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INFORMATION received from all parts of the Dominion goes to show that there will be a larger attendance at the forthcoming prize meeting of the D.R.A., the programme of which is published in this issue, than there has been on any former occasion. British Columbia, as before stated, will send a team; the Winnipeg papers announce that the Prince Albert association will have a good representation, and other organizations in the North-west which have affiliated are expected to be heard from. From the eastern provinces the number of competitors will likely show a good increase. The secretary has made preparations for 350 entries in each match, and it looks as if he will not have very many spare tickets.

THE advent of a team from the Pacific province this season to compete at the D. R. A. matches, is a matter for congratulation and pride to themselves as well as to the association. It marks a new stage in the militia organization of our country, and may be taken as a sign of deep significance in the history of Canada. At Ottawa, representatives of all the provinces will meet as on common ground to test their skill as marksmen—each vying with the other to uphold the credit of his province. Such meetings cannot do otherwise than engender a kindly feeling between the various sections of the Dominion as well as between individuals, and in this way keep up and strengthen the territorial and political links by which we are united together by means of that far stronger and more lasting bond of union—common hopes and aspirations, good-fellowship, a firm and honest belief in the bright prospects of our young country, and a determination to uphold its honor and dignity when opportunity offers, a practical training for which is presented each year at the D. R. A.

WE can assure our friends from beyond the Rockies that they will be accorded a hearty welcome by their brethren in arms at this their first visit to the D.R.A. No pains will be spared to make them enjoy themselves and feel quite at home. We hope they will be able to reach Ottawa a few days in advance of the initial day of meeting, in order to get over the unsteady condition of the muscles usually produced by a long railway journey, and thus be enabled to give a good account of themselves at the butts. The old stagers will undoubtedly do their level best to keep up their record and not be outstripped; yet, if honors fall to the lot of the B.C. boys it will only be what they deserve after coming across the continent to take part in a friendly contest, and such honors, if won, will be gracefully accorded.

NO sooner is our great transcontinental route completed than we see evidence of active interest being taken in the position of British Columbia as affording a foothold for Great Britain to establish herself at this point, and as we write a member of the Royal Engineers, Col. O'Brien, with a competent staff, is proceeding thither to report upon the situation, and at no distant day we may expect to see a garrison established there, and evidence given that the Canadian Pacific Railway through its gigantic enterprise has done for Canada what centuries could not have done in making her important in the eyes of the whole civilized world, and who knows but *the* highway of commerce of immense value and interest from east to west; where this is acknowledged no further argument is requisite to show its vast importance as an invulnerable military highway extending across the continent entirely on British territory over 3,000 miles.

CONSIDERABLE anxiety is manifested by intending competitors about the ammunition with which they will have to fire this year. The latest information received concerning the new Canadian make, with brass coiled shells and powder from the Hamilton Powder Company, is very satisfactory, and if the whole make turns out equal to the samples with which tests have been made the difficulty will be solved.

THE Canadian artillery team now crossing the ocean will, upon arrival at Liverpool, proceed directly to Shoeburyness, where the competitions open on the 31st inst. and continue until the 13th of August. The Canadians will have to compete against about 160 detachments. The principal competitions in which they will take part will be those for the Governor-General's cup for ordnance shifting; the Montreal cup for 64-pounders; and the Londonderry cup for 40-pounders.

THE whole Canadian force should feel grateful to Major Short and other officers and men of "B" Battery for the very great popularity that they, representing the force, earned for it during their stay at Qu'Appelle recently terminated. One paragraph of an address presented to the battery by the citizens reads as follows:—"However well you may receive these congratulations, and however happy we may look whilst you are with us here, rest assured that we tender them to

you with full hearts, and that ere the train which is to bear you from us has disappeared over the distant horizon a profound silence will have spread itself over this town, broken only by the sighs of the men and the heartrending sobs of the girls you are leaving behind you, for we feel that we are not only parting with good companions but staunch friends. Great as was your valor in the field, we find that since your residence here there have been far more fatal wounds caused by the darts of Cupid among our fair citizens than those caused by your Gatling gun when pouring forth its deadly fire in the face of the insurgents."

Reminiscences.

LIEUT.-COL. MACPHERSON, director of stores, Militia Department, has received from Lieut.-Col. McCulley, commanding the 73rd Batt., Chatham, N.B., an old order book of the Northumberland county militia, which is quite a curiosity in its way.

The book is stated to be the orderly book of Capt. McDonald's company; and from it, it is gathered that towards the latter part of 1812 a portion of the militia in New Brunswick was embodied for active service, placed in barracks at Fredericton under the command of Major J. M. Bliss, and acted with the 104th regiment, which, by the way, was recruited and raised in New Brunswick.

After noting the staff appointments, the first regular duty this embodied force had to perform was to parade with the regular troops and the volunteer militia on the 18th January, 1813, being the anniversary of His Majesty's birthday, and fire a *feu-de-joy*; and the officers were requested to attend the commander-in-chief's levee on that day at one, and a ball at government house in the evening; and a memorandum was issued to the effect that "all officers will appear in their full dress uniform and shoes and stockings, in the same manner as when attending the drawing-room;" and further on the officers were reminded of what they had to do on that day, and were informed "that they will attend the ball at government house, where boots will not be admitted."

For the 18th the militia had to furnish the guards, and the men were ordered to parade clean dressed and fully accoutred at 7 a.m., and the quarter-master was to furnish the whole with flints. The main-guard was furnished on the 24th, when the men were ordered to parade "clean dressed and shaved, with their coats buttoned well over, their arms and accoutrements in the highest order, and the flints fixed in with sheet lead," and the remainder of the force paraded, also, "shaved and as well dressed as their clothes will allow, to attend divine service."

On the 29th January George Nash was tried by court-martial "for neglect of duty and disobedience of orders in absenting himself from his post when on sentry," was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of five shillings. The major-general commanding approved of the proceedings of the court, and was "satisfied that some favorable circumstances which do not appear in the proceedings must have influenced the court in awarding a punishment so inadequate to the offence," and he remitted the fine, ordered the prisoner to his company, and dissolved the court.

It appears that the militiamen were not very obedient to rule and discipline, as the major-general commanding "is sorry to observe that the orders relative to messing appear to have been almost altogether overlooked, and notices with regret the confusion arising from want of attention to that very material part of military economy, the preservation of proper order and subordination in the barrack rooms; and he directed that the regimental captain, a subaltern officer and the sergeant of the day should see that all men in barracks should rise when the bugles sounded at day-break; that the beds be made up, and the rooms clean swept; that the men of a room be formed into one mess; that breakfast be on the table at 8 sharp, and that the men shall stand at the table with their hats off until directed by the senior officer of the day to sit down, and the same order was to be preserved at dinner."

On the 13th February Asa Cible (Kimball?) was tried by court-martial for "refusing to stand his hour as sentry," and was fined twenty shillings, which was stopped out of his pay; and on the same date Joseph Rockwell and John Shey were fined twenty shillings each for desertion.

It appears that a detachment of the 104th was ordered to proceed to Canada, and it was ordered to parade, every man "completely equipped for marching order, with every appointment, snow-shoes, mauchisons (Qy. moccasins), and provisions," and no individual was to be absent on that occasion.

At a court-martial held on the 4th March five prisoners were tried for desertion, who pleaded guilty to the charge, and that their absence

"was wholly owing to their apprehension of the danger of small-pox," but they were fined nevertheless.

On the 19th March the following order was issued: "The vaccine inoculation being introduced into this garrison, commanding officers of corps and detachments will be pleased to give the necessary instructions to their medical officers to keep the same in a state of activity agreeable to the orders and regulations of His Royal Highness the commander-in-chief on the subject of the kine-pox."

On the 22nd March the three companies of the Northumberland militia were ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march after being mustered on the 24th, for the purpose of being disbanded on the 30th, and they were directed to return their arms and accoutrements into store; and on the 25th his Honor the President upon dismissing these companies took great pleasure in informing them that their conduct had met with his entire approbation, and in expressing the obligation he felt himself under for their zealous attention, and orderly discharge of their duty.

After the dismissal of the companies, this order book appears to have been retained by Capt. McDonald, who in 1823 was a major and the adjutant of the 1st Batt. Northumberland militia, and used by him as a regimental orderly book; and there are many interesting memoranda relative to the formation of that battalion, and its drills, parades, and inspections up to 1862; and from the last entry it would appear that the total strength consisted of 45 officers, 32 sergeants, 877 privates class B, 646 class C, 355 reserve, or a grand total of 1,965, divided into 26 companies.

Common Sense on Parade, or Drill Without Stays.

BY LIEUT.-COLONEL THE RIGHT HON. J. H. A. MACDONALD, M.P.

(*Commandant the Queen's Edinburgh R. V. Brigade.*)

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BUT the argument is used by some that those in the fighting line tend to close together as casualties occur, and therefore the gaps for reinforcement would make themselves. "There is a singular propensity among men in action to crush together."—(*General Sir Daniel Lysons*). The gallant general was referring to Albuera. But is not this idea based on old experience in the time when musketry fire made, as Marshal Saxe said, "more noise than execution?" Is it not the fact that in the Franco-Prussian war the tendency always was to spread out under fire, the feeling of the danger of crowding together as against breechloading rifle fire being instinctive? "It was impossible to bring up detachments in close order near . . . or to keep them in close order if they were there. The supports in moving up frequently scattered."—(*Von Boguslawski*).

If it was impossible, even with the iron discipline and strongly ingrained obedience of the German soldier to prevent scattering behind the firing line, then is it not plain that there is an instinct higher than discipline, making closing impossible? If supports not firing and not in the strain of the fighting line refused the call of discipline and could not be kept from scattering, where shall officers search for and where find the discipline that would make men not only cease to scatter but actually to close in under the heat of the enemy's fire? They found it by experience absolutely impossible, and the passages already quoted prove this, and are well summed up in these words already quoted: "In no case ought troops, when under anything like effective fire, to move to a flank, even for ten seconds, if it can be avoided."—(*General Macdougall*). They gave up the idea and accepted confused doubling up as the only alternative. Can anyone suppose that such a practical breach of discipline and loss of tactical order would have been suffered in an army so strict in its discipline and order, if by any effort of training it had been possible to avoid it? And if the Germans could not do it then, how shall it be done now, when fire will be more telling than ever, with its improved weapons, repeating rifles and machine guns, and improved musketry training?

One word more as to the idea that men close in voluntarily, as it is still stated as an axiom. When a particular instinctive action is traced to its source, it can sometimes be shown that such action cannot now exist as instinctive, because the cause producing it is gone. There can be no doubt that in the time of Albuera, men when pressed and nervous as to the result of the fight, did crowd together. But why? Only because of the same old oft referred to bug-bear cavalry, which then ruled absolutely the question what was safe in infantry manoeuvring. In those times, if men were pressed, the fear of musketry fire was not so terrible as the fear of the rush of cavalry, which was always expected at the critical stage. Therefore, whenever the instinctive feeling spread through the ranks that things were looking bad, the same instinct which produced this belief tended to cause them to huddle. "We are getting the worst of it, look out for the cavalry," was the idea. But now,

when the horse is no longer to be dreaded by well armed infantry, and musketry has attained that power which makes its fire much to be dreaded, the instinct is and must be the other way. It must be to offer the least target to the bullets. These points are regulated in warfare by a more inexorable law than that of drill systems. "Although troops are attracted towards the sound of heavy firing, yet they spread out when struck by it."—(*Lieut. Mayne*). It is not a question of cowardice, leading to disobedience of regulations. Men who have no fear of death are the very men who, being cool and brave, realize not merely when losses make success impossible, but the cause of such losses. It was no want of pluck that made the Prussian closed reinforcing bodies "scatter." It was not away from the foe, but towards the foe that they thinned out. "The supports in moving up, frequently scattered."—(*Von Boguslawski*). And this is attributed to the murderous character of the French fire. "They all dissolved themselves into skirmishing swarm."—(*Tactical Retrospect*).

They thinned out as they went forward. This action was spontaneous. It was the result of unerring instinct in courageous men overthrowing the obstinacy of theory. "The fearful gaps made by the enemy's bullets soon loosened our serried ranks, converting the companies into an open line [Schwarme] which, honor be to the gallant fellows, kept moving on."—(*Von Kraft Prinz zu Hohenlohe-Ingelfingen*). Theory refuses to recognize the change made by the introduction of long-range rapid-firing weapons. Stern facts overthrow theory. Therefore let the reader suffer it to be again asserted and emphasised that: To expect soldiers under the direct fire of modern weapons to manoeuvre by intentionally moving closer to one another, and thus artificially to make special spaces for reinforcements to come up into line, is to expect the impossible. Every system that is based on the idea of men closing in under heavy fire, either spontaneously or in fulfilment of orders given according to a theoretical manoeuvring code, will be unphilosophical, because in direct opposition to incontrovertible facts, which facts were born of stern necessity. The attempt has always failed, and, if persisted in, will fail again. "There are situations in battle in which men's minds are so occupied by the dangers of the moment that all evolutions become impossible; in such cases you don't know right from left; the only thought is 'forwards' or 'backwards.'"—(*Von Kraft Prinz zu Hohenlohe-Ingelfingen*).

But even were it possible to close in portions of the fighting line, and thus to retain a semblance of order by keeping the reinforcements separate from the original units thrown out for attack, such a course of proceeding has a fatal defect, which should lead to its being condemned by theory, whatever other advantages it might possess, even if these advantages could be attained in no other way. It ignores the unavoidable sequences from the principle of modern fighting now generally accepted, that the troops first launched to the fight must not be walked over by those who follow, but be picked up, as it were, by them, and carried on to the final point of shock. "The old line of skirmishers had only to prepare the way for the columns or lines, and to supplement their efforts; the new 'firing line,' on the contrary, has to fight the battle out through all its stages to the conclusion. . . . A tactical body, once thrown into a firing line on the offensive cannot be relieved, its remnants, great or small, will remain in the firing line to the end of the action."—(*Colonel Sir Lumley Graham*). "The business of the old skirmishing line was the minor one of clearing the front of troublesome sharpshooters of the enemy, and then giving way for the main body to move forward and attack the position with the bayonet. Now, however, the preliminary skirmishing line is the nucleus or skeleton of what is to become the shooting line in the attack. It is taken from those companies which are to form, in the first instance, the front line of battle. This line is never meant to retire or be replaced by other troops, but it is to be reinforced as required, and it is ultimately to form part of the body to storm the position."—(*Intelligence Branch of Q.-M.-G's. Department, 1881*). Thus the fresh troops are not to supersede those who have borne the brunt of the first attack, but are to take them up, infuse fresh "go" into them, and carry them on. "Troops once engaged under fire can never nowadays, as of old, be withdrawn."—(*Lieut. Mayne*).

(To be continued.)

WINNIPEG. — The *Manitoban* says the volunteer monument at Winnipeg is rising rapidly, now that the intricate work of the base is finished. The Main street side will be adorned with a marble slab bearing the royal coat of arms; the names of the fallen heroes will be engraved on the north side; and the names of the battles in which they fell will be carved on the south side. The names of the members of the monument committee are to be handed down to posterity on a slab on the western side. The monument will be unveiled on the civic holiday, when there will be a grand demonstration. The mayor has given the 90th Batt. the privilege of arranging a programme of sports and amusements for that day and evening. All the volunteers in the province are to be invited, and will be entertained while in the city by the battalion. It is hoped Sir John A. Macdonald will be present.

Canada at Wimbledon.

THE *Canadian Gazette* of July 15th has some very interesting information respecting the Canadian team at Wimbledon. It says: "Canadians have always won a reputation at Wimbledon for the bright and tasteful decorations of their camp, and this year they fully maintain their past credit in this respect. The camp and its surroundings are practically the same as at preceding meetings. And yet not quite the same, for some of the colonies hitherto unrepresented have sent teams to Wimbledon, and they act wisely in thus following the example Canada has had the enterprise so long to set. It is indeed a much more serious undertaking to come from the far Antipodes to attend a British rifle meeting than it is to cross the Atlantic, simple enough matter as that is nowadays. Hence, from Canadians as from Englishmen, the pluck of our Australian brethren meets with admiration, and to them a hearty welcome is extended. The Canadian team has this year had the advantage of a week's practice over the excellent ranges of the University at Cambridge. The weather at Cambridge was hot, but not altogether advantageous to shooting on account of the mirage so often met with at Wimbledon, and generally on English ranges. Yet in a contest at Cambridge, the Canadians were able to score a satisfactory success over the university riflemen. The competition lay between teams of nine from Ontario, nine from the maritime provinces, and nine from the university, at distances of 200, 500 and 600 yards respectively. Some close shooting ensued. The Ontario men scored 778, or an average per man of 86½ out of a possible 105; the maritime provinces 733, or an average of 81½; and the university 728, or an average of under 81. The highest Canadian score was that of Trooper Beatty, who gained 93 points, while two Canadians, Staff-Sergt. Armstrong and Pte. Kimmerly, followed with a tie of 91 points. Thus the Canadian individual scoring was, in many cases, excellent. The general averages were also good, better in fact than the figures of the last Kolapore cup competition, and a good augury for this year's contest were the natural conditions at Wimbledon as favorable as at Cambridge. This, unfortunately, they are not.

"The principal Wimbledon event in which the Canadians have as yet participated is the Alexandra contest. In this five have secured places on the prize list. Sergeant Loggie holds the twentieth position with a score of 62, out of a highest possible of 70, and has gained a prize of £5. Trooper Beatty, with a score of 59, has a prize of £4; Capt. Hood, 57 points and a prize of £3; Pte. Kimmerley, 55 points and £2, and Staff-Sergt. Bell 55 points and £2. And in speaking of this, the first concluded contest, it is interesting, in view of subsequent competitions, to note that the only other colonist figuring on the prize list is one Indian, with a score of 67, and a Guernsey representative, with 58 points to his credit."

After we had gone to press last week the news came that the English team had again this year won the Kolapore Cup. Their score was 666 points. Canada was second with 646, Guernsey third with 636, Australia fourth with 632, Jersey fifth with 627, and India at the bottom with 595. The following were the individual scores of the Canadian team, and also the range totals of the other teams competing:

	200	500	600	Total
Staff-Sergt Bell, 12th Batt	29	32	27	88
Trooper Beatty, 8th Cavalry	31	27	28	86
Pte. Russell, 45th Batt	23	33	28	84
Staff-Sergt. Armstrong, G.G.F.G	25	27	28	80
Sergt. Loggie, 73rd Batt	29	25	25	79
Pte. Kimmerley, 49th Batt	31	21	25	77
Lieut. Maxwell, H.G.A	27	21	28	76
Sergt. King, 45th Batt	27	24	25	76
Canadian totals	222	210	214	646
English "	231	242	193	666
Guernsey "	235	202	199	636
Australia "	229	201	202	632
Jersey "	242	205	179	626
India "	219	200	176	595

It will thus be seen that at 200 yards Canada stood only fifth, but crept up to 4th at 500, and doing the best shooting of all at the longest range, wound up second in the competition. The scoring this year is considerably higher than that of last when the Mother Country team had 650, Guernsey 639, Jersey 612, and Canada 597. In 1884 the Canadian team was successful by a total score of 665, against an English total of 660. This is the sixteenth annual contest for the Kolapore Cup, the Canadians having been successful on four occasions, namely: in 1872, 1875, 1881 and 1884, the English team having been successful on all other occasions.

The Wimbledon meeting was brought to a close on Saturday, the

24th inst., when the chief prizes were presented by the Prince and Princess of Wales. As usual the Canadian winners were greeted with very hearty applause, and were specially complimented by their Royal Highnesses.

Personals.

Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, sailed for England last week.

Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick has returned to Kingston after an enjoyable trip to the mother country.

Col. O'Brien of the Royal Engineers, and party, left Winnipeg for the Pacific coast on the 25th inst.

Dr. E. J. Kelly, asst. surgeon 41st batt., leaves Ottawa to-day for the Emerald Isle on a visit to his relations.

Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton has returned to Ottawa from England and has resumed his official duties.

Capt. F. White, G.G.F.G., Comptroller N.W.M.P., is at present in Victoria, B.C., travelling with Sir John Macdonald.

His Excellency the Governor General will probably sail for England early in August, and during his absence the affairs of state will be conducted through General Russell, who will act as administrator.

The D. R. A. Prize Meeting.

THE annual prize meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association opens this year on Monday, Aug. 30. The matches included in the grand aggregate will all be finished by Wednesday night, so that competitors not fortunate enough to be called upon to shoot for the Governor-General's prizes, or who do not take part in the military competitions, may then leave for home if they choose. The abolition of sighting shots has taken one day from the usual length of the meeting. The programme differs very little from the previous one. An important change is that the standing match at 200 yards is this year included in the grand aggregate, making seven matches in place of six. The twice-in-five-years restriction having been removed, every man whose shooting entitles him to it will be eligible to a place on the Wimbledon team of 1887. The prize list is unchanged, except that thirty additional prizes, value \$70, are offered in one of the Martini extra series matches, and that the Marquis of Lorne's special prize of \$100 for Prince Edward Island disappears from the list, having been competed for last year. The only remaining one of the special provincial prizes is that for British Columbia, and, thanks to the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, there will be a team here this year to compete for that. A change has been made in the long range match, which will be fired at 800 and 900 yards, seven rounds at each, in place of ten rounds at 1,000 yds. A commendable alteration in the order of the opening matches has been made. Last year the Nursery, Manufacturers' and Rideau matches, all at 500 yards, were fired in succession, on the first day. Now the Macdougall, at 400 and 600 yards, comes between the Nursery and Manufacturers', and the Rideau comes on Tuesday morning. The following is a tabulated comparison of the present with last year's prize list:—

NAME OF MATCH.	Team Prizes, 1885.	Individual Prizes, 1885.	Value of Prizes 1885.	Team Prizes, 1886.	Individual Prizes, 1886.	Value of Prizes 1886.
Nursery		77	\$380		77	\$380
Macdougall		63	380		63	380
Manufacturers'		81	455		81	455
Rideau		68	375		68	375
Minister of Militia	6	59	485	6	59	485
Ouimet		72	420		72	420
Standing		54	235		54	235
Dominion of Canada	5	83	790	5	83	790
London Merchants' Cup	2		144	2		144
Grand Aggregate		60	448		60	448
Governor-General's		3	500		3	500
Long Range		9	140		9	140
Gzowski		5	125		5	125
British Challenge Shield		2	65		2	65
Marquis of Lorne's prizes		2	200		2	100
Martini, A		53	270		53	270
" B		53	265		53	265
" C		23	139		53	209
Extra Series No. 1		19	100		19	100
" No. 2		19	100		19	100
Revolver		24	108		24	108
Total	17	825	\$6124	17	855	\$6094

THE PROGRAMME.

(Except where otherwise specified, rifles to be Snider, and position any with head to target. All competitors must be members of the association, either direct or through affiliation, and all matches, except where otherwise specified, are open to all members.)

"Nursery."—The Bankers' Prize.—Monday, 8.30 a.m. Open to members who have not at any previous prize meeting of the association won a prize of \$10 or upwards, exclusive of team or extra prizes. First prize \$20, second \$15, ten of \$10, fifteen of \$5, twenty of \$4, thirty of \$3. Total 77 prizes, value \$380. Entrance fee 50c. 500 yards; 5 rounds.

"Macdougall Challenge Cup."—Monday, 9.20 a.m., in uniform. The cup, presented by Lady Macdougall, with \$380 added by the association. Open to efficient members of the active militia, members of the staff, and officers of the active force who have retired retaining rank; and to officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Her Majesty's regular army and navy stationed in Canada. The cup to be the property of the member winning it twice consecutively. First prize, the cup and \$25, second \$20, third \$15, ten of \$10, twenty of \$5, thirty of \$4. Total 63 prizes, value cup and \$380. Entrance fee 50c. 400 and 600 yards; 5 rounds at each.

The "Manufacturers."—Monday, 3.30 p.m. First prize \$25, second \$20, third \$15, eight of \$10, thirty-five of \$5, thirty-five of \$4. Total 81 prizes, value \$455. Entrance fee 50c. 500 yards; 7 rounds.

The "Rideau."—Tuesday, 8.30 a.m. First prize \$25, second \$20, third \$15, five of \$10, twenty-five of \$5, thirty-five of \$4. Total 68 prizes, value \$375. Entrance fee 50c. 500 yards; 7 rounds.

The "Hon. the Minister of Militia's."—Tuesday, 10.30 a.m. A challenge cup presented by the Hon. Sir A. P. Caron, K.C.M.G., M.P., Minister of Militia, with \$485 added by the association. Teams to be selected from the competitors entered as individuals, and composed of three previously named representatives of any affiliated association, whose names shall have been given in writing to the secretary of the D. R. A. by some duly accredited representative of the affiliated association, and vouched for as having been members of such affiliated association on or before the 1st July, 1886. First team prize "The Caron" challenge cup and \$36, second \$30, third \$24, fourth \$18, fifth \$15, sixth \$12. Total \$135. First individual prize \$25, second \$20, third \$15, fourth \$10, ten of \$8, twenty of \$5, twenty-five of \$4. Total \$350. 6 team and 59 individual prizes; value, cup and \$485. Entrance fees, for each individual, 50c., and for teams \$3. 500 and 600 yards; 7 rounds at each. No coaching will be allowed.

The "Ouimet."—Tuesday, 4.25 p.m. \$100 contributed by Lieut.-Col. Ouimet, M.P., Chairman of Council, and \$320 by the association. First prize \$25, second \$20, two of \$15, eight of \$10, twenty-five of \$5, thirty-five of \$4. Total 72 prizes, value \$420. Entrance fee 50c. 600 yards, 7 rounds.

"Standing Match."—Wednesday, 8.30 a.m. First prize \$15, second \$12, third \$10, fourth \$8, ten of \$5, twenty of \$4, twenty of \$3. Total 54 prizes, value \$235. Entrance fee 50c. 200 yards; 7 rounds standing.

The "Dominion of Canada."—Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., in uniform. Open to all efficient members of the active militia, members of the staff, and officers of the active force who have retired retaining rank, and to officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Her Majesty's regular army and navy stationed in Canada. Team prizes to be awarded to the five highest aggregate scores made by any five previously named members from the cadets of the R. M. C., from the schools of cavalry, artillery and infantry, from any regiment, squadron or troop of cavalry, field battery or brigade of field or garrison artillery, from any corps of engineers, battalion or independent company of the active militia, or of the same denomination of the forces of Her Majesty's regular army or navy stationed in Canada. In the event of the Province of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba or British Columbia not being able to send a full battalion team as herein stated, the special committee may accept entry for any battalion or corps having not less than three men on the ground, being competitors, and two from any other corps belonging to the same province. First team prize, a badge to each member and \$60, second \$50, third \$40, fourth \$30, fifth \$20. First individual prize \$30, second \$25, third \$20, ten of \$15, ten of \$10, twenty-five of \$5, thirty-five of \$4. 5 team and 83 individual prizes, value \$790. Entrance fee for each individual \$1, and for teams \$5. 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 rounds at each; position at 200 yards, standing or kneeling; at 500 and 600, any, with head to target. No coaching will be allowed.

The "London Merchants' Cup."—Thursday, 9 a.m. With \$144 added by the association. Open to teams of eight members of any affiliated provincial association. Entries to be made by any duly accredited representative of such provincial association. First prize the cup and \$80, second \$64. Total \$144. Entrance fee \$15 each team. 500 and 600 yards; 7 rounds at each.

"Grand Aggregate."—The Bankers' Prize.—To be awarded to competitors who have made the highest aggregate scores in the following matches:—Manufacturers, Rideau, Macdougall, Ouimet, Minister of Militia, Standing and Dominion. First prize, N.R.A. medal of 1886, badge and \$30, second D.R.A. medal, badge and \$25, third badge and \$20, fourth badge and \$15, fifth badge and \$10, eight of \$10, eight of \$8, nine of \$6, thirty of \$5. Total 60 prizes, value \$448. Entrance fee \$1. Entries must be made before one o'clock p.m. of the first day of the meeting.

"His Excellency the Governor-General's Prize."—Thursday, 10 a.m. To be competed for by the 60 winners of prizes in the Grand Aggregate match, provided they are members of the active militia force of Canada, members of the staff, or officers who have retired from the active militia retaining their rank. First prize a special badge and \$250, second a badge and \$150, third a badge and \$100. Each of the seven next highest competitors to receive a badge. Entrance fee \$1. 200, 500 and 600 yards; seven rounds at each. Martini-Henry rifles. Position at 200 yards standing or kneeling; at 500 and 600, any, with head to target.

Wimbledon Team for 1886.—The team for 1886 will be selected from the winners in the Grand Aggregate match, who are members of the active militia, and their places on the list shall be determined by the total of their scores in the Grand Aggregate match and their scores in the match for the prizes presented by His Excellency the Governor-General combined.

"Long Range."—First prize \$30, second \$25, third \$20, fourth \$15, five of \$10. 9 prizes, value \$140. Entrance fee \$1; number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. 800 and 900 yards; 7 rounds at each range; any rifles; any position.

"Gzowski Military Match"—The Gzowski challenge cup—Open to one section of five men (n.c. officers and rank and file, either or both) from any one regiment or troop of cavalry, battery or brigade of artillery, battalion or independent company of the active militia of Canada, schools of cavalry, gunnery and infantry, or cadets of the R.M.C., Kingston. First prize the Gzowski challenge cup and \$35, second \$30, third \$25, fourth \$20, fifth \$15. 5 prizes, value \$125. To the sections making the highest aggregate scores in the following stages, at targets exposed to view for limited periods: Skirmishing—20 rounds, from about 450 yards to 100 yards (advancing and retiring) any military position. Volley firing—5 rounds at 300 yards (kneeling). Independent firing—5 rounds at 150 yards (standing). Entrance fee \$5 per section. Rifles, long or short Snider of Government issue, or bearing Government viewer's mark. Ammunition, that sold on the ground. Dress, equipment and conditions of the competition the same as last year. The cup to be held for the year by the winning battalion, under such conditions as the executive committee may determine. In the case of ties for the first place, the cup shall be held for equal portions of the year by the teams making equal scores, and the money prizes shall be equally divided.

"The British Challenge Shield Match."—The shield presented by the auxiliary forces of Great Britain to the active militia of Canada. Entrance fee \$2.50 per team. Open to sections of five men as in the Gzowski military match. 1st prize, the shield and \$40; 2nd, \$25. Skirmishing; distance varying from about 100 yards to about 450 yards; position, standing, kneeling or prone, at the discretion of the firer; number of rounds, twenty per man, fired advancing and retiring, under the order of the officer appointed to the command of all the sections; size of target, 4ft. x 2 ft. 6 in. at distances between 100 and 250 yards, to be exposed 10 seconds; 6 ft. x 2 ft. 6 in. at distances between 250 and 450 yards, to be exposed 15 seconds. Dress, equipment, rifles, ammunition, parade and inspections and decisions of ties as in the Gzowski military matches.

"Special Provincial Prizes."—Given by the most noble the Marquis of Lorne. \$100 specially to members of British Columbia, the \$100 to be divided into three prizes for the best individual scores, 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20. There shall be no competition among the members unless the province be represented in the military matches of the meeting by a duly qualified team of non-commissioned officers, rank and file, and the \$100 allotted to the province shall remain at interest until the first meeting at which the province is represented in the military matches of the association, when the capital \$100 and interest accrued shall be competed for by the members of the province then attending at Ottawa. Distance, skirmishing between 300 and 400 yards; position, kneeling; target 6ft. x 2ft. 6in.; each target to be exposed for 15 seconds at a time, with an interval of 10 seconds between each exposure; number of rounds, such number as each competitor can fire in the 3 minutes allotted to the competition, but in no case to exceed 15 rounds. Rifles, dress, equipment, etc., as in the Gzowski and British challenge shield matches. Entrance free.

"Martini Matches."—Series A.—First prize \$20, second \$15, third \$10, twenty-five of \$5, twenty-five \$4. Total 53 prizes, value \$270. Entrance fee 50c. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. 500 yards; 7 rounds; Martini-Henry rifles.

Series B.—First prize \$20, second \$15, third \$10, twenty of \$5, thirty of \$4. Total 53 prizes, value \$265. Entrance fee 50c. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. 600 yards; 7 rounds; Martini-Henry rifles.

Series C.—First prize Singer Sewing Machine, presented by W. H. Whiteley, Manager Singer Co., Ottawa, second \$15, third \$10, fourth \$8, fifth \$6, eight of \$5, ten of \$4, thirty of \$3. Total 53 prizes, value \$209. Entrance fee 50c. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. 800 and 900 yards; 7 rounds; Martini-Henry rifles.

"Extra Series."—No. 1.—First prize \$15, second \$10, third \$8, fourth \$6, fifth \$5, fourteen of \$4. Total 19 prizes, value \$100. Entrance fee 25c. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. 500 yards; 5 rounds; Snider rifles.

"Extra Series."—No. 2.—First prize \$15, second \$10, third \$8, fourth \$6, fifth \$5, fourteen of \$4. Total 19 prizes, value \$100. Entrance fee 25c. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. 600 yards; 5 rounds; Snider rifles.

"Revolver."—First prize \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$8, 4th \$5, ten of \$4, ten of \$3; total 24 prizes, value \$108; description of revolver, not exceeding 45 calibre and 7½ inches in length of barrel; 25 yards; number of rounds, 7; position, standing, off-hand. Entrance fee 25c each entry; number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize.

In competitions restricted to military breech loaders none but the ammunition issued by the association on the ground shall be used or allowed. Price for Snider, 17c per package of 10 rounds, 3 packages for 50c; price for Martini 25c per package of 10 rounds. The privilege of entry is restricted to members who have paid their subscriptions (\$2), and to associate members who pay the fee of \$1 at the time of entry. Ordinary (at the published rates of entrance fees), to include those made and received by the secretary of the association on or before 4 p.m., Wednesday, 25th August.

By arrangement with the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk and Canada Atlantic Railway Companies, competitors certified as such by the commanding officer of the battalion or company to which they are attached can secure return railway tickets at reduced rates on application to the station agent of the place from which they start for Ottawa, and on the production of their commanding officer's certificate.

Competitors can be boarded at the range at low rates by making application to Mr. Dunlop, caterer to the association. Tents and blankets will be supplied on the ground.

The secretary of the Association is Lt.-Col. Bacon, Militia Department, Ottawa, from whom entry forms and all information required may be obtained.

Lieut. Edmonds, of the Royal Artillery, who last week attempted to break a salmon line by the aid of his powerful swimming ability and failed owing to an accident to the belt attached to his body, succeeded in accomplishing the difficult feat last Friday afternoon. After swimming in the water for between four and five minutes without success, he tried by diving to break the line, and suddenly astonished his friends by snapping the cord and freeing himself from the holder of the rod.—*Chronicle.*

Metropolitan R. Association.

THE following is the programme for the nineteenth annual prize meeting of above association, to be held on the Rideau Range, Ottawa, on August 20th and 21st. These matches are open to all comers, though the attendance is usually confined to marksmen from the immediate vicinity. Where not otherwise stated, the rifles to be Snider, and the position any with head to target:—

PRIZE LIST.

First Match.—500 yards; seven rounds; entrance fee 50c. 1st prize \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$8, 4th \$6, three of \$5, three of \$4, three of \$3, three of \$2. Sixteen prizes, value \$81.

Second Match.—600 yards; seven rounds, entrance fee 50c. 1st prize \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$8, 4th \$6, three of \$5, three of \$4, three of \$3, three of \$2. Sixteen prizes, value \$81.

Third Match.—200, 500 and 600 yards; seven rounds at each range; position at 200 yards, standing or kneeling; entrance fee, teams \$1, individuals 75c. Team prizes, to be competed for by three previously named members of any club or association. Any number of teams may enter from the same association. 1st prize \$15, 2nd \$12, 3rd \$9, 4th \$6. Individual prizes, 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$8, 4th \$6, four of \$5, five of \$4, five of \$3, three of \$2; twenty-one prizes, value \$100. The final competition for the Civil Service challenge vase will be shot simultaneously with this match.

Fourth Match.—500 and 600 yards; seven rounds at each range. Entrance fee 50c. 1st prize \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$8, 4th \$6, four of \$5, five of \$4, five of \$3, three of \$2. 21 prizes, value \$100. This match will be commenced at 1.30 o'clock sharp on Saturday.

Grand Aggregate.—Highest aggregate scores in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th matches. Entrance fee 50c. 1st prize D.R.A. medal and \$8, 2nd O.R.A. medal and \$6, 3rd \$5, 4th \$5, 5th \$4, 6th \$4, 7th \$4, 8th 4. 8 prizes, value \$40.

Ladies' Match.—For prizes presented by lady friends of the association. Five rounds; 500 yards. Entrance fee 25c. Each lady presenting a prize will have the privilege of nominating a marksman to shoot for special prizes to be given by the association. Unlimited entries.

Revolver Match.—Open to all comers. Description of revolver—not exceeding 45 calibre and 7½ inches in length of barrel. Range 25 yards; 5 rounds. Position standing, off-hand. Entrance fee 25c. Unlimited entries. 1st prize \$5, 2nd \$4, 3rd \$3, 4th \$2, 5th \$1.

Extra Series and Pool.—Special targets for extra series and pool, at 500 and 600 yards, will be run both days of the meeting. Snider rifles; 5 rounds. Competitors may take one prize in each series. Unlimited entries.

The matches will be governed by the Dominion Rifle Association Rules of 1886, unless otherwise specified. Membership fee \$1.50. Snider ammunition will be supplied by the association at 17 cents a package, or three packages for 50 cents.

Entries for the first four matches and grand aggregate (except team entries in Match No. 3) should be made with the secretary not later than 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th August. Any entries for these matches received on the range will be subject to an additional charge of 20 per cent.

Register tickets will be issued from the secretary's office on the range, Friday morning, 20th August. Firing in Match No. 1 will commence at 9.30 a.m. on Friday. In Match No. 4 at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday. Targets will be open for extra series an hour previous to these matches.

Dominion Artillery Association.

PRIZE LIST AND RULES FOR PRACTICE, 1886.

The following alterations in the rules for competitive gun practice having been recommended by the executive committee, and being approved of by the Major-General commanding, are published for general information:

ARTILLERY PRACTICE.

Field Batteries, 9-pr. R.M.L. Guns.—Sixteen competitors to be selected by the officer commanding the battery, from the best instructed n. c. officers and men, to fire three rounds each, viz:

1 common shell, percussion fuse.....	16
2 shrapnel shell, time fuses.....	32
Trial shots—common shell, percussion fuse.....	2
Total	50

The above rounds to be fired deliberately, and the result of each signalled from the range (about 1,500 yards).

The eight competitors making the highest scores in above practice to fire four rounds each, viz:

3 common shell, percussion fuses.....	24
1 shrapnel shell, time fuse.....	8
Trial shots—common shell, percussion fuse.....	2
Total	34

Total rounds per battery 84

The target for the latter competition to be the same as that used in the preliminary practice.

Trial shots to be fired by an officer of the competing battery.

Garrison Batteries.—64-32 pr. R.M.L. Guns.—Eight competitors to be selected by the officer commanding the battery, from amongst the best instructed and most efficient n. c. officers and men, to fire two rounds each, viz.:

1 common shell, plugged.....	8
1 shrapnel shell, time fuse.....	8
Trial shots—common shell, plugged.....	2
Total	18

The above shots to be fired deliberately, and the result of each shot signalled from the range. Range to be at least 1,600 yards.

The four competitors making the highest scores at above practice to fire three rounds each, viz.:

2 common shell, plugged.....	8
1 shrapnel shell, time fuse	4
Total.....	12
Total rounds per battery	30

When 40-pr. R.B.L. guns are used in the preliminary practice each competitor will fire:

1 common shell, plugged.....	8
2 shrapnel shell, time fuses.....	16
Trial shots—common shell, plugged.....	2
Total.....	26

and in the subsequent competition

3 common shell.....	12
1 shrapnel shell	4
Total.....	16
Total rounds per battery.....	42

In the final competitions the existing rules as to competitive practice, etc., will be strictly followed.

Ties in the scores made in the preliminary practice will be decided—
(a) by points for direction,
(b) by common shell score,
(c) by seniority of enrolment.

In the competitive practice ties will be decided as above for (a) and (b), and if still ties by (c) score in preliminary practice.

Where S. B. guns are used for practice the rules of 1884 will be followed.

No badge will be given to any competitor who fails to obtain one-half the possible score.

Officers are not eligible as competitors, but should act as instructors, and note the result of each man's shooting.

The prizes offered by the Dominion artillery association, or others, for individual scores will be competed for by the selected competitors in the second or competitive practice referred to above. The prizes for battery scores, or for efficiency competitions, will be decided by the aggregate scores at both practices.

It is to be understood that a direct hit in garrison gun practice is to be credited with full marks.

PRIZE MEETING.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

Firing Competition.

Badges as for a field battery.
Field Glass, value \$25

ROYAL SCHOOLS OF ARTILLERY.

Firing Competition—9-pr. R.M.L. Guns.

Aggregate..... \$16
Individual..... 8
Badges as for field batteries.

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

Aggregate..... \$ 8
Individual..... 8
Shifting ordnance..... 25

Shifting Ordnance Competition.—Vide (A.)

1 Gzowski Challenge Cup and \$30
2..... 20
3..... 10

Cup to become the property of any battery winning it two years in succession.

GARRISON BATTERIES.

Firing Competition.—64pr. R.M.L. Guns.

Aggregate Scores—1..... \$20
2..... 10

Individual Scores—1 at \$15..... 15
2 " 10..... 20
2 " 8..... 16

3 " 6..... 18
3 " 5..... 15
3 " 4..... 12
2 " 2..... 4

Shifting Ordnance Competition.
(Vide B.)

1st prize..... \$30
2nd "..... 20
2rd "..... 10

FIELD BATTERIES.

Field Competition—9-pr. R.M.L. Guns.

Aggregate Scores—1..... \$30
2..... 20
3..... 15
4..... 10

Individual Scores—1 at \$15..... 15
2 " 10..... 20
3 " 8..... 24
3 " 5..... 15
4 " 4..... 16
5 " 3..... 15
10 " 2..... 20

Or at the rate of \$10 per battery.

Smooth Bore Competition.

Individual scores—1 at \$10..... \$10
2 " 8..... 16
2 " 5..... 10
2 " 4..... 8
5 " 2..... 10

Or at the rate of \$10 per battery.

40-pounder R. B. L. Guns.

Aggregate score..... \$15
Individual scores—1 at \$15..... 10
1 " 10..... 10
1 " 8..... 8

2 " 5..... 10
2 " 4..... 8
2 " 2..... 4

Or at the rate of \$10 per battery.

Smooth Bore Competition.

Individual scores—1 at \$10..... \$10
2 " 8..... 16
2 " 5..... 10
2 " 4..... 8
5 " 2..... 10

Or at the rate of \$10 per battery.

One first prize if only four batteries or under compete; two prizes if only five batteries compete, and three prizes if six batteries compete.

General Efficiency.

To Field and Garrison Battery making highest total points, cup value \$75, presented by His Excellency the Governor-General.

Voluntary Drills.

Highest average attendance, Field or Garrison—1st prize \$20, 2nd \$10. Badges same as last year.

OFFICERS' COMPETITION.

The trial shots authorised by regulation for Field Batteries may be fired for competitive purposes by an officer of the battery—if so an entrance fee of \$1 must be paid. The first two shots to be fired at commencement of preliminary practice, the last two at commencement of competitive practice. The last three rounds only to count for the competition. 1st prize, value \$10; 2nd, value \$5.

SHIFTING ORDNANCE COMPETITION.

Royal Schools of Artillery.

To be arranged by umpire to be selected from staff of Royal Military College.

GARRISON BATTERIES.

A 24-pr. or 32-pr. S. B. gun, vent downwards.

- To be placed on two 6" x 9" 3' on same ground.
- To be slewed vent uppermost on same skids, which only are to be used.
- To be changed end for end, " " " " " "
- To be mounted on garrison standing carriage by parbuckling up two skids and lowered into the tru nion holes. Carriage may be placed in position when required.

- To be dismounted over opposite side by parbuckling down two skids.
- To be replaced in exactly the same position as originally placed, i.e., on ground, vent down. Carriage not to be displaced after gun is mounted.

Every operation in mounting and dismounting to be conducted in accordance with drill manual.

Two seconds to be added for mistakes at drill.

Detachment to consist of 1 n. c. officer and 18 men for 15 cwt. guns—two additional men for guns over 50 cwt.

Detachment performing operation in shortest time (as corrected) to be declared the winner.

Stores—as for parbuckling, except drag ropes, viz:—

Handspikes, common 6ft.....	8
Parbuckle ropes, 4½" 12 or 18 fathoms	2
Scotches	12
Skids, fir..... 14' x 8" x 8".....	2
" oak..... 3' x 9" x 6".....	2
" "..... 3' x 6" x 6".....	2
" "..... 3' x 4" x 4".....	3

FIELD BATTERY COMPETITION FOR GZOWSKI CUP, ETC.

Nine-pounder gun and limber, four horses. Detachment to consist of 1 n. c. officer (mounted), 6 gunners, 2 drivers. Field day order.

Detachment to be in order of march. No. 1 and drivers stand to their horses.

- Gunners and drivers prepare to mount. Mount.
- Forward at a trot. March. Left incline. Right wheel. Forward. Right wheel. Forward. Left incline. Halt. The gun to be taken round two pickets, each 20 yards from the leaders and 20 yards apart, and back again to the original ground.

- Action. Front.
- Load with drill cartridge and fire one round with friction tube.
- Cease firing. Rear limber up.
- Gunners prepare to mount. Mount.
- Forward at a trot. March. Gun to be taken straight through two pickets 30 yards distant and 6 feet apart. As soon as 15 yards clear, then:

- Halt. Action rear.
- Load with second drill cartridge and fire one round.
- Front limber up. Form the order of march. Halt.

Cartridges to be taken separately from the limber box by No. 7. Ammunition not to be carried. For striking any of the pickets 5 sec. to be added to total time. For any faults or mistakes in drill as judged by umpire 2 sec. to be added for each. Umpire's decision to be final. No appeal.

Ontario Artillery Association Prize List.

(These prizes are to be competed for under the D. A. A. Rules.)

	Field.	Garrison.
Firing Competition—Aggregate score—1st	\$75	\$25
2nd	50
Individual scores—1st	15	10
2nd	10	5
3rd	5
General Efficiency—Highest total points—1st	50	35
2nd	25
Voluntary Drills—Highest average obtained—1st	20	15
2nd	10
Drivers, \$ to each Field Battery.....	50
	310	90

The Target.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Provincial rifle association of P. E. I. will hold its annual shooting competition at Kensington range, commencing on Monday, Aug. 16th.

HALIFAX.—A shooting competition between teams of eight men from the 63rd Halifax Rifles and Royal Irish Rifles was fired on Bedford range on Friday afternoon, the 23rd inst., resulting in a victory for the militia team by 56 points. The scores were as follows:

63RD RIFLES.				ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.					
Bds. Defreytas	31	27	32	90	Capt. Allen	31	31	33	95
Capt. Corbin	28	31	31	90	Capt. Stewart	30	23	26	79
Capt. Bishop	30	30	27	87	Major Jackson	26	26	26	78
Major Walsh	28	33	25	86	Sergt. Colby	29	26	22	77
Lieut. Fiske	28	28	29	85	Lieut. Johnson	30	26	21	77
Major Egan	29	25	28	82	Lieut. Hallum	15	31	27	73
Capt. Crane	26	27	25	78	Lieut. O'Leary	27	25	20	72
Pte. Corbin	29	29	18	76	Sergt. Cole	27	31	9	67
Grand total	229	230	215	674	Grand total	215	219	184	618

The annual competition of the Halifax artillery took place at Bedford on the 19th inst. The first competition was won by Gunner Faulkner with a score of 88 points. Captain Garrison, 86 points, was second, and Gunner Campbell, 74 points, third. The consolation was won by Gunner Chipman with 21 points; Sergt. Robinson second with a similar score. The team match was won by No. 7 battery with 265 points; No. 1 section of No. 3 battery, with 257 points, second; and No. 2 battery third.—*Acadian Recorder.*

MONTREAL.—The third monthly competition of the Montreal rifle association took place on Saturday afternoon, the 24th inst., at the Point St. Charles ranges; distances 200, 500 and 600 yards; seven shots at each range. The following were the prize winners: Sergt. Marks 78, Staff-Sergt. McAdam 76, Pte. Shaw 75, Capt. Thomas 74.

PRINCE OF WALES' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The fifteenth annual prize meeting of the above association was held at the Point St. Charles ranges, on Saturday, with the following results:—

Maiden Stakes.—Open to members of the association who have never won a prize at any prize meeting (company matches excepted). Prizes in kind. Corp. Curry, No. 5 Co., 16; Pte. Hawley, No. 2, 15; Sergt. Dugan, No. 5, 8; Color-Sergt. Lefebvre, No. 2, 3.

Colonel's Prize.—For commanding officer's cup, with prizes in kind added by the association. Open to all bona fide members of the regiment; ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range. Cup to be won twice (not necessarily consecutively). First prize, cup and \$10; second, \$8; remaining prizes in kind—Pte. E. McAfee, No. 6 Co., 74; Color-Sergt. McCrae, No. 3, 67; Color-Sergt. Ferguson, No. 3, 67; Staff-Sergt. Ross, 65; Pte. Davis, No. 6, 59; Sergt. Dugan, No. 5, 44; Pte. Madden, No. 2, 36; Sergt.-Major Porteous, 35; Sergt. Kyles, No. 1, 31; Corpl. Currie, No. 5, 23; Major Butler, 23; Bugler Mathers, No. 4, 23; Pte. Hanly, No. 2, 15; Pte. Dance, No. 5, 9; Staff-Sergt. Lefebvre, 7.

Officers' (active and retired) Prizes.—Open to all members of the association. First prize, chaplain's gold medal and \$5; remaining prizes in kind; ranges 500 and 600 yards; 5 shots at each range. Medal to be won twice, not necessarily consecutively.—Pte. Davis, No. 6 Co., 34; Color-Sergt. Ferguson, No. 3, 32; Color-Sergt. McCrae, No. 5, 32; Pte. McAfee, No. 6, 25; Sergt.-Major Porteous, 23; Staff-Sergt. Ross, 22; Pte. Madden, No. 2, 16; Bugler Mathers, No. 4, 16; Major Butler, 10; Sergt. Kyle, No. 1, 9; Sergt. Dugan, No. 5, 8; Corpl. Currie, No. 5, 8.

Citizens' Match.—For prizes in kind presented by friends of the regiment. Open to all members of the association; range 500 yards; 7 shots.—Pte. Madden, No. 2 Co., 22; Sergt.-Major Porteous, 22; Pte. Davis, No. 6, 21; Pte. McAfee, No. 6, 19; Color-Sergt. McCrae, No. 5, 18; Color-Sergt. Dugan, No. 5, 15; Bugler Mathers, No. 4, 15; Corpl. Currie, No. 5, 14; Staff-Sergt. Ross, 12; Sergt. Ferguson, No. 3, 11.

Challenge Match.—Open to individuals and to teams of five, and individual members of any association; ranges 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range. Individual Prize Winners—Mr. Wilson, G.T.R., 58; Sergt.-Major Wilson, M.G.A., 51; Sergt. Marks, 6th, 50; Pte. Davis, P.W.R., 49; Sergt. Brown, 5th, 49; Sergt. Anthony, 6th, 49; M. E. Pratt, G.T.R., 49; Pte. Shaw, Victorias, 49; Pte. Scott, 6th, 49; C. Hunt, G.T.R., 48; Pte. Cook, 5th, 48; Pte. Desbarats, 47; Corpl. Currie, 5th, 47; Capt. Ibbotson, 8th, 47; Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th, 47. Team Prizes—1st prize, Sixth Fusiliers; 2nd, Montreal rifle association; 3rd, G.T.R. association. Aggregate in matches 2, 3 and 4, Pte. McAfee, No. 6 Co., 118; Color-Sergt. McCrae, No. 5 Co., 117. Aggregate for matches 1, 2, 3 and 4, Sergt. Dugan, No. 5 Co., 76.

OTTAWA.—The Ottawa Rifle Club's thirteenth spoon competition of the season and the third and final Martini match at 800 and 900 yards, took place on Saturday last. The weather was fine. There was a brisk, steady wind. This, however, was not felt at the firing points, which were well sheltered under the brow of a hill, and the scores of some of the competitors, who made no wind allowance, suffered grievously in consequence. Major Macpherson and Mr. Maillieu took the first and second spoons respectively. The following were the scores made out of seven shots at each range:

Major Macpherson	22	25	47	Mr. Pink	24	10	34
Mr. Maillieu	29	17	46	Captain Perley	7	23	30
Capt. Wright	17	25	42	Mr. Morrison	19	10	29
Mr. Short	24	18	42	Lt. Gray	6	22	28
Mr. Hardy	23	17	40	Mr. Chamberlin	19	6	25
Mr. Carroll	20	19	39	Mr. Taylor	14	10	24
Mr. Jamieson	23	16	39	Mr. Reardon	20	0	20
Captain Waldo	23	15	38	Capt. Toller	12	7	19

Major Macpherson, with 100 points, takes the prize offered for the best two scores at these distances.

ARNPRIOR.—At a meeting of the Arnprior rifle association, held at the Campbell house on Friday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. James W. McDonald, president; Mr. Arch. Hood, vice-president; Mr. Alex. Menzies, secretary-treasurer; Messrs. R. D. Fetherston, W. J. Johnson, J. D. Lee, Dr. Granston and Dr. Ward, managing committee. The club have resolved to hold a weekly practice on the ranges every Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.—*Chronicle.*

MANITOBA.—The Manitoba Rifle Association has just issued its programme. The prizes in the sixteen competitions named, money and cups, amount in the aggregate to over \$2,500. The matches will take place on the 12th of August and the two following days.

Regimental Notes.

REGINA.—The instruments for the brass band to be organized in the N. W. M. Police have already been ordered in England, and are expected to arrive in about a month. The commissioner of the police is about to have a large room fitted up at the barracks to be used as a church, and Lady Macdonald, who is connected with the church aid society, has kindly promised to endeavor to have that society give a grant sufficient to pay for the services of a chaplain.

PORT ARTHUR.—On Wednesday evening of last week the Port Arthur rifle company went into camp opposite the Belmont, and will put in nine days' drill there. They appear to be spending a very happy time.

St. JOHN, N.B.—The several corps in this city are now hard at work performing annual drill, and the drill shed is occupied every night in the week. The N.B. brigade garrison artillery commenced drill some two months since and have got through already with their recruits. On the 1st July a series of military sports were held by this corps on the barrack green and were highly successful, the different competitors entering in with great zest. On Sunday, the 11th July, the brigade held a church parade; the different batteries after assembling at the drill shed, and headed by their band, marched to St. Paul's church where divine service was held. The corps looked well with their new busbies, and the marching of the men was the subject of favorable comment. The parade was under command of Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, and the attendance was up to the average, although the faces of many of the officers were missed from the ranks. During the absence of Lieut.-Col. Armstrong in England, the brigade is under command of Major Armstrong.

The 62nd St. John Fusiliers began drill about a month since, and the class of recruits this year is reported better than the average. During the absence of Lieut.-Col. Blaine, who was acting as brigade major at camp Sussex, the battalion was in command of Major Tucker, and to celebrate his first command of the corps he invited the officers, non-com. officers and men to a supper on the evening of 9th July. After a few simple manoeuvres in the drill shed the battalion, led by the brass and fife and drum bands, marched to the battalion club rooms, where the supper was held. Each company had a table of its own. In the centre of the room sat the officers. The officers and men of the rifle company were also present by invitation. After all present had spent some time in discussing the good things provided, pipes and tobacco were distributed, and then the bands played some choice selections, and song after song followed, and by the way the choruses were joined in it was estimated that the lung power of the Fusiliers was as strong as ever. The battalion is now at recruit and company drill, and will soon have their weekly battalion drills. The club rooms are a great institution with the men and a favorite place of evening resort. The St. John rifle company are drilling once a week and will join with the 62nd at battalion drill. The officers and men of this company have been made members of the Fusiliers' club.

HALIFAX.—The veteran members of the Second Scottish Company, 63rd H.V. B.R., with their lady friends, last night celebrated the anniversary of their return from the North-west, by an excursion on the harbor, by the steam tug Goliath.—*Chronicle.*

MONTREAL.—The 6th Fusiliers held a moonlight excursion on the St. Lawrence river on Monday last, on the steamer Three Rivers. The affair was a decided success.

WINNIPEG.—The band of the 90th Batt. held a concert in the drill hall last week, at which it was expected that Sir John Macdonald would have been present, but he was unable to attend.



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