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#### The Bisley Meeting.

The bull's eye which inaugurated the National Rifle Association shooting at Bisley has already been recorded in these columns. ther particulars to hand show that the bullet so accurately sent upon its mission was despatched by the Princess of Wales from a Lee-Burton rifle, fixed in a machine rest by Sir Henry Halford and Capt. Nathan, R.A. This inaugural ceremony was on Saturday afternoon, 12th July, in the presence of a large concourse of the nobility and gentry, civilian as well as those connected with the Volunteers. At the proper moment "commence firing" was sounded, and instantly the whole ninety targets at the great butt, five hundred yards distant, rose up into their places. Then Her Royal Highness, taking a silken cord which was attached to the trigger of the rifle, pulled it, and the "first shot" rang out; target No. 12 sank, and up came the dummy with the bull's eye signal, at which there was a great cheer from the spectators. Then after a short delay Mr. Hoey, the Clerk of the Works, came down the range bearing a "carton," which had been affixed to the bull's eye, and which showed the bullet hole within an inch of the absolute centre. This carton Mr. Hoey had the honour of delivering into the hands of Her Royal Highness, who also accepted a gold niedal from Lord Wantage, in the name of the Council, as a memento of the opening of the new ranges. Target No. 12 will, no doubt, be religiously preserved among the treasures of the National Rifle Association, side by side with the rough iron slab bearing on its "centre" the mark of the Whitworth bullet fired at it by the Queen on July 2nd, 1860.

In the speech which he delivered during the preliminary proceedings, the Prince of Wales expressed special satisfaction at the participation of colonists in the N.R.A. meetings, and that the prize bearing his name had more than once been carried off by a Canadian representative. He made particular reference to veterans in the promotion of rifle shooting who were present on this occasion, and amongst those mentioned by name was Sir Casimir Gzowski, representative from Canada.

The competitions commenced on Monday morning, prompt upon time, there being no hitch to emphasize the fact that the range was new. The chief event was the Alexandra, at 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, for 325 prizes aggregating £1,000, and ranging from £30 down to £2. The Canadians came promptly to the front, their places and prizes in this match being:

62nd.	Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A	3231-63	£3
124th.	Pte. Hutcheson, 43rd Bn	2932—61	3
	ColSgt. Henderson, 62nd Bn		.3
160th.	Corp. Marris, 13th Bn	3220—6I	2

The highest score was one of 68; then came three of 67, six of 66, eight of 65, and twenty-one of 64. Thirty-six 59's were counted out of the prize list, in which there figure four "possibles" at 500 and four at 600.

Tuesday the principal match completed was the Daily Graphic, 7 shots standing at 200 yards (taking the place of the Alfred). The reduced inner and magpie told upon the scores, as expected and intended,

and with a hundred and twenty-five prizes no less than twenty-eight 26's came into the list, fifty-one of that value being counted out; 29's were counted out last year. The first prize was taken with the phenomenal score of 34 points; next in order were two of 32 and two of 30. The Canadian winners were:

16th. Pte. Windatt, 45th Bn	29	£s
27th. Capt. Gray, G.G.F.G	2\$	5
60th. Sergt. Hall, 79th Bn	27	3

Wednesday witnessed an innovation in connection with the match which replaces the old familiar "Windmill." This is the "Graphic" (which must not be confounded with the "Daily Graphic" mentioned above, there being two matches named after the same paper). It consists, like the Windmill, of seven shots at 200 and 500 yards, but at the former range a new time limit is introduced, the seven shots being required to be fired within three minutes, the target remaining up the whole time, and the shots thus not being signalled until the whole seven are fired. The competitor, however, has had a chance to verify his judgment as to elevation and windage, for it will be remembered that this year sighting shots were re-introduced by the N.R.A., one at each range being allowed, and of course in the Graphic the sighter is spotted before the three minutes commence. The experiment appears to have been quite successful, the scores ruling high, when the smaller inner and magpie are taken into consideration. This match was to have been completed on Thursday, but an exceptionally heavy rain storm caused firing to cease before the appointed hour that afternoon, and the match remained unfinished, the scores thus not being compiled in time for the papers arriving by this week's mail.

On Thursday the first stage of the Queen's Prize competition was finished, the 600 yards range being fired that day in veritable Queen's weather, which, indeed, generally prevailed on Tuesday and Wednesday also, when the 200 and 500 yards ranges were fired. The Canadians were exceptionally successful, no less than four being found among the three hundred top scorers privileged to shoot in the second stage, and three others being "counted out" and sharing in the prizes allotted to the fourth hundred. These were the scores:—

15th. Staff-Sergt. Hogg, 1st B.F.A 293135-95	
89th. Capt. Bishop, 63rd Bn 303428—92	
91st. Sergt. Hall, 79th Bn 323228—92	. do
127th. Lieut. Smith, St. John Rifles 283429—91	. do
303rd. Lieut. Hora, 14th Bn 88	~-
365th. Lieut. Manning, 62nd Bn 88	3. 2
373rd. Pte. Hutcheson, 43rd Bn 88	3. 2

It took a good 88 to get into the three hundred, there being only twenty-seven of that value in, and twenty-seven counted out. Last year forty-three scores of 84 got in. As to the fourth hundred, it was composed of seventy-seven men who made scores of 88, and of twenty-three with scores of 87 Seventy-two scores of 87 were counted out. Last year the fourth hundred was made up of thirty-five 84's and sixty-five 83's. The top scores also averaged higher than for some years past, the ten highest averaging this year 97.2, against 94.7 in 1889, 95.1 in 1888, 92.6 in 1887, and 97.7 in 1886. The maximum last year was 99; this year three 98's topped the list, next coming six 97's, five 96's, and ten 95's, these last headed by our Staff-Sergt. Ogg, his "possible" at 600 yards placing him there. In the scores of the "three hundred" there were two other possibles at 600 yards, and five possibles at 500. The effect of the reduced inner is plainly visible in the 200 yards scores of these crack shots. Under the old conditions, after a sighting shot a magpie would be a rara avis on the score, 28 points (seven 4's) being looked upon as the minimum. But in this list of three hundred we find no less than twenty-seven scores of 27 points each, twenty-two of 26, seven of 25, five of 24, and two of 23—the last named having very uphill work to make the 88 necessary to pass into the second stage. Sergt. Bates, who subsequently distinguished himself by winning the Queen's prize of £250, commenced his great task with just 26 points at the 200 vards of the first stage, in which his total was 92, he redeeming himself with a possible at 600. The entries in the Queen's this year numbered 2,317, against 2,314 in 1889, 2,422 in 1888, 2,482 in 1887. We have learned by cable how well our four representatives did in the second and third stages; also of the good fight made by the Canadian team in the Kolapore cup contest, in which they were second to the Mother Country eight. The details of these and of the other contests we hope to have by mail in time for publication in next week's issue.

A letter from Major Todd, Adjutant of the team, written after their arrival at Bisley, states that they did very well in the practice at Cambridge. The second day's firing there averaged over \$7 for the twenty men; and on the morning of Friday their average over Queen's ranges was 89½, eleven making 90 and over, Pte. Davis, 10th Royal Grenadiers, leading with 93. The Canadian camp is, Major Todd says, well situated, being high and on sloping ground, whilst the soil is light and sandy, better for wet weather than that at Wimbledon. "I consider Bisley," he continues, "an improvement in many respects; but from a social standpoint it does not compare with the old spot, as the great crowd of visitors will not come so far to witness the tournament. But the distance also precludes the less desirable crowd from London from turning up in the evenings and on Sundays, as they used to do to the annoyance of everyone in camp."

#### Efficiency Competition at Niagara Camp.

There was this year inaugurated in connection with the brigade camp at Niagara an efficiency competition for the infantry corps, which the Deputy Adjutant General, Lt.-Col. Otter, intends to make a feature of these camps for the future. In the brigade orders the conditions were thus explained:—

"EFFICIENCY—The standard of efficiency of the several Battalions of Infantry in camp will be decided by their proficiency in the following particulars, and for which qualifying marks will be given.

Deductions of from one to ten marks will be make for each case of want of punctuality in the formation of parades and duties, etc., etc.:—

Mark	s.
I. Guards and sentries (main and quarter), cleanliness and smartness 100	
2. Books and forms (company and regimental)	
3. Drill (Regimental inspection): Capability of officers and men in com-	
pany and battalion, manual and firing exercise and the attack 200	
4. Lines (company and regimental): Cleanliness and regularity 150	
5. Dress (officers and men): Correctness, cleanliness and uniformity on	
and off parade	
6. Musketry—(Battalion average)	
7. Discipline—Conduct in camp and town	
8. Arms and accoutrements—State of at company headquarters 100	
to the same and account of the company near-	
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The Commandant hopes to procure a challenge trophy for presentation to the most efficient infantry battalion."

We have been favoured by Col. Otter with a return showing the outcome of this interesting competition. It will be noticed that the six battalions made a pretty even contest, and as the winner obtained less than 65 per cent. of the maximum number of marks it is evident that the judging was not too slack:

Subjects.	Maximum Marks.	12th	2nd. — 35th Battl'n	3rd. — 37th Battl'n	4th. <del></del> 77th Battl'n	5th. 36th Battl'n	6th.  34th Battl'n
Guards and piquets Books, forms and returns Drill Lines Dress Musketry Discipline Armouries	100 100 200 150 150 200 200	58 78 121 118 120 107 110 64	66 57 120 101 100 105 130 48	64 55 130 121 70 106 110 84	64 85 134 109 105 76 95 65	46 84 153 93 105 81 105 48	57 62 106 94 80 96 90
Total marks gained *Deductions for unpunctuality  Total final marks	1200	776 22 754	727 14 713	740 31 709	733 27 706	715 10 705	639 12 627

\*The details of the deductions are given as follows:—12th Battalion—Guards and piquets, 10 marks; books, forms and returns, 1; musketry, 11; total, 22. 34th Battalion—Books, forms and returns, 4; musketry, 8; total, 12. 35th Battalion—Guards and piquets, 10; books, forms and returns, 1; musketry, 3; total 14. 36th Battalion—Books, forms and returns, 2; musketry, 8; total 10. 37th Battalion—Books, forms and returns, 17; musketry 10; total 27.

The example set by Col. Otter is one well worthy of being followed in other districts; for the experience of the Canadian artillery—to go no further—has shown that exceedingly beneficial results ensue from such competition.

#### Regimental and Other News.

The 21st Battalion, it is reported, do not expect to be able to send teams both to Toronto and Ottawa, and will choose the D.R.A. meeting at Ottawa to introduce their crack ten to their League friends. This prompts a correspondent to suggest a match for teams of ten in connection with the Dominion of Canada competition.

The prize list for the seventeenth annual prize meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association has been issued. The dates are Wednesday, 6th August, and following days, and the meeting place is Goldstream. The five highest scorers in the aggregate will be sent to the D. R. A. meeting to represent the province, provided they are certified to as efficient members of the militia.

The Sixth Fusiliers have issued a very attractive programme for the twenty-sixth annual prize meeting of their rifle association, to be held at the Cote St. Luc ranges on Saturday, August 16th. The open match (200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, Snider) is exceptionally good, there being four team and twenty-five individual prizes, amounting to \$135. There are also two extra series matches open to all comers.

When the news of the Scotch team winning the National trophy at Bisley reached Toronto last week, it inspired some of the Scotch riflemen there to challenge any other nationality, and a friendly match was arranged between teams of Canadians and Scotchmen, picked from the different clubs, represented as follows: Fowler, Brooks, Ronan, Spence, Pringle, Rennie, for Canada; Harp, Bell, Lanskail, McVittie, Simpson, Mowat, for Scotland. The Scotch were left 45 points behind.

On Tuesday, 25th July, the Lundy's Lane Historical Society held their fourth annual meeting on the battle-field of seventy-six years ago, when, as a correspondent puts it, "twenty-eight hundred English and Canadian soldiers whipped over five thousand American soldiers, in the most decisive battle fought during the war of 1812-14.,' [Several weeks ago we clipped a paragraph from a United States service paper, announcing that a monument was to be erected at Lundy's Lane to commemorate "the British defeat." This paragraph we intended to print as a sample of United States history; but it managed to get into print without comment or credit. As a Western paper has recently got excited over our amusing blunder, this explanation becomes in order now.]

#### Toronto.

A special meeting of the Army and Navy Veterans was held last week in Occident hall, Toronto, for the purpose of revising the constitution. President John Nunn occupied the chair. The maximum age for candidates in future will be 65 instead of 60. The annual games take place on the 18th August, at Alexandria rink, kindly loaned by Mr. L. M. Livingstone for the occasion. A decidedly novel programme will be offered, among which will be tent-pegging, polo cavalry and sword contests, winding up with dancing in the evening to the society's orchestra of 14 pieces.

The Queen's Own promenade concert on the Cibola Wednesday evening of last week was the most popular event this season. So successful have been all events gotten up by the buglers, that the more you see of them the more you want to see. The full band of the regiment under Mr. Bailey was on board and solos were given by Mr. Clarke, cornet; Mr. Smith, euphonium, and Mr. O'Donnell, piccolo.

QUEEN'S OWN SERGEANTS—BENEDICT VS. BACHELORS.

"These are the men who once were great, And jeered at us with cruel hate; Silence! not a word, much less a whoop, For the Benedict Sergeants are in the soup.—Woods."

Such, dear reader, was the verse inscribed on a blackboard in the Mess rooms on Saturday evening, and above which was an imitation of, some say the Kolapore Cup, only the inscription was slightly different. This cup was labelled soup, not chicken soup, nor soup-de-bouillon, but plain everyday soup, in fact the plainest kind was preferable. The cause of all this thusness is easily explained by the knowledge that the Bachelor members of the Mess, who were defeated at a rifle match on the 7th of last month by their comrades "in bonds," were not content with the result and challenged them to a return. This was granted in a kind-of-a-admire-your-gall-manner by the Benedicts, with the result that after the close of the next monthly meeting the Bachelors, instead of being the entertainers, as the case was last meeting night, will have the pleasure of having their every want attended to.

Apart from the match itself quite a few side-bets were made and numerous individual matches took place. Despite the averseness to any animated discussions during the hot weather the coming match always proved too tempting for the one party to crow and the other to inwardly register a vow that the shoe would be on the other foot, and that vow was kept." Veni, vidi, vici "may well be the motto of every Bachelor and the final match of the series will be looked forward to with interest.

The following are the scores, showing a majority of 32 for the Bachelors:—

Benedicts, Pt	s. Bachelors.	Pts.
Sergt. McNeil	2 Sergt, Agnew	
Sergt. Medland 5	9 Sergt. Sanson	. 58
	7 Staff-Sergt. Harp	. 57
Staff-Sergt. Ashall	6 ColSergt. Crooks	. 51
ColSergt. Cooper5	4 ColSergt. McMaster	. 50
Sergt. Thorn	3 Sergt. Batstone	. 48
ColSergt. Ritchie 4	8 ColSergt. Owen	47
Sergt. Duncan4	8 Sergt. Fuller	. 47
Staff-Sergt. Donnelly 4	4 Sergt. Ham	. 46
Sergt. Austin	7 Sergt. Woods	42
Staff-Sergt. Williams 3	I Sergt. Bailey	. 43
Sergt. Crichton 3	O Sergt. Vicars	. 43
Sergt. Barr	7 Sergt. Langton	26
Sergt, George	I Sergt. A. M. Burns	. 30
	- Scign in M. Duriis	. 22
Total61	7 Total	.649

The day was exceedingly unfavourable for shooting, a heavy gale from the nor'-west blowing across the ranges all afternoon. This is the main reason given by the "Two Infants" for their combined score of 58 or just equal to the Asst. Inst. of Musketry at last district camp, quite evident that drilling the awkwards seems to be more in their line.

Agnew, for the Bachelors, made a possible at 500 yards which earned

him a hearty burst of applause from the onlookers.

Rumour this time deals with the secretary of the Benedicts, and up to time of going to press nothing has been heard from him. One scout brought in the information that he has started on his holidays, giving Hamilton as his destination and a bicycle as the means of locomotion, but a second arrival brought in a message from his bosom friend "Jim" stating that the report is not confirmed. Should I survive the feast of the 4th, rivalling Delmonico's best, I shall give an account of how the Benedicts treat their visitors.

BREECH-BLOCK.

Monday, 21st July.

#### The Moncton Brigade Camp.

A recent issue of the Amherst *Record* contains an interesting account of the sham fight held in connection with the camp of the New Brunswick Brigade at Moncton. The report, which is doubtless from the able pen of the proprietor of the paper (Major J. A. Black 93rd Bn.), thus proceeds:—

On Wednesday afternoon the commandant, Col. Maunsell. was enabled to give his force a trial of mimic warfare. It consisted of the 8th Cavalry (4 troops) Newcastle Field Battery (4 guns), Infantry School Corps, Fredericton; 73rd and 74th Battalions of Infantry. The brigade was formed in line of quarter-columns, with two troops of cavalry on each flank. After several manœuvres and inspection by the brigadier, line of columns was formed on the original ground, a change of front to the lest made on the 73rd, when videttes from the cavalry were sent out to discover the supposed enemy, in rear of the encampment. On the approach of the videttes the cavalry formed into a line of skirmishers, and attacked the enemy, when they were reinforced by companies from the 73rd and 74th. During these movements, the Field Battery, which had taken up a position on the right front of the encampment, were firing at the enemy with shot and shell, performing at the same time their annual firing practice, and doing some excellent shooting. The enemy having been driven from the position held took up another on its right, when a change of front was immediately made, to conform to the enemy's movement, but eventually, the enemy having received strong reinforcements, the attacking force was compelled to retire, and take cover in the splendid redoubt constructed by the Brighton Engineers. The line of skirmishers having been recalled, strengthened the supports and main body in the redoubt, when many volleys by companies were fired at the enemy, which caused it to retire to its former position, and crowned the attacking force with victory. The brigade was then reformed, and congratulated on its work by the brigadier.

"On Thursday afternoon thousands of people from town and country were on the street to witness the march of the brigade through the town, and the subsequent sham fight on the common. Arriving opposite the I.C.R. offices, the brigade marched past remarkably well. On reaching the common, each corps at once took up the position previously assigned by the brigadier, who had carefully detailed his plan of campaign to commanding officers. The artillery were sent off to both flanks to get into position for attacking the enemy, which was supposed to be lodged beyond the common. The videttes which were sent from the cavalry to reconnoitre, having arrived within view of the enemy's piquets, immediately opened fire and attacked in skirmishing order. Infantry were at once sent out in skirmishing order as an attacking party, and were reinforced at different times as they approached the enemy, when finally the position was taken by a brilliant charge after rapid firing. During these movements the artillery were firing at the enemy over the skirmishers' heads. To enable the infantry to retire, the cavalry was ordered to pur-

suing exercise, and with their sabres flashing in the sunlight made a rapid dash after the enemy, cutting up any luckless straggler who remained. The bugle having sounded the "assemble," the brigade was formed in line of columns, the three bands were brigaded, and an advance was made in review order, with general salute."

The following complimentary paragraph from the same paper will be read with pleasure by the friends of the gallant officers mentioned:—

"Despite the adverse weather, Deputy Adjutant-General Maunsell has got his force in excellent form. The three arms are represented, and each has made commendable progress in its drill and soldierlike appearance. The great advantage is enjoyed of having in camp the A Infantry School Corps, of Fredericton, as a pattern corps. Col. Maunsell and Major Gordon are thorough soldiers, and their impress is seen upon all ranks. Three bands are in camp—the I.S.C., 73rd, and 74th—the first being exceptionally efficient."

### An Old Veteran Gone.

LT.-COL. ELIJAH KETCHESON LAID AT REST.—SKETCH OF AN ACTIVE, PATRIOTIC LIFE, AND AN OLD MILITARY FAMILY.

One by one the veterans of the war of 1812 are slowly passing off the stage of their existence, and now that the last survivor of that war in this county has passed into the mysterious beyond, perhaps a short sketch of his career, and the ancient family to which he belonged, would not be uninteresting to the many readers of the MILITIA GAZETTE. I refer to the late Lt.-Col. Elijah Ketcheson, who died at his residence, front of Sidney, on Friday morning, July 11th, after a brief illness of only a few days, having attained the remarkable age of 95 years and 13 days. The funeral took place from his late residence Sunday afternoon, 13th inst., and was one of the largest ever witnessed in this county, there being in line over 100 vehicles. There were a great many of the oldest settlers in this part of the county present to pay a last tribute of respect to the old patriarch, and to follow his remains to the silent city of the dead. The old gentleman had been gradually declining in strength during the last three or four months of his life, and it became quite apparent that he could not long survive. On July 1st he drove to the city, and transacted considerable important business, and a few days afterwards was taken seriously ill and never recovered. Thus, it will be seen, he was not long in following Mr. Huyck, his comrade of 1812, who died last March, aged 97 Like many of the old veterans who have passed over the river, Col. Ketcheson was ever ready at his country's call when danget threatened, and in 1812, at the age of 17, he served as a Private in the 1st Regiment Hastings Militia, in the latter part of the year being promoted to a Sergeancy.

His patriotism, intelligence, exemplary conduct and military zeal did not pass unnoticed by his superior officers, as official documents now in possession of the family bear ample evidence. Being gradually promoted he received the various commissions from the Government of Ensign, Lieutenant and Captain, and during the rebellion of '37 and '38 commanded a company in the 4th Regiment Hastings Militia. He received the commission of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1848. Throughout his whole military career he ever proved himself a thorough soldier in every sense, and true to his country. Although always a strict disciplinarian he was kind and thoughtful to those under his command, and he won the respect and esteem of all those with whom he was associated.

Not only in a military capacity was his worth recognized. As a citizen he held various offices of trust and responsibility, and up to the time of his demise had been the oldest Justice of the Peace in the county. The history of the family is full of interest, and their longevity very remarkable. They were stern patriots, and essentially military. The father (Wm. Ketcheson) of the veteran whose remains now rest in the cemetery along the shore of the beautiful and historic Bay of Quinte, was an Englishman, having been born in Yorkshire in 1759. He left his home and native land in 1773, and landed in Norfolk, Virginia. In 1776 he joined the British Standard, drafted out of Emerick's corps into British Legion in 1779 and went to South Carolina, and fought in the Southern States under Lord Cornwallis and Col. Tarlton. When New York was evacuated by the British he had been six years in the service of his country. In 1783 he came to Nova Scotia, where he remained three years, when he came to Upper Canada, and settled in the Township of Fredericksburg. In the year 1800 he removed to Sidney Township, Hastings County, and there he lived until a short time before his death, which took place in Belleville in 1848, he being then in his 89th year. Four sons served in the war of 1812, one being an officer (the late Col. Wm. Ketcheson, at that time Lieutenant in the Hastings Militia). two were Sergeants and one a Private (the late Col. E. Ketcheson). Since the war three have held Lt.-Col.'s commissions in the militia, and one a Major's. Col. Wm. Ketcheson died in 1874, aged 92 years; James died in 1882, aged 85 years. The other brothers' ages ranged from 85 to 90 years. The only survivor of the family is Mrs. P. Van

Tassal of Huntington, mother of W. H. Van Tassal and Mrs. S. Clapp of this city. She is now in her 84th year and quite active, being present at her brother's funeral.

The writer has in his possession a relic of the Revolutionary war, which he prizes very highly, in the form of a cartridge case, the one worn by the late Wm. Ketcheson during the war. It is rather a primitive looking affair, being constructed of hardwood, and contains 18 holes, each the size of a cartridge, and in which they were inserted, the wood being covered by a flap of black leather which buttons underneath the case. On the side of this flap is stamped a crown, under which are the initials G<sub>3</sub> R, indicative of the fact, I presume, that they were issued during the reign of Geo. III. The case is still in an excellent state of preservation.

Let us as true Canadians and lovers of our country revere the memories of these old patriots who are constantly passing away, and who have rendered their country such noble services in times long past. Many were the virtues they possessed: let us copy and improve on them if we can; they had their weaknesses and failures no doubt: let us cast over them the mantle of charity, ever remembering that perfection has never been, and never will be, attained on this earth.

" Argyle."

Belleville, Ont., 24th July, 1890.

#### Militia General Orders (No. 9) of 11th July, 1890.

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No. 6.—CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

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Rank, Name and Corps.	Class.	Course.	Grade.	Written.	Practical.	Aggregate Percentage.
Royal School of Cavalry.						
Sergt. W. S. Servos, 2nd Regt	I 1	Lg S	B B	.89 ·97	.83 .89	.84 .91
Royal School of Mounted Infantry.						
Lieut. J. D. Scott, 90th Bn  2nd Lieut. A. T. Ogilvie, 90th Bn  2nd Lieut. D. D. Stewart, 90th Bn  2nd Lieut. E. J. Steele, 90th Bn  2nd Lieut. F. H. Allardyce, 90th Bn	1 I I I	SSSSS	A A A A	.86 .80 .89 .80	.68 .80	.81 .74 .84 .79
Royal Schools of Infantry.						
Lieut. P. B. Taylor, G.G.F.G. Lieut. J. E. Cohoe, 44th Bn. 2nd Lieut. C. A. P. Powis, 13th Bn. 2nd Lieut. B. H. Ardagh, 35th Bn. Sergt. T. Wheaton, 13th Bn. Sergt. J. McDonald, 39th Bn. Sergt. F. Wolfraim, 40th Bn. Sergt. E. Huntingdon, 56th Bn. Corpl. J. E. Arnold, 35th Bn. Corpt. T. H. Carveth, 57th Bn. Pte. G. Comerford, 49th Bn. Pte. J. Jackson, 49th Bn.	I	ร็ตคลดดลลลลดดด	A A A A B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B	.81 .79 .83 .50 .66 .60 .64 .64 .658	.85 .73 .63 .56 .65 .62 .64 .63 .62	.65

### The Military Rifle League.

The fifth match of the League series was fired on Saturday afternoon, 26th July, and brought about the highest scoring of the season, Bowmanville leading with 851 and five other teams passing 800. The weather appears to have been generally favourable, though decidedly the reverse in a few places, notably in Halifax and Ottawa, the teams there suffering heavy loss from strong uncertain winds. The 54th Battalion team, leaders in the aggregate, made their highest total of the season, and this combined with the weather mishap to the Halifax team hitherto holding second place, increased the 54th's lead from 82 to 171 points. General surprise will be felt that the Halifax Garrison Artillery team, second since the commencement, has been displaced by the 53rd Battalion, who came within a few points of their astonishing score of the previous match. These two strong teams and that of the 13th Battalion being now very closely bunched are apt to make an interesting struggle for second place, and Bowmanville, maintaining fifth place but lessening the gap above, has a good chance of yet passing very close to the front. The 21st, with another big score, are still sixth, the Lindsay team have moved up three places to seventh, the 96th, 63rd and B Battery

have each dropped a place, to eighth, ninth and tenth respectively. The three leading Toronto teams, maintaining their order, have moved up two places (passing Ottawa) to eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth. Next come the Guards and the 43rd, still with only a few points between them. These are the most noteworthy changes.

#### STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

The teams are given below in the order in which they now stand, the team totals of the five matches being published, together with the aggregate. Next week the individual totals of the fifth match will be given; the teams then being placed in the order of their scores in it. This is how they now stand in the aggregate;—

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		17.	31.	14.	12.	26.	gate.
ì.	54th Battalion	807	799	830	788	841	4065
2,	53rd Battalion	683	724	<b>795</b>	849	843	3894
3.	Halisax Garrison Artillery, 1st team	797	757	817	771	738	3880
4.	13th Battalion	688	775	749	813	841	3866
	45th Battalion, Bowmanville	623	755	814	802	851	3845
6.	21st Battalion	625	830	737	8c5	812	3809
7.		852	766	722	776	825	
8.	96th Battalion	677		701	829	781	3744
	63rd Battalion	756	747 696	738	•	•	3735
10'	B Battery R. C. A	748	767	-	759	751 760	3700 3691
11.	12th Battalion	648	. ·	647	769	760 780	3672
12.	10th Royal Grenadiers, 1st team		744	754	740	•	
	A life mid	638	732	776	729	753	3628
13.	a a u n a i	622	657	769 766	815	754	3617
14.	dov. General's Pool Guards, 1st team	614	731	•	790	709	3610
15.	43rd Battalion, 1st team	576	738	797	788	703	3602
10.	82nd Battalion	610	757	735	739	760	3601
17.	Victoria Rifles, 1st team	528	733	758	784	711	3514
10.	8th Royal Rifles	634	799	641	707	721	3502
19.	57th Battalion	688	694	691	694	721	3488
20.	Saskatchewan Rifle Assn	738	619	675	656		
21.	62nd Fusiliers	598	68i	708	694	1	
	Charlottetown Engineers	653	633	678	675	739	3378
23.	90th Battalion	628	600	739	695	700	3362
	Queen's Own Rifles, 2nd team	569	680	646	739	724	3358
25.	P. E. I. Garrison Artillery	551	672	635	733	756	3347
	6th Fusiliers, 1st team	512	637	723	728	736	3336
27.	F. Division N. W. M. P	616	633	676	726	675	3326
28.	Montreal Garrison Artillery	439	665	651	740	749	3244
29.	Halifax Garrison Artillery, 2nd team	600	600	644	671	693	3208
30.	5th Royal Scots, 1st team	448	608	723	695	679	3153
31.	43rd Battalion, 2nd team	528	630	652	712	613	3135
32.	35th Battalion, Orillia team	413	482	652	711	672	2930
33.	10th Royal Grenadiers, 2nd team	526	565	595	61 I	612	2909
34.	9th Battalion	403	622	617	631	634	2907
35.	6th Fusiliers, 2nd team	427	544	631	601	642	2845
36.	44th Battalion	395	634	657	561	562	2809
37.	A Battery R. C. A	414	559	618	595	622	2808
38.	38th Battalion	390	507	564	645	659	2765
39.	C Company I. S. C	511	468	594	529	613	2715
40.	Regina Rifle Assn	571	465	412	564	•	
41.	Gov. General's Foot Guards, 2nd team		569	689	729	637	2624
42.	49th Battalion		455	606	726	763	2550
	14th Battalion	424	570	485	487	4.37	2403
44.	B Company I. S. C	317	437	461	562	559	2336
45.	Governor General's Body Guard	325	462	490	484	503	2264
46.	5th Royal Scots, 2nd team	292	426	526	614	387	2245
47.	Victoria Rifles, 2nd team	257	421	478	532	543	2231
48.	Ist P. W. R., 1st team	254	389	386	571	434	2034
49.	37th Battalion	491	590	589		434	1670
50.	35th Battalion, Barrie team	356	447		• • •	467	1270
51.	65th Battalion	139	238	332	318	218	1245
51. 52.	1st P. W. R, 2nd team		209	332		192	650
J~.	TOTAL THE EX 9 MING COMMITTEE STATE	• • •	209	• • •	249	192	v <sub>2</sub> 0

[No reports have been received from the Saskatchewan and Regina teams, consequently their totals cannot be given, and they are left at the places they held after the fourth match. The 62nd Bn. team, also left in the same place, could not fire, because fog obscured the targets; they will be allowed another opportunity to put in the score. The 37th Bn. team appear to have retired from the contest.]

#### THE TEAMS FOR NEXT YEAR.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—As the rural corps do not seem to like the idea of the League teams being increased to twenty men for 1891, I would propose that the League be divided into two sections, as "city corps" and "rural corps," and have the winning teams of each section shoot for first place in the Snider Aggregate at Ottawa. Of course the winning city corps team having twenty men would be allowed to choose the best ten men and they could shoot against the best ten men of winning rural corps. I think this would be more acceptable to both sections. The city teams could fire on Saturday, and the rural on the day that would suit them best, and have a secretary for each.

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#### DELAYED SCORES.

The scores given below, made in the fourth match of the League, fired on the 12th of July, only arrived this week:—

F. DIVISION NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE—Supt. A. P. Perry, 80, Staff-Sergt. W. Parker 79, Sgt. H. Bailey 76, Const. O. St. Denis

75, Const. A. R. Carmichael 73, Sgt. A. E. G. Montgomery 71, Corp. W. Kerr 70, Const. E. B. Creighton 69, Const. R. B. Harley 68, Insp. F. Norman 65; totals 275, 227, 224—726.

SASKATCHEWAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION—R. J. Pritchard 79, Geo. McKay 77, Jos. McKay 73, F. C. Baker 72, D. Williamson, 68, J. L. Johnson 65, T. J. Agnew 61, J. Stewart 56, R. Armstrong, 54, A. Goodfellow 51; totals 251, 231, 174—656.

SIXTY-FIFTH BATTALION—Sergt.-Major Gauthier 56, Capt. Bosse 44, Sergt. Nolin 39, Pte. Desaulniers 38, Corp. Beauchamp 34, Pte. Duhamel 32, Sgt. Levasseur 29, Pte. Delfosse 21, Pte. Turcotte 14, Corp. Chevigny 11; totals 130, 106, 82—318.

#### Manitoba Rifle Association.

The annual matches of the Manitoba Rifle Association opened on Tuesday morning, 22nd July, on the Stony Mountain Ranges. The weather was good for shooting, there being very little wind. The opening event was the Nursery Match, 7 shots at 200 yards, kneeling, open to members not having won a prize of \$5 at any previous meeting of the Association. For this there were fourteen prizes offered and as only fourteen shot, each one entered took a prize.

\$10:	Sergt. Shillinglaw, 95th Bat 30	\$2. Sergt. Eadie, 90th Bat	23
8.	Pte. J. Macdonald, 90th Bat 28	2. Sergt. Stead, 91st Bat	23
6.	Pte. McGregor, 95th Bat 28	2. F. S. Shallam	22
4.	Pte. Eadie, 95th Bat 27	2. Sergt. Colgate, 90th Bat	22
4.	Major Ringals, R.S.M.I 26	2. Lieut. Scott, 90th Bat	21
	Sergt. Rose. 95th Bat 25		19
2.	Pte. Lamb, 95th Bat 24	2. Sergt. Simons, 90th Bat	18

A fishtail wind was rather trying on the shooters during the afternoon. The Cauchon competition came first. It was at 200 yards, standing or kneeling, open to members, and with the first cash prize went the handsome silver cup presented by the late Hon. J. Cauchon and to become the property of the member winning it twice. There were about forty entries.

Cup and \$10, Staff-Sergt. M. Clark,	\$2. Pte. Murray, 90th 28
95th 33	2. Pte. Baxter, 91st 28
\$7. Sergt. Carbott, R.S.M.I 32	2. Sergt. McKay, 90th 28
6. Lieut J. D. Scott, 90th 31	2. P. R. Lamb, T. C 27
5. Lieut. Brown, 95th 30	2. Pte. Tait, 90th 27
4. Lieut. K. Graburn 29	2. Pte. McDiarmid, 90th 27
4. Pte. Jno. J. McKenzie, 90th 29	2. Pte. Eadie, 95th 27
3. Sergt. Macklin, 90th 29	2. Ptc. R. Sweet, 91st 26
3. Staff-Sergt. Ross, 90th 29	2. Pte. Jno. Hunter, P.R.G 26
2. Pte. Costigan, 90th 28	2. Staff-Sergt. Inman, 90th 26
2. Lieut. Taylor, 91st 28	Five 26's counted out.
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The Aikins match was also shot during the afternoon. The conditions were:—Open to all members; 500 yards, 7 shots. The cup, presented by the Hon. J. C. Aikins, becomes the property of the member winning it twice.

Cup and \$10, Lieut. Huston, 95th 31	\$2. Pte. McDairmid, 90th 27
\$7. Pte. Costigan, 90th 31	2. Staff-Sergt. Graburn, 90th 26
6. Pte. Inman, 90th 30	2. Staff-Sergt. Ross, 90th 26
5. Pte. Tait, 90th	2. Staff-Sergt. Gillies, 91st 26
4. SergtMajor Dade, 91st 29	2. Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 90th 26
4. Staff-Sergt. Inman, 90th 28	2. Sergt. Lamb, 90th 20
3. W. Lamb 28	2. Sergt. Macklin, 90th 24
3. Staff-Sergt. M. C. Clark, 95th 28	2. Dr. Macklin 23
2. Lieut. Brown, 95th 27	2. P. R. Lamb 23
2. Sergt. Shillinglaw, 95th 27	2. Pte. John McKenzie, 95th 23
One 23 counted out.	

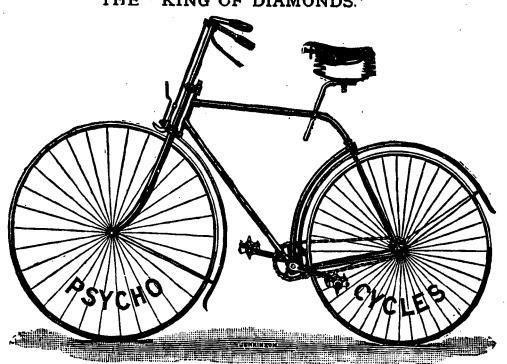
Next came the Hudson Bay Company Match, seven shots at 600 yards. The Cup becomes the property of the member winning it twice:—

Cup and \$10, Pte. W. Huston, 95th.	27	\$2.	Major Buchan, R.S.M.I	21
\$7. Pte. Macklin, 90th			Pte. Costigan, 90th	
6. P. R. Lamb, W. C		2.	Staff-Sergt. Gillies, 91st	21
5. Pte. Murray, 90th	25	2.	Staff-Sergt. Kennon, 91st	20
4. Pte. J. Mackenzie, 95th		2.	Sergt. Shillinglaw, 95th	20
4. Sergt. Graburn, 91st	24	2.	Capt. McIntyre, 91st	20
3. Staff-Sergt. Inman, 90th	22		Staff-Sergt. Rose, 95th	
3. Staff-Sergt. Clark, 95th	22		Pte. Tait, 90th,	
2. Pte. Huston, 95th	22	2.	Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 90th	18
2. Pte. McDiarmid, 95th	21		Lieut. Brown, 95th	
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Wednesday morning opened with the Logan Match, seven shots at 600 yards with Martinis. The cup becomes the property of the member winning it twice. There were 55 entries:—

willing it twice. There were 33 ci	itiics .—
Cup and \$10, Stf-Sergt. Clark, 95th 31	\$2. Sergt. Macklin, 90th 24
\$7. Staff-Sergt. Graburn, 91st 30	2. Staff-Sergt. A. Ross, 90th 24
6. Staff-Sergt. Inman, 90th 26	2. Sergt. Kennon, 91st 24
5. Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 90th 26	2. Sergt. Lamb, 90th
4. Sergt. Eadie, 90th	2. Pte. Huston, 95th 23
4. Capt. Doidge, W.F.B 25	2. SergtMajor Dade, 91st 23
3. Sergt. McKenzie, 95th 25	2. Sergt. Shillinglaw, 95th 23
3. Pte. Costigan, 90th 25	2. Sergt. Garbutt, R.S.M.I 23
2. Staff-Sergt. Gillies, 91st 25	2. Pte. Huston, 95th 23
2. Pte. K. McKenzie, 95th 24	2. Capt. Howden, 90th 21
Several 21's counted out.	

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At two o'clock the shooting in the association match commenced. Five team prizes were offered, to be awarded to the five highest aggregate scores made by any five previously named members of any company or corps of active militia or rifle association. Seven teams entered: The Winnipeg Rifle Range Co. 90th Morris Tube Association, 90th Rifle Association, No. 2 Co. 95th Battalion, Mounted Infantry Association, 91st Battalion Association and the Brandon Rifle Association. The ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, Snider. At the finish of the 200 yards the Brandon team were leading the Morris Tube Association by one point, but at the 500 and 600-yard ranges the latter team made the better shooting, and won the Association challenge cup and the first prize of \$25, with a score of 368 points. The 90th Rifle Association won the second place, with 365 points to their credit, and No. 2 Co. 95th Batt., with 355 points, took third place. The fourth prize was captured by the 91st Battalion, and Brandon Rifle Association won fifth money. The prizes were: Cup and \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5. The Morris Tube team was made up of Ptes. Murray, McKay, Ross, Tait and McDiarmid. The individual prizes were thus won :-

Cup and		\$ 3 Ptc. R. Sweet, 91st	72
\$15 Staff-Sgt, Gillies, 91st	89	3 Pte. J. W. Murray, 90th	71
10 Staff-Sgt. Macklin, 90th	86	2 Pte. Baxter, 90th	70
7 Staff-Sgt. M. C. Clark, 95th	84	2 Pte. W. N. Huston, 95th	70
5 Staff-Sgt. Mackay, 90th	81	2 Sgt. Garbutt, R.S.M.I	68
4 Pte. McDiarmid, 90th	78	2 Staff-Sgt. Mitchell, 90th	68
4 Staff-Sgt. Ross, 90th	75	2 ColSgt. Brown, R.S.M.I	67
4. Staff-Sgt. D. Huston, 95th	74	2 Jno. Hunter, P.R.A	65
4 Staff-Sgt. Grabum, 91st	74	2 P. R. Lamb, Y.C	65
4 Sgt. Lamb, 90th	74	2 Staff-Sgt. Inman, 90th	64
3 Capt. W. Shepard, 95th	73	2 SgtMaj. Dade, 92nd	64
3 Pte. Costigan, 90th	73	2 Pte. S. Tait	63
3 Pte. J. J. McKenzie, 95th	72	2 Staff-Sgt. Shillinglaw, 95th	
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The cup, presented by Major Forrest, becomes the property of the member winning it twice.

During the afternoon a revolver match, between sides chosen by Dr. Codd and Col. Villiers, was shot off. Dr. Codd's side won by a score of 49 points to 36.

Thursday the first event was the Battalion match, with battalion and company team and individual prizes, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, Snider. The battalion teams consisted of eight members each. The 90th won the first prize, the challenge trophy and \$32, with 589 points, and the 91st Battalion, with 576, took the second prize, \$20. The company teams were of four each. F Company, 90th, took the first prize, \$16, and C Company, 90th, second prize, \$10. The individual prize list follows, the cup to become the property of the member winning it twice:

Cup	and		\$ 2 Capt. Doidge, W.F.B	69
\$15	Pte. Costigan, 90th	82	2 Lieut. Taylor, 91st	69
	Sgt. Mitchell, 90th	81	2 Pte. Sweet, 91st	68
7	Sgt. Macklin, 90th	78	2 C. S. Brown, R.S.M.I	68
5	Sgt. Gillies, 91st	78	2 C. S. Inman, 90th	68
4	Sgt. M. C. Clark, 95th	77		68
4	Lieut. Scott, 90th	76	2 Pte. J. J. Mackenzie, 95th	67
4	Ptc. Huston, 95th	74	2 Pte. John MeKenzie, 95th	66
4	Sgt. Ross, 90th	73	2 Major Buchan, R.S.M.I	66
2	Pte. Tait, 90th	73	2 Tpr. Lamb, W.F.B	66
2	Sgt. Lamb, 90th	73	2 Pte. Baxter, 95th	66
2	Pte. McDiarmid, 90th	72	2 Pte. Shillinglaw, 95th	66
2	Sgt. Rose, 95th	71	2 Capt. Howden, 90th	65
2	Sgt Graburn, 91st	70	2 Sgt. Garbutt, R.S.M.I	65
2	Lieut. Brown, 95th	69	2 Sgt. McKay, 90th	62
	One 62 counted out.			

The Ladies' Match, fired in the afternoon, attracted a great deal of attention. It was open to ladies having paid \$1 and thus become members of the Association, each lady nominating a gentleman to compete on her behalf. 200 yards, seven shots, any rifle with open sights; any position with head to target. The prizes were in kind, presented by friends of the Association:—

The Grand Aggregate prizes were for the combined scores of the Cauchon, Aikins, Hudson Bay, Association and Battalion matches. The first eight receive each a badge of the M. R. A. The first six receive also the medals named below; the first eight become entitled to places on the Provincial team to compete at Ottawa for the London Merchants' Cup, and the first twenty become entitled to shoot in the Bell competition. These were the scores of the twenty:—

G.G.'s Silver Medal — Sergt. Macklin, 90th 244	D. R. A. Bronze Medal—Pte. Costi-
G.G.'s Bronze Medal-Sergt. Clark,	gan, 90th
95th	ton, 95th
D.R.A. Silver Medal-Sergt. Gillies,	M. R. A. Bronze Medal—Pte. Mc-
91st 240	Diarmid, 90th 225

Sergt. Graburn, 91st 223	W. R. Inman, 90th 208
Pte. Murray, 90th	Sergt. Garbutt, R.S.M.I 204
Sergt. Mitchell, 90th 217	Lieut. Scott, 90th 203
Sergt. Lamb, 90th 216	Lieut. Brown, 95th 203
Sergt. Ross, 90th	Pte. R. Sweet, 91st 203
Pte. Tait, 90th 210	Trooper P. R. Lamb, W.T.C 201
	Pte. Huston, 95th 199

A skirmishing match took place between teams of five n. c. officers and men, firing 15 rounds skirmishing from about 450 yards to 100 yards; 5 rounds volley firing, between 500 and 200 yards, 1 lying down, 2 kneeling and 2 standing. D. R. A. skirmishing targets were used.

2 kneeling and 2 standing. D. R. A. skirmishing targets were used.

There were four teams entered. The 90th Batt. were represented by Sergt. Mitchell, Macklin, Ross, McKay and McDiarmid; the 95th Batt. team were Sergt. Clarke, Huston, T. Huston, McGregor and Shillinglaw; the R. S. M. I. were Sergt.-Major Ingram, Sergt. Garbutt, Brown, Hobkirk and Champness; the 91st Batt. team were Sergt. Gillies, Dade, Graburn, Baxter and Sweet. The 90th team won first place with a score of 234 points; the 95th came second with 204 points, and the 91st Batt. were third with 168 points. The prizes were:—1st, Sir Donald A. Smith's Challenge Cup (to be held for year) and \$20; 2nd. \$10: 3rd. \$5.

On Friday the twenty highest in the Aggregate fired in the Bell match, 800 and 900 yards, 7 shots with Martinis. The prizes were won as follows, the cup to be the property of the member winning it three times:—

times :-

Cup and \$10—Staff-Sergt. Inman, 90th\$7. Staff-Sergt. McKay, 90th	53	\$5. Pte. Tait, 90th	44
The Revolver match, seven	sho	ts at 25 yards, thus resulted :	
\$7. Sergt. Clark 6. Sergt. Inman 5. Ptc. Gillies 4. Sergt. Garbutt 4. Sergt. Ross	30 29 29	\$3. Pte. Macklin	25 22 19

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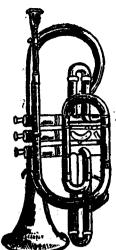
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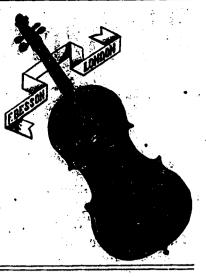
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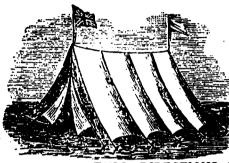
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