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MISCELLANEOUS.

Topics of the Week.

We are requested to announce that persons desirous of engaging as register keepers for the prize meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association should make application in writing to the Secretary, Lieut.-Col. Bacon, Militia Department, Ottawa.

In mentioning last week General Middleton's return to the Capital, his visit to the Eastern Provinces was inadvertently characterized as a "holiday trip." It is eminently fashionable at this season of the year to be holiday making down by the sea, but as those will know who have noticed the reports of his operations which have appeared in this paper, the General has chosen to be out of the fashion, and has given himself up to work rather than play. His inspections of the district camps in Quebec and New Brunswick, and of the infantry schools at St. Johns and Fredericton, have been of the most thorough character, and the drill all ranks have been called upon to exhibit has been altogether practical, without any encouragement of the fancy operations very often indulged in—to the exclusion of everything else—for the delectation of inspecting officers.

Revolver shooting was for the first time introduced by the staff officers of the Second Brigade, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, at the annual encampment at South Framingham last month. The arm has not been officially adopted by the State but it is generally believed that it will soon be and required as a part of an officer's equipment. Many of the volunteers anticipating this have equipped themselves, and in a brief time become wonderfully proficient in the use of the weapon. Noting this movement, *Shooting and Fishing* says: "Officers are supposed to be the superiors of privates in point of military knowledge and are selected for their efficiency in most States. In engagements they are more the object of attack than privates, and their loss is supposed to be greater than those from the rank, but with all this they have nothing at the present time to protect themselves but an ornament known as a sword which is as harmless as a riding whip. Officers should be equipped with revolvers and taught how to use them skilfully. They will probably be issued in Massachusetts within a year and with a few months' practice many will be able to handle this greatest of modern fire arms with skill equal to the best known."

The riflemen of Ottawa are fortunate in the interest which their skill at arms has aroused amongst leading citizens, and the practical and

generous manner in which that interest is manifested. The latest evidence is a cable despatch received by Mr. G. B. Pattee, president of the Metropolitan Rifle Association, from the Mayor of Ottawa, Mr. McLeod Stewart, now in London, announcing that His Worship is sending out a cup for competition at the association prize meeting. Mayor Stewart made a similar gift last year. The cup then presented was won and is held for the year by Lieut. H. H. Gray, of the Guards, and we would not be surprised to learn that the fact of his meeting the holder in this year's Canadian camp at Wimbledon brought the Mayor's thoughts back to his friends the riflemen of Ottawa, and caused him to repeat the gift. Mr. Pattee, president of the Metropolitan, and a liberal annual subscriber, has just given \$75 towards the prize list for this year. The matches take place on the 24th and 25th August.

"The new French infantry regulations have seen the light, but ours will be for some time delayed," says a London correspondent of the *New York Times*. "The Gauls have drawn a proper distinction between an attacking, and what may be called an 'edging' movement, the latter being intended to push an enemy back, so to say, by inches here and there. But when we read that a charge is to be executed in close formation, and that this formation will reserve fire until it gets within 350 yards of an enemy, with then advance rapidly, firing every seven or eight paces, and stopping neither to load nor to take aim, astonishment attains to the proportions of incredulity. Where, we may ask, would the dense formation be before it got within 350 yards of an enemy armed with magazine rifles and machine guns? The one thing that would be dense about it, besides the stupidity of its commander, would be the array of corpses, and they would certainly neither load nor take aim. 'A charge executed with violence and *sans merci*' will never take place in civilized warfare again, except at night, and if the French believe it will we cannot think much of their chances in the great tribulation that is coming. 'Dispersed order is condemned.' Very well. If the French want several St. Privats on their own account let them condemn it by all means. But, perhaps, when they get under fire, the battalion commanders will prove a little wiser than the drill book compilers."

The cumbersome if imposing bearskin will, it is threatened, ere long cease to adorn the heads of the British Guardsmen. The Imperial army estimates committee have, it appears, taken exception to the cost of these articles, which, owing to a decrease in the supply of good skins, has risen to the surprising figure of £7 5s. a cap. The *Broad Arrow* protests against their replacement by inexpensive helmets. "The bearskins," says that influential organ, "are costly, and unprejudiced people might regard them as unsightly and unsoldierly. But they are a specialty of the Guardsmen, and to replace them by the more sensible infantry helmet would be considered an outrage on the most sacred traditions of the brigade. The change would no doubt be a most legitimate economy, but the government, if it wishes to maintain the strength of the army, with the present rate of wages it pays the soldier, must not meddle with sentiment. We ourselves, for instance, with the report of Lord

Randolph Churchill's committee pointing out the enormity of paying £7 5s. each for soldiers' head-gear before us, cannot picture a Guardsman without his bearskin. It certainly would not be the same thing, and the change would not be a change for the better. A reform of the kind cannot, moreover, be carried without the personal support of the Commander-in-Chief, and this, in this instance, Mr. Stanhope would not have. No, we think the bearskins of the Guards will have to be retained, even if the foreign supply fails, and we have to breed bears ourselves to produce them."

The Skeena Indian Troubles.

C Battery held in reserve whilst the Special Constables endeavour to effect a Settlement.

Victoria, B. C., July 30—H.M.S. Caroline, Capt. Sir Wm. Wiseman, arrived at Esquimaux from Skeena yesterday with the latest news concerning the Indian troubles. The Caroline arrived at the entrance of the Skeena on Thursday 19th inst. She first enquired as to the condition of affairs at Hazelton, which is 140 miles from the mouth of the river, and distant ten days by canoe, the river being a mad torrent enclosed by lofty canyons. The steamer met Harkin, who arrived the day before from Hazelton. He stated that the reports about the Hudson Bay Company's agent and others were totally unfounded. With the exception of the missionary at Hazelton, all the white residents had entered the shelter formed by the Hudson Bay Company post and the Indians are very threatening and are still excited over the killing of Kit-Won-Cool-Jim by Constable Green, who is now said to be a deserter from the American Army. It was the opinion of Harkin that serious trouble will probably ensue unless special police immediately proceed to Hazelton. Two more Indians have been killed in some trivial feud. A letter from Constable Washburn at Hazelton, sent to the government, contains an account of the killing of these two men. An Indian named Tobas shot the father-in-law of Kit-Won-Cool-Jim, then went mad, threatening to kill the head chief of another tribe. The latter claims that self defence compelled him to kill Tobas. Washburn and three constables went to the village, arrested him and gave him in charge at Hazelton. Green is also under arrest for killing Jim. From the statement of an Indian eye witness it would appear that Green wantonly shot Jim. The latter was in a house with a dozen others. He twice asked the three constables to arrest him. He had a pistol in his hand and they did not move. Jim suddenly walked out of the back door, the constables after him. Green went out at the front, almost colliding with Jim, whom, when he passed, he shot in the back. Jim, who lived an hour, claimed that he was about to give himself into custody when the shot was fired. Green's action is generally condemned, and he will be tried for manslaughter.

The day after the arrival of the *Caroline* the steamer *Boscowitz* arrived with Superintendent Roycroft on board, and after some difficulty in securing a crew of six Indians, Roycroft and twelve special constables started up the river for Hazelton. The trip will take nine or ten days up, and as soon as the facts are ascertained a messenger will be forwarded to Commandant Holmes of "C" battery. If trouble occurs the battery will at once start up the river. If everything is settled amicably they will return to Victoria. The battery is encamped at Port Essington at the mouth of the river. The men are in good spirits and are pleasantly situated. No accident has overtaken anyone so far. The officers and men are attired in brown dark miners' costume. The general belief is that the matter will be quietly settled. It is, however, asserted that the fact of a war vessel being in the river and the presence of the "C" battery there will have a salutary effect in deterring the Indians from further outrages.

Regimental Notes.

Montreal.

On Saturday, 21st July, the Vic's Cricket Club played a friendly match with the "West End Club" on the Island Park before a very large crowd. Among those to be seen on the grounds were Lt.-Col. Mattice, Brigade-Major, Major Radiger of the Vic's and others. There was only one innings played, at the end of which the score stood: Vic's 89; West End, 28; leaving a majority of 61 for the Vics.

Arrangements are being made for the battalion matches of the Vics, but these can only be held in the event of ranges being completed at a reasonably early date, and at present we are completely in the dark as to when that shall be.

Sergt. Baillie, of No. 2 Co., has been promoted by Lt.-Col. Henshaw to be Orderly Room Clerk in the place of ex-Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby (Busby). Staff-Sergt. Baillie is one of the workers of the regiment,

and no doubt will perform the duties of his new office with his usual ability. The appointment is a very popular one.

The sixth annual moonlight excursion of "D" Company Royal Scots, held on Friday evening the 27th of July, was a grand success. Over 700 people boarded the magnificent steamer *Berthier* to avail themselves of the delightful sail. Dancing was the order of the evening. The committee consisted of Corpl. Drabble, Pte. W. H. Johnson; Pte. H. Kerr; Pte. Biggins and Pte. Fraser, to all of whom great credit is due for the success of the excursion.

"B" Company of the same regiment have decided to hold a moonlight excursion on the 10th inst.: Col.-Sergt. Kennedy has been named chairman and Corpl. E. H. Hilliard, Secy.-Treas., of the committee.

Lt.-Col. Mattice on Saturday the 26th July, officially inspected the clothing and accoutrements of the Vic's, in their armoury, and pronounced himself highly satisfied with the same.

A meeting of the Victoria Rifle committee was held in the armoury on Friday the 27th July, Major Starke in the chair. The representatives from the various companies of the regiment were present. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the matter of the P.Q.R.A. matches to be held in Ottawa on the 7th, 8th and 9th. Although the shooting men have had no practice this season, from the simple fact that we have no ranges in Montreal, it was moved seconded and carried that a team from the Vic's enter to represent the regiment at Ottawa. In the place of ex-Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, Lieut. Desbarats was named secretary pro tem and Pte. Tabb, asst.-secy., for the ensuing year. There was some discussion regarding the holding of the regimental matches immediately after the Dominion matches on our new range, but no date was definitely decided upon.

The sergeants of the Vic's have decided to hold a moonlight excursion on Wednesday, the 15th August, on the steamer *Berthier*.

STRIPES.

St. Johns Royal School of Infantry.

Lieut.-General Sir Fred. Middleton, accompanied by Capt. Wise, A.D.C., arrived at St. Johns on the evening of the 24th ult. to inspect the Royal School of Infantry. They were the guests of Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnens, Commdt. "B" Co. I.S.C. and the School.

On Wednesday morning "B" Co. paraded in drill order at 11 o'clock, Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnens in command. After the General had received the customary salute and the ranks had been inspected, Capt. Coursol took command, and put the company through the manual and firing exercises. Next followed the bayonet exercise, under the command of Capt. Freer, adjutant of the school. It appeared as if these exercises were performed in a manner highly pleasing to the inspecting officer. The company was then marched out to the barrack common, and put through company and battalion drill, Capt. Coursol and Freer taking command during these movements. Lt.-Col. d'Orsonnens then put the company through a number of movements in the "attack drill." In all the above exercises and drills the men displayed smartness and a thorough knowledge of their work. At the conclusion of the inspection they were marched to their private parade and dismissed.

The inspection of barrack rooms, hospital, men's library, etc., took place at one o'clock. The barrack rooms were certainly in a creditable condition, and well deserved the words of praise bestowed on them by the General. No small share of the credit for their appearance is due to the veteran soldier Col.-Sgt. McCrony, late of H. M. 42nd Highlanders (Black Watch). This gallant old soldier carries medals and clasps won on many a hard-fought field in India and elsewhere in the empire. The men's recreation room was highly praised. This room is comfortably furnished, and is provided with a piano and with indoor games of every description, papers, periodicals, etc., and a library containing nearly 1,100 volumes. The sergeants' mess and grounds were next visited; the inspecting officer and those who accompanied him being evidently highly pleased with all they saw, particularly with the grounds, which are laid out tastefully, and contain an abundance of flowers. The inspection of the office, books, etc., was then made and everything found in a satisfactory condition. At 6 p.m. the General delivered a lecture on "Outpost Duties" to the officers and n. c. o.'s of the school. This was instructive and interesting, and no doubt will prove of service to those who had the good fortune to attend.

The General and Capt. Wise, together with a party of officers and citizens, were entertained at dinner by the Commandant and officers of "B" Co. During dinner the band, under Bugle-Major Hardy, played a very pleasing programme.

Capt. Freer, the popular Adjutant of "B" Co., leaves St. Johns in a few days, very much to the regret of all ranks and the citizens of St. John's generally, as during his stay he has by many acts of good will and kindness endeared himself to all; while in his official capacity he has always done his utmost to further the interests and attend to the welfare of all under him. He carries with him to his new home in London, Ont., the best wishes of all for his future success.

THE WIMBLEDON MEETING.

A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE CANADIAN TWENTY'S PRIZE SCORES.

Details of the Kolapore Cup Match—Good Shooting by our team at 200 Yards—Long List of winnings in open competitions—Remarkable scoring in Mother Country team competitions.

This week's English mails bring the complete returns of the prize scoring at the Wimbledon meeting, and we are therefore able to continue and conclude the record of Canadian achievements and notable scores.

Canada lost the Kolapore cup match, as we have been informed by cable, having however the substantial satisfaction of downing the other "colonial" competitors, to wit, the Jersey and Guernsey teams, and winning the prize of £80 awarded to the highest colonial team. The victorious Mother Country team was composed of the eight most likely shots in the kingdom, and three of the number had places on this team last year also. Pte. Wattleworth, who then led with 95, was this year second with 92, his place as leader being taken, with 95 also, by one of his last year companions, Sergt. Ingram, who then stood seventh with 85. The other from the 1887 team was Sergt. Bates, who stood third in order last year with 91 points, and was fourth this time with 89. The Canadians had but one member of the 1887 Kolapore team with them at Wimbledon this year, and he was again chosen one of the eight. This was Lieut. Smith, of the St. John Rifles, who with a total of 86 added 8 points to his last year's score, and moved up relatively from seventh to fifth. Canada's top scores this year were two 87's against a 91 and two 89's last, but on the other hand her lowest were 84 and 73, a decided improvement on the 67 and two 78's which footed the list last year. Our team thus shot more evenly, and with a total of 674 against 663 showed an improvement averaging a point and a half a man all round. The Mother Country, with 687 points, won by only 13, against 47 to spare last year, when her team put together 710. Then her lowest was 82, against 81, 79 and 78 on this occasion.

Twice only have this year's scores of the Mother Country and Canadian teams been surpassed, these occasions being in 1883, when 698 led, and in 1887, as above recorded. The Mother Country was victorious on both these occasions, as she has been in fourteen out of the eighteen annual competitions, since 1871. On the other four occasions Canada has been the victor, viz., in 1872, 1875, 1881 and 1884. Since the present conditions have governed (seven shots with the Martini at 200, 500 and 600 yards, teams of eight men), the victors have been as follows:—

1883	.....	Mother Country	.....	698
1884	.....	Canada	.....	665
1885	.....	Mother Country	.....	650
1886	.....	"	.....	666
1887	.....	"	.....	710
1888	.....	"	.....	687

The following were this year's score in detail:

1. Mother Country—Cup and £24.

	200	500	600	T'l
Ingram, Sergt., 3rd Lanark	3544455 30	5555455 34	4535545 31	95
Wattleworth, Pte., 2nd Liverpool	4455444 30	5434555 31	5245555 31	92
Pearse, Major., 4th Devon	4445445 30	2555453 29	4553554 31	90
Bates, Sergt., 1st Warwick	5444454 30	4333555 28	5554525 31	89
Grier, Qmr.-Sergt., 3rd Rensfrew	4444445 29	4343535 27	5234355 27	83
Heap, Major., 6th Lancashire	3344444 26	4344453 27	3455533 28	81
McGibbon, Pte. 3rd Lanark	4445444 30	5443452 27	5224324 22	79
Young, Captain 2nd Rensfrew	4445444 29	4443534 27	4242325 22	78
Totals	234	230	223	687

2. Canada—(£80 Restricted to Colonials).

Short, Sergt. W., G.G.F.G.	4545444 30	3444355 28	4553444 29	87
Chamberlin, Lieut. H. C., 43rd Batt.	4445555 32	2525535 27	3254455 28	87
McMicking, Capt. G. A., 44th Batt.	4345444 28	4453353 27	3544555 31	86
Gray, Lieut. H. H., G.G.F.G.	4544554 31	3343544 26	5535452 29	86
Smith, Lieut. E. A. St. John Rifles	5344344 27	4445545 31	2542255 28	86
Duncan, Sergt. W. S., Q.O.R.	5343445 28	4344554 29	4554253 28	85
Wilson, Sergt. Alex., 33rd Batt.	3444445 28	2344553 26	5354535 30	84
Dover, Lieut. J., 8th Batt.	4344435 27	3524555 29	2032244 17	73
Totals	231	223	220	674

3. Jersey.				4. Guernsey.			
Lyte, Pte. 3rd Jersey	30	26	32	88	Crousay, Col.-Sgt. 1st		
Marett, Pte. J. A., 2nd	30	26	31	87	R.G.M.	31	30 29 90
Lewis, Lieut., 1st	30	26	29	85	Joly, Pte. 1st	28	28 23 79
Caplin, Col.-Sergt. 3rd	30	31	22	83	Huray, Capt. 3rd	28	26 25 79
Ward, Col.-Sgt. 1st	28	30	22	80	James, Sergt. 3rd	28	22 28 78
Simon, Capt. 1st	29	29	21	79	Smith, Corpl. J., 2nd	30	29 18 77
Lawrens, Col.-Sgt. 2nd	28	25	24	77	Machon, Corpl. 1st	28	23 26 77
Mallet, Pte. A., 2nd	28	25	23	76	Falla, Pte., 2nd	27	15 23 65
Totals	233	218	204	655	Aldridge, Sergt. 1st	23	19 22 64
					Totals	223	192 194 609

It is noteworthy that the highest individual score at the 200 yards range—usually Canada's weakness—was this year made by one of our team, Lieut. Chamberlin, with 32 points,—three inners and four bulls in that order; whilst Lieut. Gray, with 31, tied a Guernsey man for second honours.

THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.

Particulars of the shooting in the first stage of the Queen's Prize competition appeared in last issue, and unfortunately showed that there was only one Canadian—Sergt. Miner—whose fortunes we might follow in the second, participated in by the best three hundred. This consisted of 10 shots at 500 yards and 15 at 600. The hundredth aggregate score in the two stages combined was 187, so that Sergt. Miner, who had 87 to his credit in the first stage, would have had to add 100 points with his 25 shots, in order a win a place in the hundred shooting for the final. This he failed to do, scoring only 79, and with an aggregate of 166 stood but 13th above the lowest of the competitors in the two stages. With this he took a £3 prize.

The best shooting in the second stage was made by Col.-Sergt. Ingram, of the 3rd Lanark, who, starting with a magpie at 500 yards, next made an inner, and then eight bull's eyes—total 47; at 600 his first shot was an inner, the second a bull's eye, and next a provoking outer, the only bad shot in the fifteen, the remaining twelve being nine bull's eyes and three inners—these last being the 6th, 9th, and 11th shots; the total of the 15 shots at 600 was thus 68, giving Sergt. Ingram 115 for 500 and 600 combined, and this with his total of 86 in the first stage moving him up from the tail end there, to a tie with three others for first place in the two stages combined, their total scores being 201. Last year at the end of the second stage the leading scores were two of 200; and on that occasion six out of twenty 183's got into the final hundred, whereas this year three out of twelve 187's were counted out.

In the third stage the highest score out of ten shots at 800 and ten at 900 yards, was 84, made by Pte. Fulton of the 13th Middlesex, who thereby won himself the first place in the aggregate of the three stages—his reward being the Queen's prize of £250, gold medal and gold badge of the N. R. A. His record in the three stages was:

	1ST	2ND	G'D
	S'GE.	S'GE.	T'L.
	800	T'L.	900
	T'L.	T'L.	T'L.
Pte. Fulton, 13th Middlesex.	86	110	196
	2455454554	—43	3555353525
			—41—280

Pte. Fulton it will be seen barely got into the second stage, several scores of 86 having been counted out; at the end of the second he stood 19th on the list with 196 to his credit against 201 for the leaders, and it took every point of his high score in the third to put him first in the aggregate; for Corpl. Noakes, the top man at the end of the second stage, finished next, only one point behind, with 279, a "miss" at 800 yards causing his loss of first honours, not to speak of the financial loss represented by the difference between the generous second prize of £60 and the Royal gift to the first. The third man was Pte. C. W. Wattleworth, who figured on the Kolapore team, and who with a score of 278 took £40. He also missed a shot at 800 yards—his first. The fourth and fifth men had each 273 points; they received £30 and £20 respectively. The next prizes in order were 10 of £15; 30 of £12; 15 of £10; 20 of £8; and 20 of £5, this being the reward of the last score scorers in the hundred.

This great prize was won last year with 274 points, or six less than on this occasion, and in 1886 three marksmen making 265 each had to shoot off for it.

The conclusion of this year's match is thus described by the *Volunteer Service Gazette*: "The story of the end of the Queen's Prize is easily told. By a new arrangement—which certainly has great advantages for those who, like ourselves, have to give an account of the proceedings—there is now a kind of "running record" on the black boards, by means of which the exact state of each man's score after every shot can be seen at a glance. It was thus known towards the end of the shooting of the hundred that Private Wattleworth, of Liverpool, had finished and had made 278, that Private Fulton, of the Queen's Westminster, had made 275, but had still a shot to go, and that Corpl. Noakes, of Berkshire, had 274, and also a shot left to fire. But when Fulton, who shot before Noakes, made a bull's-eye it was obvious that the first prize was won, and most of the spectators moved off to the cottage en-

closure, where Lord and Lady Wantage, and the principal members of the committee and staff were assembled. All the Queen's Westminsters in camp were of course present; as were many officers of the corps, including Colonel Comerford and Major Payne (the prizeman's captain). The usual formalities were soon gone through, and Private Fulton having been declared the winner of the Queen's Prize, and having had the badge pinned upon his breast, was chaired in the time-honoured way by his comrades, and escorted through the different camps. Mr. Fulton, who is by profession an engraver, has been for some time well known as a good shot in the Queen's Westminister, but he has not till this year distinguished himself at Wimbledon. He was brought up in a first-rate shooting school, for he belongs to the I Co. of the Queen's Westminister.

THE PRINCE OF WALES PRIZE.

For the Prince of Wales' prize competition, this being restricted to holders of N. R. A. medals, we believe about ten of the Canadians were eligible and took part in it. The total number of entries is usually about 110. The match consists of seven rounds at 200 yards and fifteen at 600 yards. The first prize is £100, given by the Prince of Wales. This was won last year by Pte. Gillies, of the 90th Winnipeg Rifles, whose score of 97 points was the highest ever made in the competition. 88's then came into the prize list, and Canada took three of the 19 prizes offered. This year, however, Canada got nothing. Six 93's were counted out, and two scores of 101 each, out of 110 possible, tied for the first prize, the tie being shot off. There was also a score of 100 points and two of 98, to beat Pte. Gillies' record, and three 97's to keep his company.

THE LONDON CORPORATION PRIZES.

The corporation of the City of London have for some years generously offered special prizes for Colonial and Indian competitors. Of these Canada has always had a large share, but this year our team had the competition all to themselves. The fifteen prizes were awarded to the top scorers in the grand aggregate, the order being as follows:

Wilson, Sergt. 33rd.....	Silver Cup worth £31 ios.	320
Short, Sergt. G. G. F. G.....	20	315
Duncan, Sergt. Q. O. R.....	15	310
Chamberlin, Lieut. 43rd.....	15	304
Dover, Lieut. 78th.....	10	303
Smith, Lieut. St. John Rifles.....	10	303
McMicking, Capt. 44th.....	10	302
Vaughan, Lieut. 5th R. S.....	10	300
Ashall, Staff-Sergt. Q. O. R.....	6	299
Gray, Lieut. G. G. F. G.....	5	299
Miner, Sergt. 71st.....	5	294
Campbell, Gunner H. G. A.....	5	287
Adams, Sergt. 62nd.....	5	286
Zealand, Capt. 13th.....	5	285
Case, Sergt. H. G. A.....	5	284

IN OPEN COMPETITIONS.

The match for the St. George's Challenge Vase and Dragon Cup—seven shots at 500 yards—the first prize in which consists of a gold jewel and £30 in addition to the trophies from which it takes its name, was won this year with a score of 34 points, their being eleven of that value. Last year there were five possibles and fourteen 34's. In the list of 155 prize winning scores there are seventy-one 31's counted in and twenty out, against sixteen in and one hundred and sixteen out last year. Our men took prizes as follows:—

35th. Gunner Campbell, H. G. A.....	£7	33
118th. Sergt. Adams, 62nd.....	2	31
139th. Sergt. Case, H. G. A.....	2	31
154th. Capt. Zealand, 13th.....	2	31

The Windmill match, at 200 and 500 yards, seven shots, was won with a score of 68, there being two of that value against one of the same last year, and four 63's were counted out in place of twelve 62's. In this match Canada did not secure a single one of the 186 prizes.

Ten possibles, against seven last year, headed the list for the 113 prizes offered in the Daily Telegraph competition—seven shots at 500 yards. Fifty-three 32's were counted out, and about as many in, though in 1887 nine 33's failed to secure a prize. Canada took three prize:

77th. Sergt. Wilson, 33rd.....	£2	33
92nd. Sergt. Short, G. G. F. G.....	2	32
109th. Capt. Zealand, 13th.....	2	32

Of the hundred prizes offered in the Tyro match to those competitors who had not won an individual prize at any previous N. R. A. meeting, Canada took four as follows, the scores being those of the first stage of the Queen's:—

36th. Sergt. Miner, 71st.....	£2	87
48th. Sergt. Short, G. G. F. G.....	2	86
67th. Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	1	85
80th. Sergt. Adams, 62nd.....	1	84

Seventeen 83's were counted out. The Ayros shot better than last year, when 81 was sufficient to come in.

THE AGGREGATES.

It took two points more than an average of inners to secure one of the 125 prizes offered for this year's Grand Aggregate—of 21 shots at 200, 35 at 500, and 21 at 600 yards. The total possible was 385; highest made this year, 337; last year, 329; 125th this, 310 (only one score of that value coming in); 125th last year, the only 301 to come in. A marked improvement in the year is thus manifested. Canada secured two grand aggregate prizes:

34th. Sergt. Wilson, 33rd.....	Bronze cross and £5	320
80th. Sergt. Short, G. G. F. G.....	2	315

In the Nursery Aggregate (seven shots standing at 200, and fourteen shots at 500 yards), restricted to competitors who have never been in the final stage of the Queen's, the Canadians stood thus:

43rd. Sergt. Case, H. G. A.....	£2	88
60th. Lieut. Chamberlin, 43rd.....	2	88
74th. Sergt. Short, G. G. F. G.....	2	87
78th. Lieut. Gray, G. G. F. G.....	2	87
90th. Capt. Zealand, 13th.....	2	86
99th. Sergt. Duncan, Q. O. R.....	2	86

Another aggregate competition was the Volunteer—7 shots at 200 yards, 14 at 500, and 14 at 600; h. p. s. 175. The top score was 157, and it took 145 to get the last of the 95 prizes, one of that value being counted out. One Canadian got in:

44th. Lieut. Chamberlin, 43rd.....	£2	148
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In the All Comers' Aggregate—14 shots at 200; 21 at 500 and 7 at 600; h.p.s. 210—the top score was 186; and the 95th, or last to take a prize, 174. Canada got one:

37th. Sergt. Wilson, 33rd.....	£2	178
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EXTRA SERIES MATCHES.

It took 34 points to take one of the forty prizes in the Heath extra series match (bi-diurnal entries allowed). There were eight possibles against five last year, when several 33's came in:

18th. Sergt. Short, G. G. F. G.....	£2	34
21st. Sergt. Wilson, 33rd.....	2	34

In other extra series matches Canadians won prizes as follows:

Charlton-Humphreys—seven shots at 600 yards; 16 prizes; highest, three 34's; lowest, five 31's:

6th. Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	£3	33
7th. Lieut. Chamberlin, 43rd.....	3	33

"Extra Prizes"—200 yards, kneeling, 7 shots; 22 prizes in kind; highest 34; lowest, ten 32's.

6th. Sergt. Case, H. G. A.....	33
20th. Gunner Campbell, H. G. A.....	32

Kynoch—200 yards, 7 shots; 32 prizes; highest 35, lowest, thirty-one 34's, (bi-diurnal entries):

29th. Sergt. Wilson, 33rd.....	£1	34
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The Graphic—200 yards, seven shots; bi-diurnal entries. Fifty prizes; highest, four 35's; one hundred 33's counted out:

35th. Lieut. Vaughan, 5th R. S.....	£2	34
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Bertram—500 yards, seven shots; bi-diurnal entries. Forty seven prizes; highest, seven 35's; forty-four 33's counted out:

2nd. Sergt. Duncan, Q. O. R.....	£5	35
20th. Lieut. Gray, G. G. F. G.....	2	34
32nd. Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	2	34
41st. Lieut. Fiske, 63rd.....	2	33

INTERESTING TEAM COMPETITIONS.

Many of our readers will doubtless be interested in hearing the particulars of some of the great team competitions fired at Wimbledon between Mother, Country teams:

On the 16th July the great match for the National Challenge Trophy was shot. Each team consists of twenty volunteers of English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh birth or parentage respectively. Seven rounds are fired at each of the three ranges—200, 500 and 600 yards, in military position with Martini-Henry rifles. When the first range was concluded, the Scottish Team had made 610 points, the English 600 points, the Irish 587, and the Welsh 606. At the end of the second range, the Scots had added 627, making their aggregate score, at 200 and 500 yards, 1,237. England only put on 596, bringing them up to 1,196. Ireland made 601, and Wales 583. Ireland and Wales went up to the 600 yards with 1,188 and 1,189 respectively.

At the 600 yards the Scots made 537, which brought their total up to 1,774. The English did better than their Northern antagonists at the 600 yards, making 560. But this only made their aggregate 1,756, so that the Scots were the victors. The Irish were one point better than the Scots at the 600 yards, and their gross total was 1,726. The Welsh made 496 at the longest range, and their total was 1,686. The Scottish Team, therefore, beat the English by 18 points, the Irish by 48, and the Welsh by 88.

Last year the English were victorious, making 1,724 points out of a possible 2,100, as against Scotland's 1,713, Ireland's 1,655, and Wales' 1635. This year's match was the twenty-fifth that has taken place; but as the real contest has always been between the English and Scottish teams, and as in three consecutive years Scotland did not compete, the present may be considered as only the twenty-second match. Of these, Scotland has now won twelve and England ten.

The Elcho Shield match, between the eights of England, Ireland and Scotland, with the delicate and accurate match rifles, was the great event of the 19th July. At the first range, 800 yards, Ireland took the lead with 583 points, Scotland making 566, and England 554. At the 900 yards England made 557, Ireland 539, and Scotland 505. The total scores over the two ranges were then—Ireland 1,122, England 1,111, and Scotland 1,071. At the 1,000 yards range England put on 531, Ireland 530, and Scotland 497. The grand totals were therefore: Ireland, 1,652; England, 1,642; and Scotland, 1,568. Ireland was thus the victor by 10 points over England, and 84 over Scotland. The Irish score was the best ever made under the conditions now existing, which were established in 1874. Hitherto the best has been that of England in 1881, the same (1,642 pts.) as that with which England only came in second on this occasion. Ireland's average was 206.5 pts. per man out of a possible 225; Capt. Barnett beating the famous Elcho Shield record (215 points) of Mr. John Rigby and Major Stamford Young, by making 216. At 800 yards Mr. John Rigby (Ireland) made the h. p. s., Capt. Barnett and Mr. Braithwaite (Ireland), and Lieut. Ferguson and Mr. Love (Scotland) 74 each. At 900 yards the best scores were those of Mr. Smith (Ireland), 73; Sir Henry Halford (England), and Mr. Ganly (Ireland), 72; and Capt. Mellish, Lieut. Dutton-Hunt and Mr. Whitehead (England), 71. At 1,000 yards Capt. Barnett (Ireland) and Lieut. Gibson (Scotland) made 73 each, Mr. Whitehead (England) 70, and Mr. Ganly (Ireland) and Capt. Mellish, Capt. Gibbs, and Major Godsall (England) 69 each. The best aggregate score was Capt. Barnett's magnificent 216 for Ireland. Ganly (Ireland) and Mellish (England) followed with 213 each. Then came Mr. Whitehead (England) with 212, Lieut. Gibson (Scotland) with 211, Major Fenton (Ireland) with 209, Capt. Gibbs (England) and Mr. Smith (Ireland) with 208. This is the twenty-seventh consecutive year of the match. Ireland, however, took no part in the first three competitions. Since 1865, inclusive, when an Irish team first came forward, England has won ten matches, Ireland nine, and Scotland four. Of the whole twenty-seven matches England has won thirteen, Ireland nine, and Scotland five. The existing conditions of the competition have obtained since 1874. Last year the English score was 1,570, that of Scotland 1,559, and of Ireland, 1,556.

The shooting for the United Service Challenge Cup on the 18th July was of the most interesting character. As last year, six teams were entered, for the Royal Navy, the Regular Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Yeomanry, and the Volunteers respectively. The teams are eight in number, and the conditions the same as those for the Kolapore and Chancellor's prizes—viz., 7 rounds at "Queen's ranges" with M. H. rifles. The enormously strong Volunteer team carried all before it, but the shooting throughout was very good, the Yeomanry in particular, who must be heavily handicapped in such a match, making 203 points at the 600 yards, a score only beaten by the Volunteers and by the Marines. The result of the match was that the Volunteers made 724 (an average of 90.5 points per man), the Royal Marines 683, the Regular Army 674, the Royal Navy 651, the Yeomanry 648, and the Militia 592. Last year the Volunteers won by 17 points, the scores being: Volunteers, 682; Regular Army, 665; Marines, 650; Navy, 639; Militia, 604; and Yeomanry, 563. Fourteen matches have now taken place, of which eleven have been won by the Volunteers, who have now been victorious for nine consecutive years.

The Greek Government has ordered 720 steel chromé shells from Uniens, France.

The British Admiralty is arranging for a series of experiments in connection with the *Resistance* with dynamite shells. The trials are to be made near Portsmouth, and the guns from which the shells are to be fired will be placed on board a gunboat. Other experiments are to be made with shells charged with gun cotton and other powerful explosives.

At his first inspection of the 90th Battalion, the crack corps of his new district, Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G., spoke in high praise of the appearance of the corps. He said he had heard a great deal about the 90th in the east from their comrades in arms and from other sources, and, expecting a great deal from them, he had not been disappointed. He must say, from what he had seen, that his expectations were fully realized.

The Militia Pastime.

The annual general meeting of the Sixth Fusiliers Rifle Association was held on the 25th July at their armoury, Montreal, Lt.-Col. Massey, president, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The financial statement showed the total receipts to have been \$643.58, and the expenses \$235.09, leaving a cash balance of \$408.49. The team report showed that among the individual prizes won by the team were five first prizes and three second. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Lt.-Col. Massey; first-vice president, Major Mooney; second vice-president, Major Burland; honorary presidents, Lt.-Cols. Martin, Gardner, Sinton and Lyman, honorary secretary-treasurer, Capt. G. Denison; captain of team, Captain W. F. Robertson; auditors, Lt. Kemp and Sergt.-Major Street; committee, Capt. J. Riddle, Sergt. Howard, Capt. Morrison, Col.-Sergt. Pettigrew, Sergt. Marks and Corpl. Pratt. The annual matches will probably not take place until the end of next month, owing to the unfinished state of the ranges.

The Fifth Royal Scots Rifle Association held their annual meeting on the 25th July, the President Lt.-Col. Caverhill, occupying the chair. The Secretary, Capt. Ibbotson, read his report, which showed the receipts, including the balance from last year, to be \$803.42. The expenditure amounted to \$751.36, leaving a balance of \$52.06. Capt. Hood read his statement which showed the principal prizes won by the team were: The Carslake Picture, the second prize in the Tait-Brassey Match, the Association Jubilee Trophy; they also took first in the skirmishing and volley firing in the Province of Quebec Association firing competitions. Besides these many other prizes were won by the team, including cups, medals, badges, etc. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill; Vice-Presidents, Major Lyman and Capt. Hood; Secretary-Treasurer, Capt. Ibbotson; Assistant Sec.-Treasurer, Col.-Sergt. Dalrymple; Executive Officer, Capt. Lydon; Captain of Team, Capt. Hood; Auditors, Col.-Sergt. Kennedy, and Corpl. Currie; Committee, Col.-Sergt. R. Allar, Col.-Sergt. Kennedy, Sergt. M. O'Brien, Lieut. Vaughan, Corpl. Clark and Pte. Houston.

The programme for the New Brunswick Provincial Rifle Association's prize meeting of 1888, to be held at Sussex, commencing on the 28th inst., shows nearly \$1,500 to be offered in cash prizes, besides the usual trophies and medals. The regular shooting is confined to the Snider rifle, two extra series matches at 500 and 600 yards respectively being provided for Martini practice. Substantial nursery prizes are offered for battalion teams of four each, as well as individuals. Other team contests are for battalion teams of five and county teams of eight members. The five individual matches besides the Nursery call for two shoots at 200 yards, seven rounds standing and seven kneeling; two at 400 yards; four at 500, and three at 600. The shots included in the grand aggregate are: 7 kneeling at 200 yards, 12 at 400, 26 at 500 and 21 at 600. The thirty men to represent the association at the Dominion matches at Ottawa, will be chosen according to the scores in the grand aggregate, and the provincial government's grant of \$300 will be divided amongst this team.

The Governor General's Foot Guards.

The Guards' annual matches took place on Saturday last, on Rideau range. The prize list showed a total of \$165 in cash, and \$150 in kind, exclusive of numerous medals, and the weather being propitious the events were well contested. The officers present were Lieut.-Col. J. P. Macpherson, Lieut. C. F. Winter (secretary), and Lieut. J. H. Fairweather (assistant secretary).

The Maiden match brought out 37 Guardsmen who, having never yet won a prize, contested for the fifteen now offered. The top scorers were: Pte. J. Esdale, 17; Pte. R. Milford, 16; Pte. Sleeman, 16; Pte. C. C. Rogers, 15. Three 9's took prizes.

The Nursery, for those only who had never won a prize of \$5 or over, company matches excepted, had 56 entries for the 18 prizes, the chief of which were won as follows: Pte. J. Gooding, 20; Pte. L. Brophy, 18; Pte. H. Torrance, 16; Pte. C. C. Rogers, 16. All these were No. 1 company men. The 18th prize was taken with 12 points.

In the next match, at 400 and 500 yards, five shots, open to the regiment, there were 61 entries and 30 prizes, the last of which was taken with 22 points. The leading scores were as follows:

Sergt. Reardon, No. 4 Co.....	40	Sergt. Cawdron, No. 4.....	35
Sergt. McCarthy, No. 5.....	38	Sergt. Dawson, No. 2.....	34
Pte. Brown, No. 2.....	37	Corp. Carroll, No. 4.....	33
Lieut. Winter, No. 1.....	37	Corp. McCarthy, No. 5.....	32
Lieut. Fairweather, No. 3.....	36	Sergt. Codd, No. 2.....	31
Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, No. 2.....	36	Pte. Nutting, No. 1.....	30
Pte. Holbrook, No. 1.....	35	Staff-Sergt. Newby.....	30

The All-Comers' match 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots, had 51 entries, and three scores of 66 each were counted out of the following prize list:

Pte. J. Hutcheson, 43rd..	28 31 22 81	Col.-Sgt. Mailleue Guards	25 22 27 74
Staff-Sgt. Newby, Guards	29 25 25 79	Sergt. McCarthy, Guards	30 28 16 74
Lt. Fairweather, Guards.	25 23 30 78	Pte. Holbrook, Guards..	25 24 23 72
Pte. Armstrong, Guards..	32 31 15 78	Staff Sgt. Jamieson, 43rd	29 22 21 72
Pte. J. D. Taylor 43rd....	27 23 27 77	Tr. Cooke, P.L.D.G....	21 31 19 71
Pte. S. Short, 43rd.....	30 26 20 76	Lieut. Winter, Guards...	23 19 24 66

The aggregate prizes, for the combined scores of the regimental open match and the all comers', were taken as follows:—

1. Lord Dufferin's Medal, Lieut. Fairweather, No. 3 Co.....	114
2. D. R. A. Medal, Sergt. McCarthy, No. 5.....	112
3. O. R. A. Medal, Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, No. 2.....	110
4. Gauthier Medal, Staff-Sergt. Newby.....	109

A maiden aggregate medal, for the scores in all four matches, was won by Pte. C. C. Rogers, of No. 1 Co., with 105 points.

The three range match being the last in the series of twelve competitions—best six to count—for the season's aggregate for 3rd class shots, Pte. J. Gooding, of No. 1, was declared winner of the \$5 prize offered. He had 312 points to his credit. The next in order were Pte. C. C. Rogers, No. 1, 294, and Pte. R. H. Brown, No. 2, 275.

An extra series match at 500 yards (five shots), with a list of 39 prizes, was largely patronized, thus proving a source of considerable revenue. The top scores were as follows (15's coming in):

Pte. Holbrook, Guards.....	24	Pte. Morrison, Guards.....	21
Lt.-Col. J. P. Macpherson, Guards.	24	Corpl. McCarthy, Guards.....	21
Sgt. Reardon, Guards.....	24	Col.-Sgt. Mailleue, ".....	21
Sgt. Mason, 43rd Batt.....	23	Sgt. McCarthy, ".....	20
Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd.....	23	Pte. Nutting, ".....	20
Sgt. Dawson, Guards.....	22	Corpl. Carroll, ".....	20
Tpr. Cooke, P.L.D.G.....	22	Sgt. Church, ".....	20
Mr. A. C. Watters.....	21	Pte. Hutcheson, 43rd.....	20
Pte. Short, 43rd.....	21	Pte. J. A. Armstrong, Guards.....	20
Mr. W. S. Ditty.....	21	Dr. G. Hutchinson.....	20

The 66th Fusiliers' Annual Matches.

The annual rifle matches of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, of Halifax, took place on the Bedford range on the 26th July. About a hundred and forty members of the regiment took part. There was a substantial prize list, the rewards running as high as 26 in one match, and in value ranging from \$6 to \$1.

A nursery competition came first—five rounds at 400 yards, open to members who had not taken a prize at any former meeting. Pte. W. Bliss was first with 19 points, receiving Capt. Black's cup and \$3; the next scorers were Pte. T. Gillespie, 17; and Pte. Robt. Johnstone, 15.

In the next competition, at 200 and 400 yards, five shots, it took 31 points to secure one of the 26 prizes offered. The leading scores were:

Staff-Sgt. A. Hughes (Col. Macdonald's medal and \$6).....	40	Drum. Longley.....	36
Pte. E. Mackley.....	40	Pte. R. Elliott.....	36
Sergt.-Major Gibson.....	39	Sgt. Fluke.....	36
Pte. W. Bliss.....	39	Sgt. Merlin.....	36
Drum. Keating.....	37	Col.-Sgt. McDowell.....	36
Sergt. C. Malcom.....	36	Sergt. W. Gray.....	36
Corpl. J. Wilson.....	36	Corpl. J. Latter.....	36

The third competition was at 400 and 500 yards, five shots, and 20 points secured last place on the list of 23 prizes. The top scores were:

Sgt.-Major Gibson, (Lt.-Col. Stairs' cup) and \$5.....	41	Staff-Sgt. Hughes.....	35
Col.-Sergt. McDowell.....	39	Sgt. W. Williams.....	31

The scores at 200 and 500 yards in the second and third matches counted in a competition for company teams of five each for two prizes: 1st, a silver bugle and \$10, won by G company, Capt. Brown, with 142 points; 2nd, \$5, A company, Capt. Whitman, 133 points.

A consolation match—five shots at 400 yards, was won by Sergt. Hill, with the good score of 24 points, the next in order being Pte. Glenville, 22; and Pte. O'Rourke, 20.

The following range prizes were given: Highest aggregate score at 200, 400 and 500 yards ranges in second and third competitions, Lt.-Col. Bremner's medal and \$4—Sergt.-Major Gibson, 58. Highest aggregate in second and third competitions, Capt. Henry's medal and \$2—Sergt.-Major Gibson, 80 points. Highest score at 200 yards in second competition, \$2—Pte. W. Westwood, 22 points. Highest score at 400 yards in second competition, \$2—Staff-Sergt. Hughes, 22 points. Highest score at 500 yards, surgeon's cup and \$2—Col.-Sergt. McDowell, 18 points. Highest score at 400 yards in third competition, Sergt. Merlin, 23 points.

In an officers' competition, Lieut. Wilmot secured the officers' regimental cup; Capt. Menger the officers' field glasses; and Lieut. Ritchie the silver punch bowl; the next in order being Capt. Chipman and Capt. Kenny.

While waiting for the return train at Bedford station Captain Chipman complimented the men on their record of the day, for shooting as well as for their discipline. He promised them that next year the prize lists would be increased and so arranged as to give a chance to lower shots than were now able to take prizes with the better marksmen of the corps.

Toronto's Telegraphic Match Victories.

Beating this year's Kolapore Cup score by three points, and making the splendid average of 86¼ per man, the team of the Toronto Rifle Association more than made up on Saturday last for their defeat by Bowmanville on the 21st. In this, the third and deciding telegraphic match between the associations, the score stood—Toronto, 690; Bowmanville, 634. It will be seen that the Queen City team was one point behind at the 200 yards range, the scoring on both sides being high; but at 500 and 600 they showed 57 points to the good, shooting very steadily whilst Bowmanville's representatives were a trifle erratic. The constitution of the teams was the same as on the previous Saturday, except that for Bowmanville E. Prout replaced W. S. Young. The complete scores were (200, 500, 600 yards, Martini):

TORONTO.				BOWMANVILLE.					
Robt. McVittie.....	32	30	31	93	W. C. King.....	28	33	30	91
Wm. Harp.....	29	33	29	91	J. B. Mitchel.....	30	28	27	85
Tom Mitchell.....	31	34	25	90	J. Sando.....	33	29	22	84
Geo. Thompson.....	28	31	29	88	W. S. Russell.....	31	24	27	82
A. G. Ronan.....	29	31	28	88	Dr. McLaughlin.....	29	26	20	75
A. D. Cartwright.....	28	27	31	86	J. Curtis.....	28	24	21	73
G. M. Donnelly.....	30	27	22	79	D. Beach.....	27	26	20	73
Walter Macdonald....	27	27	21	75	E. Prout.....	29	24	18	71
Totals.....	234	240	216	690	Totals.....	235	214	185	634

For the three matches which have been shot the results were:

	Total.			
Toronto.....	654	650	690	1,994
Bowmanville.....	607	657	634	1,898

On Saturday next, 4th August, Toronto shoots against the Halifax Garrison Artillery. The secretary anxiously awaits acceptances from associations not yet heard from.

A Staff Challenge.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

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Ottawa Rifle Club.

The thirteenth spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club, held on Saturday last, had a small attendance, the Guards' matches in progress on Rideau range the same afternoon being a counter attraction. The spoons were shot for at 800 and 900 yards, seven shots, and the president of the club, Major Perley, took first with 47 points, the complete scores being as follows:

Major H. F. Perley (dessert spoon).....	25	22	47	T. W. McDonald.....	19	17	36
A. Pink (tea spoon).....	26	19	45	T. McJanet.....	21	12	33
F. W. Smith.....	21	23	44	R. H. Brown.....	18	11	29
T. Carroll.....	19	21	40	J. H. Ellis.....	14	14	28
				R. N. Bishop.....	15	12	27

The club now takes recess until the 22nd September, on which date the spoon competitions will be resumed.

The Midsummer issue of THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE abounds with interesting and timely literature. Dr. W. F. Hutchinson presents the fourth of his finely illustrated articles in the series "Along the Caribbean," in this instance dealing with Trinidad. Another entertaining paper is entitled "Where Burgoyne Surrendered," by C. H. Crandall, in which is described the Saratoga Monument that is soon to be unveiled. Frederick G. Schwatka, the noted Arctic explorer, tells about "The American Arctic Savage" in an entertaining manner, and Trebor Ohl has an illustrated paper on "Six Story-Tellers for Children," in which she speaks of the lives and work of Louise Imogen Guiney, Margaret Sidney, Mrs. Abby Morton Diaz, Nora Perry, Mrs. Lizzie W. Champney, and Alice Wellington Rollins. Joel Benton has a poem on "Midsummer," and Sara F. Goodrich describes "The Country in Midsummer."

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