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Topics of the Week.

Under the head of "The Rifle," there may be seen in this paper, week by week, evidence of the strong hold rifle shooting, as a pastime, has obtained upon the people of the North-west, the rivalry there being between the district associations rather than regimental, as the Territories have no militia. The riflemen appear to be interesting the whole community in their sport, for the latest intimation is of a lecture by Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, Eastern Assiniboia's witty and eloquent representative in the Commons, to be delivered at Regina, in aid of the funds of the Assiniboia Provincial Association.

The New England Militia have found a new champion in "The Volunteer," a monthly magazine, No. 3 of which has just come to hand. It contains forty-eight octavo pages of excellent reading matter, and bids fair to be popular, not only within its constituency, but outside as well. Its articles are well written, instructive and interesting. It is published at Boston, Mass. Simultaneously with the appearance of "The Volunteer," there comes another new publication—"The Militiaman," a journal also at its third number, and to be published monthly, at Holyoke, Mass. It is "devoted to the interests of the Militia of the New England States," and, apparently, will seek to promote such interests chiefly by the prompt publication of news of the movements, wishes and achievements of that body, and able editorial advocacy or criticism. We wish our new contemporaries the success their manifest enterprise deserves.

The victories achieved last week by the team of Massachusetts riflemen in England have puzzled not a few who have not taken all the circumstances into account. The contestants have not been by any means on even terms, for the Massachusetts men have on their Springfield rifles wind gauges and aperture sights; while the Englishmen used plain Martinis, with open sights and no wind gauges, and were thus at a considerable disadvantage. The teams consisted of twelve men on each side, and they fired at 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each, with two sighting shots allowed. The standing position has been used at 200 yards. The scoring has not been remarkably high on either side, averaging for the five matches fired last week 88 points for Massachusetts, and 82 for the English teams. In the friendly match in which our Wimbledon team competed on Thursday last, and in which plain Martini rifles were used, the ten Canadians averaged 90.6 points per man, and the team of Cambridge volunteers 86.5 points. This latter match was, however, with the kneeling position used at 200 yards—an advantage of perhaps three or four points per man over the standing position.

In the interests of the future of the militia of Canada, scarce any more useful work could be done than that amongst the boys of the public schools, so carefully carried on in several cities. The adjutant of the Twelfth Battalion, Capt. J. T. Thompson, has achieved surprising results with the boys of Toronto; and now Capt. W. B. T. Macaulay, of the Sixth Fusiliers, is to the fore at the head of a well-drilled class from the High School at Montreal. The report of their inspection appeared in last issue. Capt. Macaulay has applied for, and will no doubt receive, permission to form a cadet corps at the High School, and this will be directed by him. Upon stipulated conditions as to the constitution of the drill companies, and the uniform to be worn, the Militia Department will furnish free to universities, colleges, normal and high schools, the arms and accoutrements necessary for instruction; and the Department will also detail an instructor to attend at each school, at the public expense, for one month in each year, or longer if required.

A curious, if unhappy, incident occurred recently to the Royal Jersey Artillery. After the annual inspection, the regiment, when about to be marched back to the arsenal, was ordered to form column by the left, so that A Battery found themselves at the rear of the column instead of in their usual place at the head. On this, the battery hesitated to form in column, and on the order to advance general disorder manifested itself among the men to the extent that only the two leading sections finally followed the column. Then Sergeant Cooper, who acted as left guide, instead of guiding the battery in obedience to orders, left his post and went towards the men, "and by his words, gestures and example, in defiance of all discipline and of the reiterated orders of the captain of the battery, as well as of the majors, he exerted himself to prevent the men from obeying, and raised a mutiny which appears to have been premeditated." The battery had misbehaved for a similar cause at a regimental parade held a short time before. The sergeant and six gunners were accordingly charged in the police court with insubordination, and after a lengthy trial were sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine. The sergeant got eight days, the two worst of the gunners, 6 and 4 days respectively, and the four others, 48 hours each. The four day man wept as he heard his sentence, the bravado he had exhibited on parade having deserted him. The punishment awarded should serve as a wholesome lesson to those superior persons who seek to enjoy the volunteer's privileges and share in his honours, without submitting to the necessary discipline.

The art of war, considered as the means of acquiring power, or preserving power already acquired, stands at the head of human sciences. It is the science of princes; and where the object of it is legitimate, that is, national protection and defence against unjust aggression, it is a generous and noble act.—*Jackson.*

In an article on the visit of the King of Italy to Berlin, the *London Times* thus sums up the military situation in Europe: "It appears to be tacitly assumed that any disturbance of European tranquillity has, as a matter of fact, been rendered extremely improbable by the action of Germany and her allies. The nervous apprehension of hostilities from which Europe suffered while the Bulgarian question was in an acute stage has given place to a feeling of considerable confidence."

Regimental and Other Notes.

The St. John, N.B., *Gazette* complains of the lack of equipment of 62nd Fusiliers, and says: "The military district of New Brunswick is woefully lacking in necessary accoutrements. There are a few tents—perhaps enough to shelter a thousand men—but, beyond this, there are none of the necessaries for equipping a camp. Because of the convenience of mobilizing, city corps are always the first to be called out in cases of emergency. Therefore the city corps in this district should be supplied with the necessary equipments for a campaign. There should be baggage wagons, camp kettles, tents, valises, haversacks, water bottles, and all other articles essential for an army on the march. At present the stores are kept either at Ottawa, Quebec, Kingston or Toronto. There are a few stores at Halifax, but not enough to equip the Nova Scotia contingent of itself. It would cost no more to keep the stores at St. John than it does at Ottawa, and if only for the appearance of things there should be sufficient stores here to put a thousand men in the field in case of necessity. Should our men be called out to suppress a riot or protect property, or for any other service requiring them to be on active duty for a fortnight, their efficiency would be greatly impaired because of the lack of accoutrements."

THE NINETIETH BATTALION.

The 90th excursion to Rat Portage for Dominion Day was, as these events usually are, a big success, in spite of the mean behaviour of the clerk of the weather. The corps mustered at 10.30 p.m. Saturday and marched, E Company occupying the position of honour, down to the cars, headed by the brass and bugle bands, which alternately dispensed sweet music to the midnight air. After settling and making all snug for the journey, song and dance became the order, the band wagon in particular showing up in great form. After the boys had somewhat eased themselves off, "lights out" was sounded, and the sonorous breathing of the I.B.D.'s. succeeded to the music of the mouth organ. Of course everybody was on deck at daybreak, and many were the exclamations of delight heard in the cars as the beautiful scenery surrounding Rat Portage began to come into view. The entire population of the city turned out to receive the boys, after which the "muster" was sounded for bathing parade (not undress). A march of at least a mile was necessary before a spot was found sufficiently secluded to enable the fastidious to assume the garb of nature without in any way shocking that blushing modesty which is so characteristic of the 90th Battalion. In the forenoon the regiment paraded to the English and Presbyterian churches.

At 6 a. m. on Monday morning the reveille sounded and brought out the boys bright and early to prepare for the parade at 10 a. m., and then they mustered and formed into quarter column, marching up Main street, where the military movements were to take place. The route was gaily decorated with banners and flags, and a great crowd was on hand to see the fun. The march past was splendidly done, and brought frequent rounds of applause from the onlookers. A feu de joie was then fired, much to the alarm of a squad of Indians who were watching the battle from the top of a neighbouring hill. Lieut. Rowley, who, in the unavoidable absence of Capt. Swinford, was in charge of E Company, received many congratulations for the steady manner in which his company went through the movements.

Correspondence.

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

THE COLONEL HAS THE CALL.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—I have this day received a marked copy of the MILITIA GAZETTE of 6th June last, which had been sent to me addressed Royal United Service Institution, London, England, and followed me back here with the idea, I suppose, of fastening upon me the authorship of the now famous letter signed "Canadian" in the *Broad Arrow*, so I suppose I had better follow the example of Major General Oliver, C.M.G., and deny it in toto over my signature.

In the service clubs in London the authorship was generally credited to Col. Ridout, formerly adjutant of the R.M.C., Kingston. If this is a mistake perhaps that gentleman will correct it.

C. GREVILLE HARSTON, Captain,
Late R.M.S.I.

Toronto, 8th July, 1889.

In military appointments, it is the duty of the inferior officer to assist his commander in the mode in which that commander may deem his services most advantageous.—*Wellington*.

Six torpedo boats to be worked with petroleum fuel are to be immediately commenced for the Russian Government. Four will be added to the Baltic fleet and the other two will be sent to the Black Sea.

The Rifle.

Several immense scores are recorded in the English service papers to hand this week. At the Edinburgh rifle meeting, in the first stage of the competition for the Caledonian Challenge Shield, fired with Martinis at Queen's ranges, Col. Sergt. Ingram, 3rd Lanark, headed the list with 33, 32, 34—99; and John Rodger, of Hawick, was even with him in the total, with three 33's. There were three 97's, one 96, and eight 95's, the total number of competitors being 424. At the Jewel competition of the English Twenty club, Pte. Gilbert of the H.A.C., who shot on the Park Range, made 34, 31, 35—100. He had an inner for his sixth shot at 200, and two magpies (the first and sixth shots) at 500. Pte. Gardiner of Keswick made 33, 32, 34—99. There were seven 97's, ten 96's, and six 95's.

Says the *Volunteer Record*: "In a previous issue we referred to some marvellous scores said to have been made by Pte. Higgins, of the 2nd Gloucester, in the beginning of this month—scores of 101, 100, and 103 having been credited to him. Our prodigy is said to have since put on the highest possible aggregate—i.e., 105 points—in practice, and 103 points in competition. Last week we mildly confessed to some degree of scepticism in regard to the genuineness of the pill we and our readers were asked to swallow. The latter report but confirms this sentiment. When next it is sought to induce a guileless public to believe that something so entirely *hors ligne* in the way of shooting has been achieved, it would be as well if the performance of the individual so distinguishing himself could be properly certified."

THE MASSACHUSETTS MEN AT WIMBLEDON.

Application has been made to the council of the N. R. A. for permission for the visiting Massachusetts riflemen to use in the Wimbledon matches open to military breech-loaders the improved sights and wind gauges attached to their Springfield weapons. Very properly the council refused to accede to this rather bold request, notwithstanding that the visitors had it backed up by the signatures of about fifty British riflemen. The following correspondence explains itself:

To the Council of the N. R. A.—The memorial of the undersigned competitors in a triangular match between the counties of Devon, Gloucester, and Middlesex, at Dunball:

1. In 1879 the American War Office adopted a sliding wind-gauge rear sight as the Regulation sight for the Springfield rifle in the hands of the Federal troops.

2. But, not being contented with it, after a long course of experiments with various patterns of screw and aperture sights, they ultimately, in 1884, adopted the "Buffington" screw wind-gauge aperture sight, which superseded the sliding sight of 1879.

3. The team of American riflemen about to visit this country, to whom the council have tendered a cordial welcome on behalf of the volunteers, will bring with them the Regulation Springfield rifles, in use in the American army; but as matters stand, they will be unable to fire a shot in competition at Wimbledon in various M. B. L. series, because the Buffington Regulation sight is barred by the rules.

4. The Committee of the South London Rifle Club have petitioned the council that our American visitors may be permitted to use their Regulation Springfield rifle in various M. B. L. competitions at Wimbledon, but a resolution was passed declining to accede to their request.

5. Your memorialists most respectfully protest against the exclusion of the Regulation arms of a foreign State from the category of experimental military (M.B.L.) rifles at Wimbledon, as a breach of international courtesy on the part of the council.

6. And your memorialists cordially endorse the request of the South London Rifle Club that our American visitors may be permitted to use their Regulation Springfield rifles in the several M.B.L. competitions at Wimbledon.

To the above the Secretary of the N.R.A. returned the following answer, directed to Mr. C. F. Lowe, who had forwarded the memorial:

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge by direction of the Council of the N.R.A., the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., in which you forward a memorial drawn up by the members of the various Volunteer corps who competed in a triangular match at Dunball, requesting that the Council will permit the American visitors to use at Wimbledon in their various M.B.L. competitions, their regulation Springfield rifles. I am directed by the Council to state that they regret that, for the reasons already given when replying to a similar request from the South London Rifle Club, they are unable to accede to that of the memorialists. The reply to the members of the S.L.R.C. was that the Council consider that it is not desirable that the general rules of the N.R.A. respecting the sights of military breechloaders be departed from. The Council of the N.R.A. hope that you will be so good as to take an opportunity of communicating this reply to the memorialists.

On the subject of the above correspondence the *Volunteer Record* says: "Mr. Gratwicke says that the Massachusetts Volunteers do not come over with the idea of showing the English Volunteers anything new in shooting, but simply with the view of learning anything they can in connection with the Volunteer service of Great Britain. So far as their home shooting is concerned they hold the Hilton Trophy, emblematic of the Military and Naval Championship of America; and for three years they have won 'The Soldier of Marathon,' emblematic of the Championship of the National Guard of the United States. In reference to the contention that the Council of the National Rifle Association might gracefully admit the Americans to compete with the Springfield rifle in M. B. L. contests at Wimbledon, we may state that the feeling among Volunteers is very strong in favour of the concession being made. The members of the Middlesex, Devon and Gloucester teams, who met in a match last week, have, like their *confreres* of the Scottish Rifle Association, and the South London Rifle Club, petitioned the N. R. A. Council to that effect. The opinion of experts among English riflemen seems to be that although the wind-gauge of the Springfield is an advantage, the barrel and ammunition of the English guns are superior to the American, and would nearly equalize the two weapons; and therefore the recognition of the Springfield as an M. B. L. rifle would not be any real injustice to those who use the English, Scotch and Irish rifles that come within the latter category."

THE NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION.

The programme for the N. B. R. A. meeting of 1889, to be held at Sussex, N.B., commencing Tuesday, 27th August, has been issued. The matches arranged are as follows:—

1. Nursery, 400 and 500 yards, 5 shots—four prizes for battalion teams of three; value, \$42; 16 individual prizes, value, \$60; total value. . . . \$102 00
2. McPherson, 500 yards, 7 shots, cup and 23 cash prizes. . . . 102 00
3. Donville, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, cup and 24 cash prizes. . . . 115 00
4. Prince of Wales, 200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots (standing at 200 yards). Three battalion team prizes, value \$45; cup, medal and 23 individual cash prizes, value \$100; total cash. . . . 145 00
5. Provincial, 600 yards, 7 shots, 20 prizes. . . . 92 00
6. Elder, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, for county teams of eight; cup and three cash prizes. . . . 88 00
7. Association, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots; cup and 42 cash prizes. . . . 200 00
8. Maiden Aggregate of scores in Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 7, (for those attending for the first time), 5 prizes. . . . 15 00
9. Stanley Medals, silver and bronze, for scores in Nos. 2, 3, and 5, and 500 and 600 yards of No. 7. . . .
10. Grand Aggregate, of scores in Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 7, and 400 and 500 yards scores in No. 4. N.R.A., D.R.A., and P.R.A. medals, and 14 cash prizes. . . . 86 00
11. Ottawa team; to the thirty efficient active militiamen highest in Grand Aggregate; equal division of. . . . 300 00
12. Snider extra series, 500 yards, 5 shots, 15 cash prizes. . . . 75 00
13. Martini A, 500 yards, 7 shots, 15 cash prizes. . . . 90 00
14. Martini B, 600 yards, 7 shots, 11 cash prizes. . . . 50 00
15. McLellan Cup; To be shot for by five previous winners, viz: Lieut. J. D. Perkins, Lieut. J. F. McMillan, Capt. W. Langstroth, Sergt. W. H. Adams, Lieut. S. Langstroth; 600 yards, 7 shots.

All the matches, except Nos. 13 and 14, will be fired with the Snider rifle. The entrance fees are: No. 1, \$1.50 and 25c.; No. 2, 25c.; No. 3, 25c.; No. 4, \$2.50 and 25c.; No. 5, 25c.; No. 6, \$4; No. 7, 50c.; No. 10, 50c.; Nos. 12, 13 and 14, 25c. each. Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7, 12, 13 and 14, are open to all comers, being members of the association. The secretary is Capt. J. Twining Hartt, of St. John, N.B.

REGINA VS. MOOSEJAW.

The Regina marksmen celebrated Dominion Day in a match with the Moosejaw R. A., fired at the Prairie Capital. Conditions, 7 shots each at 200, 400 and 500 yards. The wind blowing in strong gusts from the west somewhat accounts for the uneven scores made at the long range.

REGINA.			MOOSE JAW.		
R. Sweet.	31	18	72	L. Abbey.	25 25 23 73
S. Varder.	31	15 15	61	C. Gas.	28 24 13 65
J. W. Jowett.	28	22 11	61	F. Mellor.	24 10 20 54
H. A. Carruthers.	24	16 19	59	J. Wilson.	26 7 16 49
Major D. Mowat.	29	23 6	58	W. A. McPhail.	22 7 10 39
J. T. Stenshorn.	26	12 16	54	H. Hubbell.	18 13 4 35
Dr. Willoughby.	26	18 7	51	J. G. Chalmers.	13 4 16 33
Alex. Mowat.	26	16 7	49	H. Carter.	17 9 4 30
Maj. Hayter Reed.	21	20 7	48	G. Holdsworth.	10 13 5 28
Totals.	242	165 106 513	Totals.	183	112 111 406

Regina thus won by 107 points. The following also took part in the competition for the spoons: A. E. Forget, total 39; E. B. Read, total 36; S. S. Phillips, total 36. Six silver spoons were given by the A. P. R. A. for the two highest scores in each team. In the Regina team R. Sweet took the tablespoon with his score of 72 (fifth time this season), S. Varder and J. W. Jowett, each 61, tied for the teaspoon, which was taken by Varder, he having the most points at the longest range. In the visitors' team L. Abbey took the tablespoon with his

score of 73, which was the highest score of the day, and C. Gas took the teaspoon with 65; of those shooting in the "Corporal's Guard" A. E. Forget took the tablespoon and E. B. Read the teaspoon.

President Major Mowat captained the home team and President W. A. McPhail captained the visiting team. J. W. Jowett was Range officer for the match. The members of the Moose Jaw R. A. were hospitably entertained by the A. P. R. A., who erected a large marquee near the "Gore," furnishing beds and meals, and the visitors expressed themselves highly delighted.

Mr. Davin, M. P., lectured in aid of the funds of the A. P. R. A. in the Town Hall on Thursday evening. Mr. Varder had charge of the musical portion of the entertainment.

THE FIFTH ROYAL SCOTS.

The twelfth annual prize meeting of the Fifth Royal Scots Rifle Association was held at the new range, Cote St. Luc, on Saturday, 15th June. There were ten targets in use. The day was dark, and there was heavy rain in the forenoon.

1. *The Maiden Stakes*.—Open to all members of the regiment who have never won a prize at any rifle meeting. Range, 200 yards; 7 shots.

\$5, Pte J. Armstrong, C. Co.	28	\$1, Pte. Ball, D Co.	19
4, Pte. Buckland, F "	27	1, Pte. Morris, C "	15
3, Pte. Bethune, B "	27	1, Pte. Easton, D "	14
2, Piper McCowan, C "	26	1, Lieut. Cameron, F "	13
2, Pte. Munn, F "	25	1, Pte. McGregor, A "	11
1, Pte. Kirkup, C "	24		

2. *Battalion Match*.—Open to all members of the regiment. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range. Challenge cup, value \$60, presented by the association, to be competed for by teams of six from each company, to be held by the captain of the winning company till next annual matches. Thirty-five prizes in kind.

Pte. D. Currie, A Co.	84	Pte. Bethune, B Co.	69
Capt. J. Hood, A "	84	Sergt. D. O'Brien, C "	68
Pte. C. McCowan, A "	80	Col.-Sergt. Allan, A "	68
Corpl. Robinson, C "	80	Pte. Munn, F "	68
Pte. Kambery, A "	80	Pte. Kirkup, C "	67
Pte. Deuchars, A "	79	Pipe Major Matheson, A "	65
Pte. Gardner, A "	79	Col.-Sergt. Anderson, F "	59
Pte. D. Smith, A "	79	Pte. Morris, C "	56
Piper McCowan, C "	79	Pte. Mackie, C "	51
Staff-Sergt. Wynne, E "	79	Pipe Sergt. Clarke, D "	51
Sergt. Currie, A "	77	Col.-Sergt. McGilton, D "	47
Pte. Armstrong, C "	76	Pte. D. Brown, A "	36
Pte. McMartin, A "	75	Pte. Ball, D "	35
Pte. Buckland, F "	73	Pte. McGregor, A "	30
Sergt. Brown, A "	71	Lieut. Cameron, F "	30
Col.-Sgt. Dalrymple, E "	71	Corpl. Kerr, D "	27
Col.-Sergt. Pitt, C "	70	Pte. Cuthbert, C. "	24
Capt. Ibbotson, C "	69		

Four companies entered for the challenge cup presented by the association and which was won by A Company, with a score of 479 points, C Company second with 442, and F Company third with 268.

3. *Association Match*.—Open to all members of the association. Ranges, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range. Cup presented by Major Lyman.

Cup and \$8, Staff-Sgt. Wynne, E Co.	50	\$2, Capt. Hood, A Co.	43
\$7, Pipe Sergt. Clarke, D Co.	49	2, Pte. Kennedy, A "	43
6, Col.-Sergt. Allan, A "	48	2, Pte. Gardner, A "	40
5, Col.-Sgt. McGilton, D "	48	2, Pte. Bethune, B "	40
4, Pte. D. Currie, A "	48	1, Pte. D. Smith, A "	40
4, Col.-Sgt. Dalrymple, E "	47	1, Pte. McCowan, A "	39
3, Capt. Ibbotson, C "	46	1, Corpl. Robinson, C "	37
3, Sergt. Brown, A "	46	1, Pte. Munn, F "	37
3, Pte. McMartin, A "	46	1, Col.-Sgt. Anderson, F "	34
2, Sergt. Currie, A "	45	1, Pte. Morris, C "	34

4. *Open Match*.—Open to all comers for individual prizes, and to teams of five previously named bona-fide members of any battalion or rifle association for the team prizes. Should less than five teams compete, the third prize not to be awarded. Ranges, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range.

\$12, Pte. Thompson, Vics.	63	\$2, Piper McCowan, R.S.	54
8, Pte. Waters, 6th.	60	2, Major Thomas, 54th.	54
6, Pte. Pope, Vics.	60	2, Pte. McCrae, Vics.	54
5, Pte. McMartin, R.S.	58	1, Col.-Sergt. Pitt, R.S.	53
4, Pte. Deuchars, R.S.	57	1, Corpl. E. Pratt, 6th.	53
3, Pte. Lavers, 6th.	56	1, Capt. Busted, Vics.	53
3, Sergt. Brown, R.S.	55	1, Pte. Riddle, 6th.	53
3, Pte. D. Smith, R.S.	55	1, Sergt. Marks, 6th.	52
2, Pte. McAfee, P.W.R.	55	1, Sergt. Bell, M.G.A.	52
2, Col.-Sergt. MacAdam, Vics.	54		

Teams.

\$15, First team 6th.	270	Second team 6th.	243
10, First team Royal Scots.	251	Montreal Garrison Artillery.	232
5, First team Vics.	251	Second team Vics.	228
Montreal Rifle Association.	251	Third team Vics.	171
Second team Royal Scots.	243		

5. <i>Extra Series</i> .—Open to all. Range, 500 yards; 5 shots. Any number of entries; highest score of each man to count.	
\$5, Sergt. Currie, R.S. 24	\$1, R. Millar, M.R.A. 22
4, Pte. Ward, 6th. 24	1, Major Thomas, 54th. 22
3, Pte. Kambery, R.S. 23	1, Sergt. Riddle, 6th. 22
2, Pte. McMartin, R.S. 23	1, Sergt. Marks, 6th. 21
1, Pte. Pratt, 6th. 22	

THE CRACK SHOOTING REGIMENT.

This interesting paragraph is from the Toronto *Mail* of Saturday 6th July:

"The list of international contests is likely to be increased this year by a shooting match between the 10th Royal Grenadiers of this city and the Massachusetts Rifle team, now in England. The latter is the champion team of the States. The Royal Grenadiers, as everyone knows, is the crack shooting regiment of Canada, and they are anxious to meet the Massachusetts rifle team on even terms. Captain Bruce, of the Grenadiers, has accordingly, after consultation with the other crack shots of the regiment, sent a letter to Sergt. T. Mitchell, who is at present at Wimbledon, authorizing him to make a match on behalf of the Grenadiers with the American rifle team on their return from Wimbledon. The proposition is to shoot a match, eight or ten men a side, either in Toronto or Massachusetts, or by telegraph, the Americans to shoot with their military rifle with open sights, and the Grenadiers to use the Martini-Henry, the ranges to be 200, 500 and 600 yards. The Grenadiers' team will be chosen from the following:—T. Mitchell, McVittie, Simpson, Bruce, Davis, Curzon, Mowat, Shaw, Jack, Fowler, Dent, Brooks, Urquhart and Curran."

Concerning which the Ottawa *Citizen* published the following, on Monday, 8th July:

"The *Mail* paragraph was the subject of discussion by a group of Ottawa riflemen who met down town on Saturday evening. 'Here is one,' remarked an old-timer, 'who doesn't know that the Grenadiers are the crack shooting regiment of Canada, and before posing as Canadian champions the Grenadiers should make a move towards establishing their claim. I could name half a dozen regiments as strong, or stronger, in my opinion; and amongst these would be the 43rd Battalion of Ottawa. No less than six members of the 43rd figured in the Governor-General's sixty last fall, these being Rogers, Jamieson, Pink, Sherwood, Hutcheson and Sutherland. Oh, no! The Grenadiers are strong, but they can be matched.' And these sentiments met with general approbation. Now a match between the Tenth and the Forty-third would be in order." And on Tuesday the same paper said:

"The *Mail's* claim that the Tenth Royal Grenadiers are the crack shooting regiment in Canada, and the bold challenge of that corps to the Massachusetts rifle team now in England, were further discussed by local riflemen yesterday. A prominent shooting officer of the 43rd Battalion said to the *Citizen*: 'I scarcely think the Grenadiers can have authorized the *Mail* to dub them the champions; and I know they would have hard work to make good a claim to such a title. In my opinion there are at least six corps that could put in the field teams as strong, or stronger, than that named by 'he Grenadiers. These corps are the Garrison Artillery and the 63rd Battalion of Halifax, the Fifth Royal Scots of Montreal, the Forty-fifth Battalion of Bowmanville, the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, and the Forty-third of Ottawa.

"I see you say this morning that a match between the 43rd and the Grenadiers would now be in order. You may say to-morrow—for I am sure the Colonel and all the shooting men of the regiment will back me up—that the 43rd are ready to shoot the Grenadiers a match with teams of eight or ten men a side, at Queen's ranges, with either Snider or Martini rifles. My own preference would be for the Snider for a battalion team match, as it is the military weapon in Canada, and ought to be most encouraged. If the Grenadiers send a team to the Quebec Association matches at Montreal, we could meet them there on neutral ground. It would be a good idea to shoot three matches: one at Montreal; one at the Ontario matches at Toronto; and one at the Dominion matches at Ottawa. We are quite ready to meet any regimental team who would like to test their skill before going further and peradventure faring worse."

The matter did not pass unnoticed in other places, for Capt. W. S. Russell, Paymaster of the 45th Battalion, and one of the best marksmen in Canada, thus wrote from Bowmanville to the *Mail*:

"Although the Royal Grenadiers may have some men who can do good work with the military rifle, still we don't by any means consider theirs the crack shooting battalion of the Dominion. We believe the 45th Battalion holds that coveted position to-day, and I am authorized to extend to the Royal Grenadiers friendly greetings and an invitation to shoot a match at Queen's ranges, either in Toronto, Lindsay or Bowmanville, with ten to twenty men a side, time, place, and number of men as may be agreed upon. We think it would be advisable for the Royal Grenadiers to defeat one or two local battalions before aspiring to tackle the famous Massachusetts volunteer team of riflemen."

To this challenge Capt. J. Bruce, President of the Grenadier Rifle Association thus replied, after pointing out that the claim for superiority was made by the newspaper rather than by the regiment: "We have no objection to shooting a match with the team of the 45th Battalion, but as four or five of our best shots are at Wimbledon and other places out of the city, the earliest opportunity probably of meeting will be during the D.R.A. matches, when a competition will take place between eight men from different battalions throughout the Dominion. We will be quite willing to let that match decide the superiority of the teams."

[The Dominion competition is between teams of five men only, not eight.]

Then the 43rd Battalion came formally to the front with a challenge. We quote from the *Citizen* of Wednesday: "A challenge was forwarded from Ottawa last evening by Lieut. J. W. de C. O'Grady, acting as secretary of the 43rd Battalion Rifle Association. In this the Grenadiers are invited to meet the 43rd in a team match, with fifteen or twenty men a side, Snider rifles, Queen's ranges, half each team to fire at Ottawa and half at Toronto, and the match to take place any Saturday afternoon before the 10th of August. The challenge concludes: 'We would like to be whipped before admitting any such claim as that advanced by the *Mail* on behalf of the Grenadiers.' The 43rd Battalion have three men at Wimbledon, just as the Grenadiers have, so that the two corps would be on even terms so far as absentee marksmen are concerned."

In Toronto an officer of the Twelfth York Rangers, a rural corps with headquarters there, thus expressed himself: "The Grenadiers needn't go to Massachusetts, nor even to Bowmanville, for a match. The Rangers will accommodate them with eight men at any time. It will be time enough to travel after the Grenadiers have disposed of home teams."

The Maritime Provinces Match.

How Nova Scotia Won in the Fourth Inter-provincial Contest.

(St. John Telegraph, 14th June.)

New Brunswick marksmen, for a year at least, must be contented with the laurels won in the past, in the inter-provincial competitions between teams representing the three maritime provinces. Yesterday, the flower of the riflemen from Nova Scotia, P. E. Island and New Brunswick met to contend for supremacy and the possession of the trophy, which has been the great annual event among them for the past four years. The result of the match is that the honors are now evenly divided between this province and Nova Scotia, each winning two matches, a year having been placed between the two victories. Since 1886, when the event was inaugurated, the location of the competition has rotated, and it becoming the turn of New Brunswick for the fourth match, it was held at Drury range. The result is that the Nova Scotians will go home with the victory of '89 added to their other triumphs. The day was a delightful one, the sun shining at early morn and giving promise of glorious weather, in great contrast to the experience of the past few days, not a trace of fog appearing to cause uneasiness.

When the riflemen got upon the range they found a stiff breeze blowing, the flags upon the staffs standing out straight, but occasionally hanging limp. At the head of the field a marquee had been raised near the house, the field had been strung with telephone wires by Mr. James Hunter so that communication could be had with markers, and the arrangements throughout were most satisfactory. The targets are different from those of Sussex, which drop down, while those at the St. John range swing towards the butt, being drawn in for the purpose of spotting by rope on a pulley.

There were quite a number of riflemen in addition to the competing teams, including Major Hall, quartermaster 62nd Batt.; Lieut. Langstroth, 74th Batt.; Private Burns, formerly of the 62nd, but now of the Victoria Rifles, Montreal; Private Humphrey, of the 62nd Batt. Post Office Inspector King and Rev. J. deSoyres were also present in the forenoon. Messrs. Small and Rogers, of the St. John ball team, who had done considerable with the rifle at Orono college, were interested spectators, with Mr. Parsons, also of the team. Among former members of inter-provincial teams were Capt. Adams, of the H. G. Artillery, Adjutant Kinnear, of the 74th Batt., and Lieut. McAvity, of the 62nd Batt., who acted as register keepers. In the afternoon a number of ladies were likewise spectators, besides the following: Major Parks, president of the N. B. Provincial Rifle Association; Lt. Col. Blaine, Lt. Col. Armstrong, Lt. Col. Cunard, Major Armstrong, Major Tucker, Major Sturdee, Major Magee, Major E. Arnold (74th Batt.), Capt. Langstroth (cavalry), Surgeon March, Lieut. Churchill, Lieut. Godard, Lieut. Cleveland, Lt. Hetherington, Sergt. Ewing, Sergt. Henderson, Corp. Lordly and Rev. W. O. Raymond. Among those noticed at the range who had been members of the Wimbledon team of 1875, and their rank there: Capt. Arnold, Capt. Harris, Lieut. Stevens, and Lieut. Hunter.

At 10.40 the signal to commence firing was given, Lt. Col. Doherty, of the 82nd Batt., Charlottetown, being chosen as umpire. Lt. Col.

Murray, who had always held that position, was unavoidably absent, much to the regret of many who would liked to have seen his genial face. Capt. McRobbie, of the first New Brunswick pair, opened the fourth annual competition of the inter-provincial match with an inner, 4, as his sighting shot. Lt. Hooper, of P. E. Island, came with a bull and Lt. Dover, of the Scotians, 4. The first shot on the score for those men was, respectively, 5, 5, 4. The first pair to finish were Capt. McRobbie and Lt. Langstroth, who totalled 57; Lt. Hooper and Sapper Anderson were found to have reached the same, and when the last bullet whizzed from the Nova Scotians their figures had attained the same height—so they were on even terms again. But what was more surprising was that two of the teams—New Brunswick and P. E. Island—were tie on the second pair and with the same figures, 57, while the N. S. were one behind. Sergt. Davison and Sapper Longworth were the Islanders; Lieut. Smith and Sergt. Miner the home couple; Major Garrison and Capt. Harris the Scotians. Next trip was a bad one for New Brunswick, and enabled the Islanders to step to the front. Their pair, Corp. Gay and Capt. Longworth, got in a total of 59, and when New Brunswick, represented by Sergt. Lordly and Gunr. Loggie, had ended they were only 50, thus dropping nine behind; the latter couldn't, apparently, get on to the elevation as he peppered in no less than half a dozen magpies, winding up with an inner. Then it devolved upon Nova Scotia to beat the Island, and when the first one had finished he had made a run of 30; it then needed six to tie, but this could not be done as the possible would be a bull and this he made, giving the Island team the lead over Nova Scotia by 1, and over New Brunswick by 9. The totals were: P. E. Island, 173; Nova Scotia, 172; New Brunswick, 164. Then the struggle by the final pair began, this province being represented by Capt. Hartt and Sergt. Henderson; Nova Scotia had two majors, Weston and Egan; the Islanders were Capt. Crockett and Sergt. Allan. Although the home men came out by a point ahead of Nova Scotia, which had, in turn, one more than the Islanders—it still left them seven behind in the total when they went back to the marquee for a lunch at 12.30. Nova Scotia had caught up the Island and they were a tie at 230, while the double quartette of home talent was 223. The shooting was not as good as last year at this distance, when New Brunswick, the winner, had 235.

Half an hour was devoted to an acceptable lunch and the places were taken up for the 500 yards, and in this New Brunswick fell further behind. Sergt. Miner failed to find the target in one shot, and got up with 23, while Lt. Smith ended with 28, total of 51. Lt. Hooper's 28 and Sapper Anderson's 27 made 55, while Nova Scotia's pair ended with 58, 32 being made by Capt. Maxwell, who had five bulls in his score, and Lt. Stevens had 26, the grand total putting their team three ahead of P. E. Island, which led New Brunswick 11. The wind at this time was fitfull, lulling so that it made accuracy a matter of doubt. The next pair showed Nova Scotia 55, made by Sergt. Elliott 28, and Lt. Dover 27; P. E. Island 53, Sapper Longworth 27 and Sergt. Davison 26; New Brunswick 49—from Sergt. Lordly 26 and Gunr. Loggie 23. When the third pairs faced the butts the light was hazy and the wind most treacherous, some of the home men being very unfortunate, but Corp. Gay fared the worst. The best double of the day, 62, was made by Capt. Harris 33, and Major Garrison 29; Capt. Hartt and Sergt. Henderson made 29 and 27 respectively, while the P. E. Island shots could only total 44—thus the highest and lowest double was made up to this point. It was significant the luck of sighters, most of them being bulls eyes. As the final struggle came on, each man determined to make his work tell. It was first made known what New Brunswick had done, when Capt. McRobbie and Lieut. Langstroth wound up with 50—26 to the former and 24 to the latter. This made the home total at 500 yards, 206, and at the two ranges 429. A brace of thirties was lifted on by Majors Egan and Weston, showing that the Nova Scotia team had shot better at the second distance as they had run up 235, the total being 465, leading St. John by 36. The Island eight got 203, which made up 433, 4 more than New Brunswick; the last pair of this contingent were Capt. Crockett 25, and Sergt. Allan 20.

Undismayed the N.B. eight retired to the final stage—600 yards; Capt. Hartt and Sergt. Henderson were the first pair, the former getting 25 and Henderson 24, making 49. For Nova Scotia Capt. Maxwell fired for 26 and Lieut. Stevens 24. Of the Island pair Lt. Hooper had 28 and Sapper Anderson 20. A paid of twenty-sevens was the contribution of Capt. McRobbie and Lieut. Langstroth for New Brunswick; Major Garrison had 26 and Capt. Harris a similar number, with a miss. Sergt. Davison and Sapper Longworth lifted only 39 to the Island score, the latter contributing but 14 of these, and misses were in order. Lt. Dover ran up 26 and Sergt. Elliott 27 for the last trial for Nova Scotia; P. E. Island, from Capt. Crockett and Sergt. Allan, had 44 divided between them; Sergt. Lordly and Gunr. Loggie had 37, the former getting 10, making three misses, while Loggie, who started out with five bulls, lost the fifth shot and got an inner for his last.

So far as New Brunswick was concerned the battle was lost. They were in second place with 569, Nova Scotia was 626, and P. E. Island 558. The fourth inter-provincial match was virtually in the hands of the Scotians, the only question being the majority, and the struggle was for second position. The last pair was to decide it. Lieut. Smith and Sergt. Miner were the forlorn hope and they added but 24, Miner having four misses. Major Weston and Major Egan swelled the Nova Scotia majority 38, Weston's last three taking a trip into the woods. A brace of 15 was made by Capt Longworth and Capt. Gray, which made them 558 and left P. E. I. third.

Lt. Col. Doherty, as umpire, made the announcement, Nova Scotia being the winners. Major Hartt, as captain of St. John, proposed three cheers for Nova Scotia and the same for Col. Doherty, which were given. The latter proposed three for New Brunswick team, and the visitors made a hearty response. The men then returned to town. The scores are appended:

NOVA SCOTIA.				
	200	500	600	Tl.
Capt. Harris, H.G.A.	4 5 4 5 3 5 5—31	5 5 5 5 3 5 5—33	0 5 3 5 3 5 5—26	90
Capt. Maxwell, H.G.A.	3 4 4 4 4 5 5—29	5 5 5 3 5 5 4—32	4 4 5 5 2 4 2—26	87
Major Egan, 63rd.	4 4 4 3 5 5 4—29	4 5 4 3 5 5 4—30	2 4 2 3 4 5 5—25	84
Lieut. Dover, 78th.	4 5 4 4 5 4 4—30	5 3 3 5 3 3 5—27	3 4 4 5 4 2 4—26	83
Sgt. Elliott, 63rd.	5 5 4 4 0 5 4—27	5 5 2 4 4 5 3—28	5 4 3 4 2 5 4—27	82
Maj. Garrison, H.G.A.	4 0 4 4 4 4 5—25	4 5 5 4 4 2 5—29	2 4 3 4 5 3 5—26	80
Lt. Stevens, 66th.	3 4 5 4 5 5 4—30	4 4 4 5 3 3 3—26	2 4 4 5 2 3 4—24	80
Maj. Weston, 66th.	4 5 4 4 3 4 5—29	5 3 4 5 5 5 3—30	3 2 5 3 0 0 0—13	72
Totals	230	235	193	658

NEW BRUNSWICK.				
Capt. Hartt, St. John Rifles	5 5 4 4 4 4 4—30	4 4 4 5 5 3 4—29	5 2 3 4 5 4 2—25	84
Lt. W. Langstroth, 8th Cav.	5 4 4 4 4 4 5—30	4 3 4 0 5 3 5—24	2 4 4 3 5 5 4—27	81
Capt. McRobbie, 8th Cav.	4 4 4 4 5 2 4—27	3 3 4 2 5 5 4—26	4 3 5 3 5 3 4—27	80
Col. Sgt. Henderson, 62nd	5 4 4 4 5 3 4—29	5 5 5 2 2 5 3—27	4 2 4 2 2 5 5—24	80
Gr. Loggie, N.F.A.	3 3 3 3 3 3 4—22	3 2 5 2 2 5 4—23	5 5 5 5 5 0 2—27	72
Lt. Smith, St. John Rifles	4 4 4 4 3 5 3—27	5 4 4 2 4 4 5—28	3 0 3 2 3 2 2—15	70
Staff-Sgt. Lordly, 62nd	2 4 4 5 4 4 5—28	5 4 2 4 2 4 5—26	0 2 0 2 4 2 0—10	64
Sgt. Miner, 71st	5 4 4 4 5 4 4—30	4 4 2 4 5 4 0—23	4 2 0 0 0 0 3—9	62
Totals	223	206	164	593

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.				
Lieut. Hooper, 82nd.	5 5 3 4 4 5 3—29	3 2 4 4 5 5 5—28	5 5 4 5 4 3 2—28	85
Sgt. Davison, Char. Eng.	5 4 4 4 4 4 4—29	2 4 5 3 2 5 5—26	3 2 4 3 5 3 5—25	80
Capt. Crockett, 82nd.	4 5 5 4 5 5 4—32	4 2 4 4 2 5 4—25	3 5 2 3 3 2 4—22	79
Sapper Anderson, C. Eng.	4 4 4 4 3 5 4—28	4 5 2 3 5 3 5—27	2 5 4 2 0 5 2—20	75
Capt. Longworth, P. E. I.				
G. A.	3 5 4 4 5 4 4—29	5 5 3 5 4 3 3—28	0 0 4 2 5 2 2—15	72
Sapper Longworth, Char.				
Eng.	4 4 4 4 5 4 3—28	4 2 4 5 5 3 4—27	5 3 0 4 0 0 2—14	69
Staff Sgt. Allan, 82nd.	4 4 3 3 4 2 5—25	2 3 3 2 5 2 3—20	2 3 2 3 5 2 5—22	67
Corp. Gay, 82nd.	4 4 4 4 5 5 4—30	0 2 3 3 2 2 4—16	0 0 2 2 3 5 3—15	61
Totals	230	197	161	588

PREVIOUS WINNERS.				
1886—New Brunswick.	234	243	224	—701
1887—Nova Scotia	229	226	199	—654
1888—New Brunswick.	235	223	203	—661

A very sociable party assembled in the dining hall of the Dufferin, at 8.30 in the evening, to partake of the hospitality of the N. B. Provincial Rifle Association, the visiting teams being the guests. There were between 45 and 50 seats occupied. The tables were spread the entire length of the dining hall, and were clothed in a tempting manner. At the top, foot and centre were epergnes filled with natural flowers, and about the middle stood the inter-provincial cup, the trophy that the maritime team, winning the match, is entitled to hold for a year. The Lansdowne cup, won by New Brunswick at Ottawa, also had a place. Large lamps shed a subdued light upon the tables, softening the rays of the gas jets. Major Parks presided, and on his right was seated Lt.-Col. Doherty, commandant of the P. E. Island team; and on his left, Lt.-Col. Blaine; Lt.-Col. Armstrong, vice-president of the N. B. P. R. A., was in the vice-chair, supported by Major Weston, captain of the Nova Scotia team, on the right, and Capt. Longworth on the left. After an hour spent in discussing the menu, and cigars had been lighted, the chairman offered The Queen, which was drunk with all honors, as was the Governor-General, from the vice-chairman, who made an eloquent introduction in so during.

The chairman, after assuring those about the board that it gave him pleasure, as president of the P. R. A., to welcome the visiting teams to St. John, gave the history of the maritime match, and said he was delighted that the suggestion for this match had resulted so pleasantly. It was a matter for congratulation that the matches had been carried on so harmoniously, and he had no doubt that they always would be. He proposed the Health of the Winning Team. Major Weston, captain of the Nova Scotia team, expressed his thanks to the company, on behalf of the Nova Scotia riflemen, for their reception. He would not under-

take to tell them that they glorified in their success, yet there was generally an elation in winning from such worthy competitors. But it must be remembered that they had it rubbed into them last year, and it was only right to return the compliment. But the victory was tinged with a regret, that the men from the tight little isle did not occupy the top position. He was proud to say that he had been in all the four matches for the trophy. He alluded to the manner in which the match had been elaborated, and closed amid cheers. Major Garrison also spoke to the sentiment most pleasantly. He would always endeavor to be one of the team, and said that the Nova Scotians had received the utmost courtesy wherever they had gone. Major Egan thought that rifle shooting was selfish, for there were a large number who would not have enjoyed themselves if they had not been at the board, from the fact that they had not won, and who could blame them? Of course the winning team enjoyed what occurred on the range. (Laughter.) He would be happy to be a member of the team again, considering that the enjoyment had been so great.

In a glowing eulogy of P. E. Island, the vice chairman gave the sentiment, The Island Team, and, of course, "They are Jolly Good Fellows," winding up with "It's a way we have in the Army," was sung. Lt.-Col. Doherty, Capt. Crockett and Capt. Longworth spoke briefly. In fact, the second officer named was so modest that he said little, but was called on to recite "The Union Jack." Sapper Anderson then sang "The Whistling Thief."

To the sentiment, The New Brunswick Team, offered by Major Garrison, Major Hartt, the commandant, and Capt. Hartt replied in a felicitous manner. Major Hartt sang "The Boys of the Old Brigade"; Sergt. Elliott, "The Bonnie English Rose"; Capt. Hartt, "The Silent March"; Lieut. Manning, "The Minstrel's Lay." Lieut. Cleveland gave a recitation, "Douglas and Marmion."

The chairman said a duty devolved upon him. The cup was about to pass away—for a time, at least (laughter)—and he was about to present it to the winners. He called on the captain of the N. S. team, Major Weston, and said there was in the room, also, another cup, which was now brought to the lower provinces for the first time by St. John, and he hoped that it would always stay down in these provinces, a sentiment in which all heartily concurred. The health of the visitors was drunk once more, and Major Weston bore the cup, which had been filled with punch, to his end of the room, and stated that he would notify their treasurer when it came back to have it in similar condition. (Laughter.)

Major Egan offered the sentiment, Major Parks and our Hosts, to which the gentleman named replied, relating his experience with rifle shooting, having been one of those who seconded the efforts of Gen. Doyle to form an association having this object in view. He trusted that the interest in the rifle would not be allowed to flag and die out, but that volunteers would recognize it as one of the most important adjuncts of the military.

Capt. Hartt proposed the non-shooting members, linking with it the name of Lt.-Col. Blaine, which was followed with cheers. Col. Blaine replied most happily. The chairman offered the toast, The Artillery, and Sapper Anderson appropriately sang "The Red, White and Blue," the company joining in the chorus. Lt.-Col. Armstrong was happy in his reply, paying compliments to Capt. Longworth and Capt. Maxwell, the latter replying. Capt. Hartt proposed The Champion of the Day, Capt. Harris, who had made the topmost score, and that officer answered. Capt. Hartt offered the toast, Rifle Shooting. Capt. Adams proposed The Lowest Man on the Teams—"for we've all been there"—was universally shouted. Lieut. Smith proposed The Press, coupling with it the name of P. A. Melville; and the chairman, before the company rose to their feet, paid a warm and feeling tribute to the memory of the late Hon. Dr. Elder, who, he said, (more than any other man not connected with rifle shooting) had done much to stimulate rifle shooting in this province in every way in his power.

GUARDS' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

In place of having the usual firing at Queen's ranges the Guards' Rifle Association occupied Saturday afternoon, 6th July, in a skirmishing practice, firing ten shots per man advancing and ten retiring, and under conditions similar to those governing in the skirmishing matches of the Dominion Rifle Association:

Sergt. Short.....	56	Sergt. Reardon.....	29
Staff-Sergt. Cawdron.....	51	Pte. D. R. Brown.....	28
Col.-Sergt. Mailleue.....	46	Pte. Elmitt.....	25
Staff-Sergt. Dawson.....	44	Corp. Carroll.....	23
Pte. Morrison.....	29		

The scores of the Guards' regular spoon competition, held on the 22nd June, have by inadvertence not yet been published. Snider rifles, Queen's ranges:

Sergt. Short, No. 2 Co. (spoon).....	83	Pte. Brown, No. 2.....	72
Pte. Nutting, No. 2.....	82	Corp. Carroll, No. 4.....	69
Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, No. 2.....	80	Sergt. Dawson, Pioneers.....	67
Pte. Morrison, No. 3.....	79	Corp. Hogan, No. 6.....	63
Pte. Elmitt, No. 2.....	76	Pte. White, No. 3.....	52
Sergt. Reardon, No. 4.....	76		

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The Ottawa Rifle Club spoon competition on Saturday afternoon, 6th July, was at the long ranges—800 and 900 yards, seven shots at each. Martini rifles:

Lt. E. D. Sutherland (sp. 1st cls) 30 27 57	C. S. Scott.....	19 22 41
H. LeB. Ross (sp. 3rd cls).... 20 25 45	Capt. H. H. Gray.....	24 17 41
Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson..... 20 23 43	F. B. Butler.....	19 21 40
R. N. Slater..... 21 22 43	G. A. Mailleue.....	22 17 39
T. Carroll..... 24 19 43	W. E. Cooke.....	23 16 39
J. H. Ellis (sp. 2nd cls)..... 29 14 43	A. Pink.....	17 20 37
Maj. J. Wright..... 25 17 42	R. Moodie.....	18 19 37
Lt. J. W. O'Grady..... 31 11 42	Dr. Geo. Hutchison.....	20 17 37
M. Rolfe..... 19 22 41		

The scores of the last previous match, held on the 22nd June, were inadvertently omitted. Snider rifles, Queens ranges. The attendance was small, four members being on their way to Wimbledon, several at the Brigade camp, Gananoque, and others holiday taking out of town:

J. P. Nutting (sp. 2nd cls)..... 26 30 26 82	F. Smith.....	27 21 20 68
N. Morrison (sp. 1st cls)..... 27 29 23 79	W. H. Middleton.....	27 19 21 67
J. H. Ellis..... 26 25 26 77	H. LeB. Ross.....	27 28 12 67
Capt. C. F. Cox..... 24 31 21 76	Maj. H. F. Perley.....	27 25 15 67
J. W. deC. O'Grady..... 27 27 21 75	T. McJanel.....	29 19 18 66
Dr. G. Hutchison..... 30 23 21 74	W. E. Cooke.....	20 22 23 65
J. E. Hutcheson..... 26 28 19 73	G. Robinson.....	26 21 17 64
R. Moodie..... 28 24 20 72	R. Stewart.....	25 17 21 63
C. S. Scott..... 30 21 20 71	R. H. Brown.....	19 24 17 60
T. Carroll..... 25 23 21 69		

The general plan of the fortifications of Roumania is that of the Belgian General Brialmont, and consists of (1) a central defence at Bucharest, comprising eighteen detached forts, each having two turrets, and connected by detached batteries, and a second line of defence formed by a girdle of bastions, the total cost being \$14,000,000. (2) Three works on the line of the Sereth, one at Galatz, another at Focshani, and the third at Namloasa. These fortifications consist of batteries under cupolas, and are to be armed with 400 cannon of all calibres, the smallest being for rapid fire. The cost of the Galatz-Focshani works is estimated at from \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000. It is proposed eventually to complete the fortifications against Russia by works at Kustendji, on the Black Sea, to cost \$2,400,000, and by a *tête de pont* at Cernavoda, on the Danube, to cost \$800,000. The works to be erected on the Austrian side, rather for appearance sake than necessity, are (1) a fortress at Campina, on the narrowest part of the valley of Prahova, at the plain of Ploiesti, which will cost \$300,000, and a *tête de pont* on the Betul to cost \$800,000.

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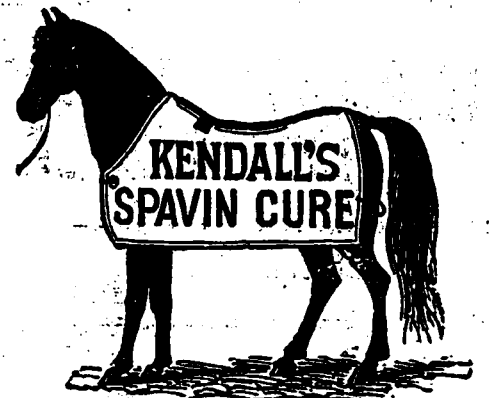
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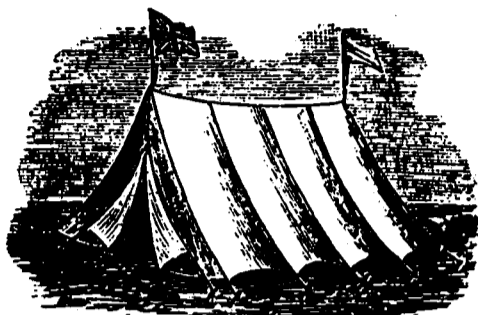
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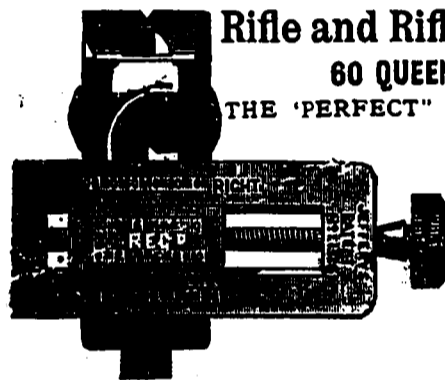
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