointed Military Attache at St. Petersburg.

Though we are not told so, it is fair to assume, in consequence of the intimate connection of Lord Stanley of Preston, his family, and his staff, with the Grenadier Guards, that Col. Herbert is personally known to and recommended by His Excellency the Governor General, who being a man of experience in public affairs would not be apt to take the responsibility of recommending any but a thoroughly first-class officer for the post. That the new commanding officer may prove himself equal to the expectations thus formed of him, will be the sincere hope of every well-wisher of the militia. With the advantages his youthful vigour and wealth will give him, Col. Herbert will have exceptionally favourable opportunities for the study and instruction of a force that, under his gifted predecessors, has made great strides in the path of improvement, and is ready and willing to continue to profit by the fresh experience we borrow with the advent of each Major-General Commanding.

## Note and Comment.

Our correspondent "Staff" must let us know his name before his letter, received since last issue, can be published.

The Creedmoor meeting will in all probability be held next year the first week in September, instead of the second as heretofore, the directors of the N. R. A. judging by experience that the change will give more auspicious weather. Though this will bring the event into the same week as the Dominion rifle meeting, it need not prevent the sending of a Canadian team to take part in the Hilton trophy match, if, as this year, it is timed for Saturday, as our meeting can be closed on Thursday afternoon. The Canadian team would, however, be prevented from having much preliminary practice upon the range, and thus handicapped to some extent.

Lieut. John Houlston, one of this year's graduates of the Royal Military College, has declined to accept the Imperial commission of which he had the option upon graduation, and as none of the other graduates want it the commission will not be filled from Canada. It is in the Infantry branch. The fact that such chances for entering the Imperial service are so commonly refused, shows that the engineering training received in connection with the military course at the College is so excellent that the graduates are quite content with the opportunities in civil life which it affords them. True, many who would like to take the Imperial commissions refuse on account of not having the private means necessary to supplement the service pay of a junior officer, so as to enable him to live up to the style of his fellows.

Few riflemen are better known to and none more respected by the participants in the Dominion gatherings, than Major Henry F. Perley, whose resignation of the post of Engineer Officer at Headquarters and of his commission in the Active Militia appears in the Militia General Orders published in this issue. Major Perley has overworked himself, and in order that he may not have another attack of the severe illness from which he has only partially recovered after a lengthened trip to England and the Continent, his physician has ordered him to relinquish every responsibility except that necessarily attaching to his important office of Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department. Obeying orders like a good soldier, Major Perley has severed his military connection, a step which must have been taken with great reluctance by one who has been so zealous in the service. His service on the Headquarters Staff has not been merely titular, as some might imagine, for his advice and assistance have been constantly sought, notably in connection with the inauguration of the Canadian cartridge factory; and the regret with which his request to be placed upon the Retired List was acceded to was officially made known to him in an appreciatory letter from the Adjutant General. We believe that Major Perley is also retiring from his position on the council of the Dominion Rifle Association; and has put away his trusty rifles, not to be taken out again until his

health is fully restored. That his absence from the ranges may be of brief duration will be the wish of his friends the entire body of riflemen.

Toronto will shortly have the finest drill hall and military headquarters in the Dominion, as its erection is to be proceeded with just as soon as the title deeds to the site are placed in possession of the Government, and the civic authorities promise that the deeds will be forthcoming immediately. The building will be adapted for an all-the-year-round club house and recreation hall, as well as for purposes of drill, as provision will be made for athletic apparatus, bowling alleys, billiard rooms and other sources of amusement. Its erection will give deserved encouragement to a force that has flourished surprisingly despite the drawbacks long felt.

### Personal.

Hon. C. R. W. Colville, Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General, has been promoted to a Majority in his regiment, the Grenadier Guards.

Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, who arrived from England this week, was while in Montreal presented with an address from his fellow-members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers congratulating him upon the honour of knighthood recently conferred upon him.

Capt. Huskisson, R.E., has been appointed to the vacancy on the staff of the Royal Military College, Kingston, caused by the retirement of Capt. Stuart Davidson, Professor of Fortification, Military Engineering, etc. Capt. Huskisson will sail for Canada on October 2nd, and will commence his duties at Kingston about the middle of this month.

Judge Dugas, who is Lt.-Col. commanding the 65th Battalion, Montreal, has secured a verdict of \$250 and costs in a suit for libel brought against *Le Monde*. Referring to the part he took as a magistrate in the capture of Morrison, the Megantic outlaw, that paper held Col. Dugas up to ridicule, and in one article said he had "cast no more lustre upon his sword in this expedition than he had done in the Northwest." In endorsing the judgment above mentioned, Chief Justice Sir Francis Johnson said these words were clearly meant to convey the idea that the officer had acted like a coward in the first instance, and no one has a right to hold up to ridicule the bravery of a soldier or the chastity of a woman.

### Correspondence.

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

#### THAT UNCLAIMED PRIZE.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Referring to Captain McMicking's letter dated 20th instant, published in your last issue, on the subject of a prize in the Revolver Match, which he says he did not win, I have only to say that I have the ticket on which the score is recorded, with the name written on it in Captain McMicking's own handwriting, and the figures of the score written in by the range officer in charge.

If Captain McMicking by carelessness or any other way let one of his tickets out of his possession, I don't see how the association can be held responsible therefor.

THOMAS BACON, Secretary D.R.A.

29th September, 1890.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—The GAZETTE of 25th inst. containing my letter, re Revolver prize, also editorial comments thereon, received and perused.

I must take objection to the last clause in your remarks, viz: "The net result of the association's efforts in this direction, being the discovery of a witness who says he knows Capt. McMicking and is positive that he watched that officer fire a score in the Revolver match."

Now, Sir, I wrote the letter in question over my own signature, and no living being saw me fire a single shot out of a revolver at Ottawa this year. The allegation is simply preposterous. I consider it quite unfair to withhold from me the (mistaken) witness's name, and making it a question of veracity in such a general way. *Fiat justitia ruat cælum.*

GEO. A. McMICKING, Captain,  
Commanding No. 6 Co. 44th Bn.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 29th, 1890.

[The question can hardly be called one of veracity, for while the testimony is conflicting neither side has anything to gain by nor can be

suspected of wilful misrepresentation. The statement of the witness mentioned (a totally disinterested person) was not accepted or published as a solution of the matter, but simply as an incident of the inquiry. Certainly Capt. McMicking ought to be the best authority on the subject.—EDITOR.]

### Garrison Artillery Competitive Gun Practice.

The annual meeting for the competitive gun practice of the Garrison Artillery, under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association was held this year on the ground previously used for the same purpose at the Island of Orleans, Quebec. The meeting was very numerously attended, detachments from the following Batteries performing their practice on the days specified, viz:—

Monday, 8th September—New Brunswick Brigade, 3 Batteries; No. 2 Levis.

Tuesday—Montreal Brigade, 5 Batteries.

Wednesday—Prince Edward Island Brigade, 3 Batteries; No. 2 Quebec.

Thursday—Halifax Brigade, 6 Batteries; Yarmouth Battery.

Friday—Halifax Brigade, 1 Battery.

Practice was stopped by easterly storm of wind and rain which continued until Saturday afternoon.

Monday, 15th—Cobourg Battery; No. 1 Levis.

Batteries Nos. 1 and 3 Quebec were again noticeable by their unexplained absence from this competition.

With few exceptions the detachments consisted of well-drilled and soldierly n.-c. officers and men, and their behaviour in camp was excellent. In some cases it was noticed that men were selected as layers who were very short-sighted, or who had not been previously trained in the careful adjustment of sights; but these instances were, happily, few and far between, and the scores made, considering the diminutive size of the targets and the length of ranges, 2,000 and 2,300 yards, show the shooting to have been very creditable.

The shifting ordnance competition was entered for by five detachments, one each from the Montreal and P. E. Island Brigades and three from the Halifax Brigade. The Montreal detachment competed on Wednesday forenoon, but owing to a mischance in the A shift apparently became disheartened and gave up the idea of performing the B or "go as you please" shift. Both A and B shifts were subsequently extremely well executed by the P. E. Island detachment, Lieut. Sterns acting as No. 1.

The Halifax Brigade being anxious to take advantage of the favourable weather for shooting which prevailed on Thursday, postponed their shifting competition until the following day; unfortunately the rain came down so heavily during the night as to render the ground very slippery and unfit for rapid work, and the storm continuing until Saturday noon these fine detachments were unable to take part in the competition at the Island.

The Cobourg and Levis (No. 1) Batteries remained in camp until Monday, 15th, and were rewarded for their perseverance by obtaining most favourable shooting weather, and making the highest scores of the meeting.

The general camping arrangements seemed to leave nothing to be desired, and, apart from the disastrous weather at its conclusion, the meeting may be said to have been the most successful on record. The following were the prize winners:—

#### 40-pr. R. B. L. Guns.

1st team—\$20. No. 3 Battery Halifax Brigade.....	84
2nd " — 12. Yarmouth Battery.....	74
3rd " — 8. No. 1 Battery Halifax Brigade....	68

#### Individual Scores.

\$8 Sgt.-Maj. Case, No. 3 Halifax... 27	\$2 Sgt. Bartlett, No. 4 Halifax..... 22
8 Corp. Gelly, No. 1 Levis..... 27	2 Gr. J. McDonald, No. 5 Halifax... 22
5 Sergt. Roy, No. 2 Levis..... 25	2 Corp. Spence, No. 3 Halifax.... 22
4 Gr. Thomas, No. 4 Halifax..... 24	2 Gr. Coffin, No. 2 P.E.I..... 22
4 Corp. Pierce, No. 1 Halifax. .... 23	2 Gr. Alley, No. 3 P.E.I..... 21
4 Sgt. Frawley, No. 1 Halifax..... 23	

#### 64-pr. M. L. R. Guns.

1st team—Cobourg Battery.....	\$ 25
2nd " —No. 2 Battery Halifax Brigade.....	15
3rd " —No. 2 Battery New Brunswick Brigade.....	10

#### Individual Scores.

\$10 Sgt. Mulrenin, Cobourg Bty.... 25	\$2 Sgt.-Maj Jones, No. 3 Montreal.. 20
8 Sgt. Byers, No. 2 Halifax..... 24	2 Sgt. Marshall, No. 6 Halifax.... 20
8 Sgt. Russell, Cobourg Bty..... 23	2 Gr. Wilson, Yarmouth B.y..... 20
6 Sgt.-Maj. Carroll, No. 2 Halifax.. 22	2 Corp. Bray, Cobourg Bty..... 20
6 Corp. Theakston, No. 5 Halifax.. 22	2 Br. Campbell, No. 7 Halifax ... 19
2 Sgt. Weatherby, No. 3 Halifax.. 21	

**Aggregate 64 and 40-pr.**

\$15 Cobourg Battery.....	150
10 No. 2 Battery Halifax Brigade.....	141
No. 3 Battery Halifax Brigade tied No. 2 Battery, making 141 points, but lost for direction, the latter having 41 points and the former 39.	

**Officers' Competition.**

Lieut. Hudon, No. 2 Battery Quebec.....	\$ 20
Capt. Marktineau, No. 1 Battery Levis.....	12
Lieut. Easton, Halifax Brigade.....	8

**Field Artillery Competitive Gun Practice.**

The above competition was held near Kingston from the 16th to the 20th September. The range was the same as that fired over in 1889—the guns being placed on the Hatfield Farm overlooking little Catawqui Bay, and the target on the point opposite, the range being across the bay—distance about 1,725 yards. Two targets were used, 6 feet by 8 feet, one white with black centre, the other black with white centre, and were used by each competitor at will, their relative distinctness being dependant upon the varying effects of light and shade. Detachments from the following Batteries fired on the days named:—

- 16th.—Hamilton, Welland Canal, Shefford.
- 17th.—1st Brigade, 2 Batteries; Kingston.
- 18th.—Ottawa, Durham.
- 19th.—Quebec, London.
- 20th.—Montreal, Gananoque.

It is to be regretted that the Toronto and Richmond Batteries were unable to send detachments to this meeting. The general conditions of the competition were similar to those in force in 1889; but this year the new pattern globe and peep sights were used, and as with few exceptions, owing to the delay in manufacturing and issuing the sights, the men were quite unaccustomed to their use many points were lost for overtime. The average score made by each Battery last year was 190—this year 182.

With the exception of a thick hazy atmosphere which prevailed during the first morning's shooting, the weather during the meeting was all that could be desired. The camping and messing arrangements were excellent, and the general appearance and conduct of the different detachments was uniformly creditable. Possibly the only unfavourable comment which can be made with reference to the meeting itself is that many of the detachments were apparently so pressed for time as to make their stay in camp of the shortest possible duration, with the probable result of converting what might be an enjoyable outing, into a very tiresome and fatiguing experience. Below will be found the scores of the batteries taking part in this meeting, together with those of the Newcastle and Sydney batteries, who fired on their local ranges. The prize lists are not yet determined, as the remaining batteries have still the privilege of shooting, should they choose to do so:—

NO. 1 BATTERY FIRST BRIGADE.		MONTREAL.	
	Time. Score.		
Or. Mr. Sgt. Armstrong.....	7.41 38	Corp. Holbrook.....	8.50 32
Sgt. Lawrence.....	8.11 38	Corp. Johnston.....	7.46 28
Sgt. Lockhart.....	7.34 31	Corp. Porteous.....	8.17 27
Sgt.-Maj. Gilchrist.....	9.07 29	Sgt. Walker.....	9.05 26
Sgt. Sallows.....	8.19 28	Bmbr. Muirhead.....	8.10 25
Bde. Sgt. Maj. Young.....	8.31 28	Sgt. Kendal.....	8.47 21
Stf.-Sgt. Crowe.....	8.11 26	Bmbr. Turton.....	8.54 19
Sgt. McIntosh.....	8.16 25	Or. Mr. Sgt. Mowat.....	9.00 16
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>194</b>
WELLAND CANAL.		LONDON.	
Corp. Brennan.....	9.05 35	Sgt. Case.....	8.30 41
Bmbr. Scooley.....	9.25 34	Sgt.-Maj. Colerich.....	8.39 35
Sgt. Nelson.....	7.20 31	Sgt. Mitchell.....	10.24 35
Sgt. Balfour.....	8.05 31	Bmbr. McIntyre.....	7.21 24
Or. Mr. Sgt. Chelew.....	8.30 28	Bmbr. Livermore.....	8.52 24
Corp. Cornwall.....	8.55 22	Sgt. Pratt.....	8.35 23
Sgt. Doyle.....	9.05 17	Sgt. Taylor.....	8.25 8
Gr. Mesler.....	6.10 14	Or. Mr. Sgt. Smyth.....	10.29 3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>190</b>
SHEFFORD.		NO. 2 BATTERY FIRST BRIGADE.	
Sgt. Williams.....	9.10 34	Sgt. A. Kennedy.....	8.15 38
Sgt. J. Seale.....	7.10 32	Corp. Dunn.....	8.47 37
Corp. Purby.....	9.30 31	Corp. Watson.....	11.34 27
Gr. Irwin.....	10.00 26	Bde. Or. Mr. Sgt. Thatcher.....	8.02 26
Corp. Reid.....	7.50 24	Corp. Anderson.....	10.44 24
Sgt. Reid.....	8.30 23	Sgt. H. Kennedy.....	7.38 18
Sgt.-Maj. McCarthy.....	9.30 16	Corp. McIntosh.....	9.32 9
Sgt. W. Seale.....	9.57 9	Sgt.-Maj. Newstead.....	9.11 2
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>181</b>

HAMILTON.		OTTAWA.	
Sgt. McDonald.....	9.00 35	Sgt. Harvey.....	7.45 37
Sgt. Cox.....	6.45 28	Gr. Gray.....	8.04 27
Gr. Omand.....	9.45 27	Sgt. Chattack.....	8.02 25
Bmbr. Noblett.....	8.10 22	Corp. Bonnell.....	7.29 24
Sgt.-Maj. Kerley.....	11.35 21	Sgt. Hood.....	6.06 17
Far. Sgt. Homer.....	10.10 18	Sgt.-Maj. Ingram.....	9.12 11
Corp. Boodich.....	11.20 15	Sgt. Ingram.....	9.09 10
Sgt. Kemp.....	7.35 13	Stf.-Sgt. Thompson.....	6.39 8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>159</b>
DURHAM.		GANANOQUE.	
Corp. Hay.....	8.37 38	Bmbr. Brackenridge.....	8.30 26
Corp. Thompson.....	10.04 26	Sgt. Akins.....	7.46 25
Bmbr. Kenneally.....	11.52 26	Corp. Dodds.....	10.46 24
Sgt. Payne.....	10.12 22	Sgt.-Maj. Lloyd.....	7.47 23
Corp. Morgan.....	8.30 21	Sgt. Lloyd.....	..... 20
Sgt. Henderson.....	8.45 18	Sgt. Nunn.....	7.57 18
Sgt. McCarthy.....	8.00 15	Or. Mr. Sgt. Karr.....	7.14 11
Sgt. McMahan.....	7.11 11	Sgt. McMurrich.....	6.55 8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>155</b>
KINGSTON.		QUEBEC.	
Sgt. H. McLean.....	7.54 38	Or. Mr. Sgt. Hamel.....	10.29 36
Gr. Fowler.....	8.15 34	Sgt.-Maj. Bertrand.....	12.23 29
Sgt. J. McLean.....	7.11 26	Sgt. Emoncheterre.....	10.14 26
Sgt. Bennett.....	6.50 25	Sgt. Letaure.....	9.47 23
Corp. Morrison.....	8.05 19	Bmbr. Berube.....	9.11 19
Sgt.-Maj. Wilmot.....	8.01 16	Sgt. Marcheterre.....	9.49 3
Corp. Campbell.....	6.35 13	Sgt. Moisan.....	9.40 0
Sgt. Crimmens.....	9.40 9	Sgt. Cloutier.....	10.43 0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>136</b>
Deduct for drill.....	5	Deduct for overtime.....	6
<b>Total score.....</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>Total score.....</b>	<b>130</b>
NEWCASTLE.		SYDNEY.	
Sgt. H. Kethro.....	9.55 30	Sgt.-Maj. McKinnon.....	8.15 26
Or. Mr. Sgt. A. Russell.....	11.27 29	Sgt. Downing.....	10.55 21
Bmbr. H. Russell.....	8.35 26	Far. McKinnon.....	8.40 17
Corp. J. Williston.....	12.17 19	Corp. Gillis.....	9.20 17
Sgt. M. O'Shaughnessy.....	10.34 15	Sgt. McDonald.....	9.00 16
Sgt. A. Matheson.....	10.17 13	Corp. McGillvray.....	10.45 12
Sgt.-Maj. W. Tushie.....	15.34 12	Or. Mr. Sgt. Reid.....	8.05 6
Corp. Thos. Norton.....	14.12 3	Corp. Green.....	11.30 3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>118</b>
Add 8 direct hits not credited.....	16		
<b>Total score.....</b>	<b>163</b>		

**Rifle Competitions.**

At the weekly meeting of the Ottawa Rifle Club on Saturday last the spoons were thus taken:—1st class, Lieut. E. D. Sutherland 83, W. Short 81; 2nd class, R. H. Brown 71; 3rd class, W. H. Timbers 70.

The spoon competition of the Montreal Rifle Association postponed from the 16th August took place at the Cote St. Luc ranges on Saturday. The winners were:—Gr. Drysdale, M.G.A., 89; Staff-Sergt. Macadam, Vics, 88; Pte. Riddle, 6th Fusiliers, 87; Pte. Kambery, 5th Royal Scots, 85.

**FORTY-THIRD BATTALION.**

The eighth annual rifle matches of the 43rd Battalion were held on Rideau Range on Friday and Saturday last, with a rather slim attendance. The weather on the first day was favourable to high scoring, but on Saturday the wind was rather troublesome, especially at 200 yards, where the position was standing:—

1. Maiden Match—Open to members of the association who have never won a cash prize at any battalion or larger meeting; 400 yards; 5 shots: Pte. J. G. Lyon, 24; Pte. J. McKenny, 19; Pte. H. A. Gourlay, 18; Pte. W. Rea, 17; Pte. T. H. Kenny, 14; Pte. H. E. Graburn, 12; Pte. J. Hurcomb, 11.

2. Nursery Match—Open to members who never won a money prize of \$5 or upwards at any meeting; 500 yards; 5 shots: Pte. J. G. Lyon, 22; Pte. G. L. Blatch, 21; Sergt. P. J. Clarke, 19; Sergt. W. Lambkin, 16; Pte. J. McKenny, 16; Pte. H. E. Graburn, 16; Pte. W. Rea, 16; Staff-Sergt. Helmer, 15; Pte. H. A. Gourlay, 15; Staff-Sergt. Grant, 14; Corp. P. Hurcomb, 12; Pte. G. Lamb, 12; Pte. J. Moodie, 10; Pte. T. H. Kenny, 10; Pte. J. Hurcomb, 8; Pte. H. Graburn, 7; Pte. A. E. Shore, 6; Sergt. H. A. Quinney, 5.

3. Wright Match—Open to all members of the association; 400 and 500 yards; 5 shots at each range. First series, open to all members: Col. Sgt. Boville, 46; Sergt. W. G. Dial, 45; Lieut. C. F. Cox, 43; Major J. Wright, 42; Pte. L. G. Perkins, 42; Capt. Billings, 42; Major A. P. Sherwood, 41; Lieut. Sutherland, 41; Pte. R. Moodie, 41; Staff-Sergt. Pink, 40; Capt. O'Grady, 38; Pte. J. D. Taylor, 37. Two 37's counted out. Second series—Restricted to members eligible

to enter in No. 2 match, who are not, however, prevented from taking a higher prize in the first series instead, if their score entitles them there-to: Pte. J. McKenny, 41; Pte. J. Moodie, 39; Pte. G. L. Blatch, 38; Staff-Sergt. Helmer, 37; Pte. H. Graburn, 35; Pte. J. G. Lyon, 34. One 34 counted out.

4 Gilmour Match—Open to members of the association; 200 and 500 yards; 7 shots at each range; position at 200 yards kneeling—Capt. Jamieson, 62; Lieut. Sutherland, 62; Sergt. R. J. Taylor, 61; Pte. C. S. Scott, 60; Pte. J. D. Taylor, 60; Major Sherwood, 58; Lt.-Col. Anderson, 57; Major Wright, 57; Sergt. W. G. Dial, 56; Staff-Sergt. Pink, 56; Pte. R. Moodie, 54; Capt. O'Grady, 53; Lieut. Cox, 53; Col.-Sergt. Boville, 52. Second series, restricted as in No. 3 match: Sergt. H. A. Quinney, 57; Pte. G. L. Blatch, 57; Pte. J. McKenny, 56; Pte. L. G. Perkins, 53; Sergt. W. Lambkin, 52; Pte. J. Moodie, 52.

Team Prizes—To be competed for by four previously named members of the staff, of the band, or any one company; more than one team may enter from the same company: No. 1 Co., 2nd team, 234, \$8; staff, 228, \$4.

5. Nursery Team Match—Aggregate scores in Matches 2, 3 and 4. To be competed for by three previously named members of the staff, of the band or of any one company, who must be eligible to fire in Match No. 2. Any number of teams may enter from the same company, and bandsmen and staff-sergeants may fire with their companies: No. 1 Co., 2nd team, 314; No. 1 Co., 1st team, 289; No. 4 Co., 262. Next in order, No. 1 Co., 3rd team.

6. Skirmishing Match—Open to non-commissioned officers and men who are members of the association; five rounds advancing at the double, and five rounds retiring in quick time between 400 and 100 yards. Conditions the same as for the British Challenge Shield Match in this year's D.R.A. meeting. Anyone firing more than the ten rounds to be disqualified from all the competitions: Pte. G. L. Blatch, 36; Col.-Sergt. Boville, 35; Pte. R. Moodie, 34; Pte. C. S. Scott, 33; Pte. G. Lamb, 32; Pte. J. G. Lyon, 30; Pte. L. G. Perkins, 28; Pte. J. Moodie, 26; Staff-Sergt. Helmer, 23.

6. All Comers' Match—200 (standing), 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, Snider: Lieut. Sutherland, 43rd, 83; Sergt. Short, Guards, 81; Sergt. P. J. Clarke, 43rd, 80; Major Sherwood, 43rd, 78; Pte. J. H. Ellis, Guards, 78; Pte. T. McJanet, 43rd, 77; Pte. J. A. Armstrong, Guards, 76; Lieut.-Col. Anderson, 43rd, 75; Staff-Sergt. Pink, 43rd, 74; Pte. J. P. Nutting, Guards, 73; Capt. O'Grady, 43rd, 72; Mr. R. H. Brown, O. R. C., 71; Dr. Hutchison, O. R. C., 71; Lieut. C. F. Cox, 43rd, 71; Mr. W. H. Timbers, O. R. C., 70. One 70 counted out. Three prizes were offered for association teams of five. The first, \$10, was taken by the 43rd Battalion, 375; 2nd, \$7.50, Guards, 363; 3rd, \$5, Ottawa Rifle Club, 351.

The aggregate prizes were taken as follows:—First series, including matches 3, 4 and 6:—

D. R. A. Silver Medal, Lieut. Sutherland .....	186
D. R. A. Bronze Medal, Major Sherwood .....	177
\$3 Staff-Sergeant Pink .....	178
2 Lieut.-Col. Anderson .....	169
1 Lieut. Cox .....	167
1 Capt. Jamieson .....	167

Second Series, Nursery—For scores in matches 3, 4 and 6, by members not having previously won an aggregate prize in a 43rd Bn. competition:—

\$3. Sergt. R. J. Taylor .....	164
2. Pte. L. G. Perkins .....	160
1. Pte. R. Moodie .....	156
1. Sergt. W. Lambkin .....	156

Third Series—For scores in matches 4 and 6, by members who competed at the P.Q.R.A. matches this year:—

P.Q.R.A. badge. Lt.-Col. Anderson .....	132
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Fourth Series—For scores in matches 3 and 6, by members who competed at the O.R.A. matches this year:—

O.R.A. medal. Major Sherwood .....	119
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Fifth Series—For scores at 500 yard ranges of matches 3, 4 and 6. Prize, a gold medal, value \$15, presented by Pte. R. Moodie:—

Medal. Lieut. Sutherland .....	82
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Extra Series, 500 yards—Capt. Jamieson, 43rd, 25; Lieut. Cox, 43rd, 24; Col.-Sergt. Maillie, Guards, 24; Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd, 24; Capt. Billings, 43rd, 24; H. McKay, O.R.C., 24; Lieut. Sutherland, 43rd, 23; Pte. R. Moodie, 43rd, 23; Sergt. Pink, 43rd, 23; Col.-Sergt. Boville, 43rd, 23; Major Sherwood, 43rd, 23; Pte. Scott, 43rd, 22; Col. Anderson, 43rd, 22; Capt. O'Grady, 43rd, 22; Sergt. Short, Guards, 22.

Extra Series, 600 yards—Pte. R. Moodie, 43rd, 23; Lieut. Sutherland, 43rd, 23; Pte. Armstrong, Guards, 22; Capt. Jamieson, 43rd, 22;

Sergt. Short, Guards, 22; Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd, 21; Major Sherwood, 43rd, 21; Capt. O'Grady, 43rd, 21; Pte. Nutting, Guards, 20; H. McKay, O.R.C., 20; Col. Anderson, 43rd, 20; Pte. Scott, 43rd, 20; W. H. Timbers, O.R.C., 19; Pte. Ellis, Guards, 19; Pte. Morrison, Guards, 19; Lieut. Cox, 43rd, 19.

#### VICTORIA RIFLES.

No. 3 Company of the Victoria Rifles held their annual matches on Saturday at the Cote St. Luc ranges. Following are the results:—

Malden stakes—For prizes presented by the non-commissioned officers; open to all but first-class shots; position, kneeling; five shots at 200 yards. Eight prizes, from \$8 to \$3: Sergt. Gascoigne 18, Pte. Hutchison 18, Pte. Napier 15, Sergt. Burton 14, Pte. Ferguson 10, Pte. Deas 8, Pte. Elwell 4, Sergt. Brown 2.

Company match, open to all; ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards; five shots at each; position standing at 200, kneeling at 400 and prone at 500 yards; prizes in kind: Lance-Corpl. K. Mathews 59, Pte. McMartin 58, Corp. Binmore 57, Colour-Sergt. Brown 54, Sergt. Gascoigne 50, Pte. Napier 48, Sergt. Burton 47, Pte. McAfee 43, Pte. Deas 39.

Officers' prizes—Open to non-commissioned officers and men; 7 shots at 400 yards; position kneeling; 1st prize, presented by Capt. Meakins; 2nd prize, medal presented by Lieut. Desbarats; 3rd prize, medal presented by Lt. Carter:—Lance-Corpl. Mathews 28, Pte. McMartin 27, Pte. McAfee 27.

The prize for the best aggregate in the second and third matches, a marksman's badge and a silver medal, was won by Lance-Corpl. Mathews with a score of 87 points.

#### GUELPH RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-fourth annual prize meeting of the Guelph Rifle Association was held on the 19th and 20th September, and attracted quite a number of marksmen from Toronto and other outside points. The Guelph men distinguished themselves by keeping all the first prizes at home. These were the winners:—

First Match.—Open to all members; 200 yards; 7 shots; kneeling; Snider rifle:—

\$5 John Ogg, Guelph .....	31	\$2 T. Mitchell, Toronto .....	28
4 N. S. Young, Bowmanville .....	30	2 J. J. Zealand, Hamilton .....	28
3 R. McVittie, Toronto .....	30	2 T. Grice, Harriston .....	28
3 J. W. Wayper, Hespeler .....	30	2 A. Jardine, Hespeler .....	28
3 P. Jardine, Hespeler .....	29	2 W. Conboy, Erin .....	27

Second Match.—Open to members who have never won a prize at Toronto or Ottawa; 400 yards; 7 shots; Snider rifle; any position:—

Silver Cup, given by R. B. McConkey,	\$2 J. A. Lillie, Guelph .....	27
James Ryan, Guelph .....	2 R. W. Stewart, Guelph .....	26
\$5 Capt. Laidlaw, Harriston .....	1 Dr. W. H. Johnson, Fergus .....	26
4 F. Armstrong, Fergus .....	1 J. O'Brien, Eramosa .....	26
3 Geo. A. Sleeman, Guelph .....		27

Third Match.—Open to all members; 500 yards; 7 shots; any position; Snider rifle:—

\$10 John Crowe .....	30	\$3 J. Goldie .....	26
7 Capt. Jas. Beattie, Fergus .....	28	3 T. Mitchell .....	26
6 J. McKay .....	28	3 J. L. Simpson .....	25
5 N. S. Young, Bowmanville .....	28	3 James Anderson .....	25
4 J. Ryan .....	28	3 C. Armstrong, Speedside .....	25
4 C. Crowe .....	27	2 George Sleeman .....	25
4 Capt. W. Macdonald, Toronto .....	27	2 J. Davidson .....	25
3 J. Wayper .....	26	2 E. A. Sleeman .....	25
3 W. R. Pringle, Toronto .....	26	2 J. Lillie .....	25
3 J. W. Gilchrist .....	26	2 Dr. W. H. Johnson .....	25

Fourth Match.—Open to one or more teams of three members of any rifle association, military corps, or organization of any kind; scores made in 1st and 3rd matches count:—

1st, \$10, Guelph Rifle Association, N. S. Young 58, J. Goldie 52, C. Crowe 54—164.

2nd, \$7, B. F. A., Sergt. Crowe 50, Sergt. Armstrong 49, Sergt. Ogg 54—153.

3rd, \$5, Toronto Rifle Association, Capt. W. Macdonald 51, Capt. W. C. Macdonald, Q.O.R., 48, Staff-Sergt. T. Mitchell 54—153.

4th, \$3, Toronto Rifle Association, No. 2, J. Davidson 49, W. R. Pringle 49, R. McVittie 54—152.

5th, \$3, Victoria Rifle Club, Hamilton, W. H. Clarke 49, G. W. Wright 48, E. S. Skedden 49—146.

Fifth Match.—Open to all members; 600 yards; any position; Snider rifle:—

\$5 J. Ogg .....	31	\$2 J. Wayper .....	25
4 R. McVittie .....	29	1 R. Holton .....	25
3 S. Young .....	27	1 J. Goldie .....	24
3 A. Jardine .....	27	1 C. E. Sleeman .....	24
2 C. Crowe .....	26	1 W. Conboy .....	24

Extra Series No. 1—200 yards; any position, with head to target; 5 shots; Snider rifle. J. Ogg, 25; A. Jardine, 24; C. E. Sleeman, 24;

J. Wayper, 24; J. Limpert, 23; J. W. Gilchrist, 23; W. C. Macdonald, 23; George Sleeman, 23; C. Crowe, 23.

Extra Series No. 2—200 yards; standing; 5 shots; Snider rifle. C. E. Sleeman, 21; J. Wayper, 21; J. Ogg, 21; J. Limpert, 20; W. Macdonald, 20; C. Armstrong, 20; T. Mitchell, 19; J. W. Gilchrist, 17.

Medals—Aggregate of 1st, 3rd and 5th matches. Open to residents of the County of Wellington only. J. Ogg, N. R. A. medal, 85; C. Crowe, President's medal, 80; J. Goldie, D. R. A. medal, 76; J. Crowe, O. R. A. medal, 73.

### Regimental and Other News.

The rendezvous of the Newfoundland fisheries protection fleet has been changed from St. John's, Nfld., to Sydney, C.B., the change being said to be due to the abusive language levelled at Admiral Watson by some of the Newfoundland papers.

The Sydney Field Battery was inspected by Lt.-Col. Montizambert, Assistant-Inspector of Artillery, on the 12th September. The Battery marched past at the walk and the trot, then ranked past, after which the manoeuvres were done. Gun practice was held in the afternoon and early the following morning. It is understood that the showing was satisfactory to the Inspector; who, however, remarked that the harness was old, worn and unserviceable. Next year, it is said, the Battery will drill in Brigade camp at Aldershot.

The officers of the 43rd Battalion, Ottawa, have presented to Quartermaster-Sergeant John Carleton a handsome gold-headed cane, suitably inscribed, as a token of their appreciation of his services generally, and particularly in connection with the recent D.R.A. prize meeting, when he had charge of the well appointed marquee which served as headquarters for the battalion. The presentation was made by Lt.-Col. Anderson, at the annual rifle matches on Saturday last, and the riflemen present ended the ceremony with three hearty cheers for the popular Quartermaster-Sergeant.

#### Halifax.

Halifax, 24th September.—The long-looked for mimic battle took place this morning and was witnessed by thousands of spectators. The road from Green Bank to Point Pleasant was crowded with people on foot and in carriages. The majority of the spectators were, to say the least, disappointed. The greater part of them failed to be on time and those who saw the fight were not over-pleased that it was of such short duration. At twenty minutes past eight three guns were fired from the citadel announcing that the enemy was in sight. The detachment of the West Riding Regiment held in reserve at the Wellington barracks, was marched immediately to Point Pleasant, but only to find on arrival there that the fight was nearing a close.

On arriving off the mouth of the harbour and before any guns were fired the fleet, including the Bellerophon, Canada and Thrush, made a feint towards Herring Cove Head, but changed their course soon after and made right for Halifax at very lively speed. The war ships were watched closely by the guard boats, thinking they might try to effect a landing in boats. The ships, however, did not let up but rushed right on at full speed. When within range of York Redoubt the Royal Artillery opened fire which was kept up for some time. The ships answered by firing two guns. A brisk cannonade, but of short duration, took place in which two batteries of the H. G. A. assisted. The warships, although under a close and hot fire, never altered their course, but sped along almost under the muzzles of the big guns at York Redoubt. The vessels continued up the harbour firing as they went. The new fort at McNab's island and forts Clarence, Ives and Ogilvie all opened fire bearing directly on the ships.

At forty minutes after the first gun had been fired the Union Jack was hoisted at York Redoubt and Fort Ogilvie and the war was over. The West Riding Regiment and 66th P.L.F., who had taken up positions at Point Pleasant, marched with bands playing to the Wellington barracks and drill shed respectively.

The result of the battle shows, according to the decision arrived at by the military authorities, that it is an utter impossibility for any vessel or vessels to enter Halifax in time of war. Had to-day's attack been a real one the ships would have been blown to atoms. It also showed conclusively that the North American squadron is too weak to successfully attack a fortress as strong as Halifax.

#### The Queen's Own.

Toronto, 27th September.—After a long period of inaction the regimental fall parades started last Wednesday evening. The regiment paraded 470 strong under command of Lieut.-Col. Hamilton and headed by both the brass and bugle bands marched to Wellington Street, when after a quarter of an hour spent in marching past, company drill was taken up for about an hour, after which the parade reformed and returned

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to the armoury *via* Bay, King, York, Queen and Yonge streets. Considering all the faults attendant upon commencement of parades, the regiment looked exceedingly well and quite a crowd of onlookers took advantage of the fine night to see the parade.

As the date fixed for the annual inspection is rather early this year (November 6th), not much time can be lost in getting into shape, and as Col. Hamilton remarked, every man is expected to be present at all parades in order to make as good a showing at the next field day as has been made in the past.

A combined band concert by the Queen's Own Band and the Thirteenth Band, of Hamilton, will be held in the Academy of Music on Monday evening, the 13th of October. These have always been most successful in the past, and no doubt this one will prove no exception, both bands being at their best.

The regimental rifle match is fixed for Saturday the 11th of October, and prizes to the extent of \$1,000 will be shot for. It is intended to present all team prizes, as well as the first six in the aggregate match, during the band concert on the following Monday evening.

The non-commissioned class for those desirous of qualifying as sergeants, will be held every Monday evening, and the recruit classes, under Sergts. Burns and Langton, parade every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Rumours are plentiful regarding the place for holding the next field day. Some say that Hamilton will be the scene of operations with Brantford next year, thus giving it to each city alternately. Troops from Hamilton and West would, I suppose, occupy the Mountain while forces from Toronto would endeavour to take the key to Hamilton's greatness.

Another rumour is to the effect that the enemy from the West will be dropped about Oakville and the Toronto forces will be sent out to find them. At all events the necessity for getting away from the madding crowd was apparent to every participant in last year's fight, section commanders often having to detail men to act as police so as to enable their men to have an unobstructed view of the enemy.

Lieut. J. H. Knifton, the popular sub. of E Co'y, was the recipient of hearty congratulations from all sides Wednesday night on his successful attempt to represent the Queen's Own at Bisley next year. This is, I believe, the first occasion for a great many years on which an officer of the regiment has become a member of the team, and the best wishes of the regiment and of his many friends outside will accompany him on his trip.

The Benedict sergeants have issued invitations to a supper to be given at the mess rooms on the 6th October.

The sergeants' return and final rifle match of the season will take place on the 11th October, and an urgent whip has been issued to secure a large attendance.

#### BREECH BLOCK.

#### TORONTO'S RIFLE RANGE.

Interviewed again this week by a Toronto deputation, who urged him to take action in the matter of yielding Garrison Common for exhibition purposes, Sir Adolphe Caron firmly adhered to his determination previously announced, to sanction no arrangement not acceptable to the Toronto militia force. A report of the interview says:—

"The Mayor said that every effort had been made to obtain a site for a range on the part of the corporation, and it was believed that a site that would be satisfactory to the great majority of the militia force could be secured about eight or nine miles from the city and close to a line of railway. Moreover, the Morris tubes that would be in the new drill-shed, which the city had gone to great expense to secure to the militia force, would give the force great opportunities for perfecting themselves in rifle practice during the winter. Engineer Jennings, who was an old marksman, had examined the site he had mentioned, and found that it was in every way suited for a rifle range. Capt. Sankey and Capt. Macdonald, of the Q.O.R., had examined the ground, and were satisfied that marksmen would be satisfied with the site he had spoken of. Capt. Bruce, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, himself an experienced marksman, was, he understood, pleased with the site."

"Well," said Sir Adolphe, "come to an agreement among yourselves, and I shall be satisfied."

The position taken by the Minister of Militia is a reasonable one, for no one could much blame him for yielding to the immense pressure in favour of closing the Garrison Common range if those most interested, the riflemen themselves, consent to the sacrifice. They should think well upon the matter, and be careful that their views are properly expressed by those claiming to speak with their authority.

#### Militia General Orders (No. 12) of 26th September, 1890.

##### No. 1.—STAFF.

Major Henry Fullerton Perley, Engineer Officer at Headquarters, is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

##### No. 2.—ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

*Admission as Cadet.*—The gentleman undernamed having passed his examination

and been certified by the Headquarters Board of Examiners, has been duly approved for admission as Cadet to the Royal Military College of Canada:—

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Robert Henry Boyd Magee, South Gower, Ont.....	1610	1460	3070

##### No. 3.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

**Royal Military College of Canada.**—The undermentioned graduate, who has withdrawn his name for a commission in Her Majesty's Army, to be Lieutenant in the Militia, to date from 26th June, 1890: Sergeant John Houlston, R.M.C.

**Permanent Corps.**—Lieut. T. D. B. Evans, Infantry School Corps, having completed a course of training at the School of Musketry, Hythe, England, has been granted an extra certificate of musketry, dated Hythe, 1st July, 1890.

**8th Regt. Cav.**—"G" Troop.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Henry Domville, vice W. G. Scovil, resigned.

**1st Bn.**—To be Captain, Lieut. A. G. Milloy, R.S.I., vice T. E. Howell, appointed Adjutant.

To be Lieutenants, 2nd Lieut. W. L. Bond, R.S.I., vice E. T. Bartlett, promoted.

2nd Lieut. G. Lewis, R.S.I., vice T. E. Howell, promoted.

**14th Bn.**—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., James Arnott Minnes, vice John Newlands, who resigns.

2nd Lieut. G. A. S. Hamilton, M.Q., is confirmed in his rank, from 19th June, 1890.

**16th Bn.**—No. 3 Co.—Lieut. W. H. Wright resigns.

No. 4 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Charles Henry Ferguson, vice L. H. Carter, left limits.

**17th Bn.**—Surgeon William LaMontagne to have the rank of Surgeon-Major, from 3rd June, 1890.

**26th Bn.**—No. 5 Co.—To be Captain, John Craven Frank, M.S., from Retired List of Captains, vice J. W. Bice, who resigns.

**32nd Bn.**—To be Major, Capt. J. W. Stafford, R.S.I., from No. 1 Co., vice B. B. Boyd, promoted.

**35th Bn.**—No. 5 Co.—To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. C. F. Ward, R.S.I., vice R. D. Ramsay-Ramsay, resigned.

**37th Bn.**—No. 1 Co.—2nd Lieut. Robert Knox resigns.

No. 5 Co.—That portion of General Orders (11) 5th September, 1890, in which Lieut. William Halligan's name is removed from the list of officers, is amended by accepting the resignation of that officer.

No. 7 Co.—2nd Lieut. R. E. Walker resigns.

**56th Bn.**—No. 2 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Erastus Samuel Stuart Huntington, R.S.I. (2nd B), vice J. Morrow, deceased.

To be Paymaster, Sergt. Henry William Bennett, vice Honorary Major D. P. Snyder, left limits.

**57th Bn.**—To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. G. A. Schofield, R.S.I., vice R. J. Lee, promoted.

**60th Bn.**—To be Assistant-Surgeon, George Frederick Slack, vice P. R. Young, left limits.

**64th Bn.**—*Brevet*—To be Major, from 16th July, 1890, Capt. Pierre Boyer, M.S., Adjutant.

**74th Bn.**—No. 4 Co.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Henry Carleton Hanington, vice J. R. Foster, left limits.

**76th Bn.**—No. 6 Co.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Joachim Reid, vice Ludger Cecire, left limits.

**78th Bn.**—No. 2 Co.—To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. R. W. Rayne, R.S.I. (1st B.), vice Peter Hall, failed to attend drill.

2nd Lieut. and Adjutant T. A. Blackburn, S.I., to have the rank of Lieutenant, from 31st July, 1890.

**84th Bn.**—To be Assistant-Surgeon, Joseph Alphonse Trempe, M.D., vice Joseph Aster Marin, left limits.

**86th Bn.**—No. 2 Co.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Joseph Paquin, vice L. T. Caron, resigned.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Jules Dufresne, vice G. F. X. Lambert, resigned.

No. 4 Co.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Sergt.-Major Joseph Bellemare, vice Gilbert Goudie, left limits.

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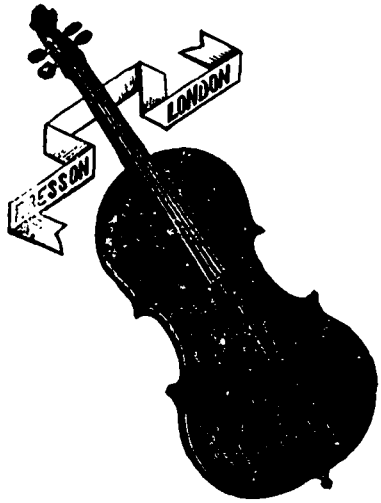
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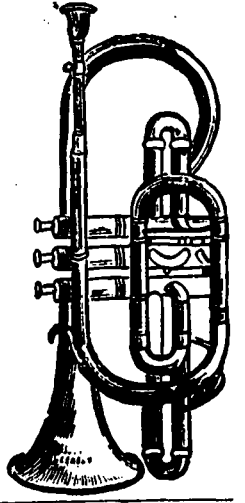
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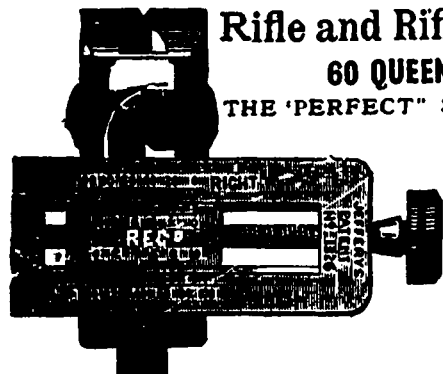
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