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Topics of the Week.

Death has been busy with the military staff at Montreal, having taken off two members within a week. These were Lieut. Col. de Bellefeuille, and Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne. They were both comparatively young men, being several years short of three score. They led useful and honourable lives, and their memories will be fondly cherished by many a brother officer of the force.

The British War Office appears to be getting quite an unenviable character for crooked dealing on the part of its employees. Of course the department should not be condemned for the acts of a few black sheep. One of the most serious complaints made is of a system of blackmailing upon persons having business transactions with the department, especially those who have inventions to bring to the notice of the authorities.

In the press of other cities not a little fun has been indulged in at the expense of the Toronto papers for the praise lavished upon the Queen's Own Rifles upon the occasion of the visit of that corps to Montreal. The thing should not be overdone, but there is no disputing the fact that the generous praise received by the Toronto corps from the press of the Queen City has been no unimportant factor in raising them to their present standard. The best young men have become imbued with the idea that it is the correct thing to join the militia, and they are working zealously to win credit for their respective corps. In Montreal there is the same incentive to membership and proficiency in the militia. True, the papers are more modest; but it is quite touching to hear the comments of the Montreal citizens, especially the ladies, upon their respective favourites when the corps parade for a holiday review. The number of regiments Montreal supports, and supports handsomely too, is surprising to anyone acquainted with the private expenditure involved.

Greatly to the regret of all interested in this year's team for Wimbledon, Capt. W. S. Russell, of the 45th Battalion, has been compelled by business necessities to withdraw from it. He is a well tried shot, having twice already represented Canada at Wimbledon, and all this season he has been making exceptionally good practice. His place will be taken by another member of the 45th, Pte. J. Horsey, who now goes to Wimbledon for the first time. Had the best men of those eligible gone, Canada would this year have had an exceptionally good chance for the Koapore cup. Those who refused the proffered places were Capt. Hart, St. John Rifles; Staff-Sergt. Clarke, 53rd; Capt. McMicking, 44th; Sergt. Short, G.G.F.G.; Capt. Russell, 45th; Pte. Burns, 3rd (formerly 62nd), Capt. Corbin, 63rd. While, however, it has been weakened by the refusals, the team is still strong, and should the "old reliables" on it shoot in their usual form, it may be depended upon that enough new talent will be developed to fill an eight that will be formidable even against the picked team of the mother country.

The Field Artillery Gun Practice.

The annual gun practice of the field artillery for this year, which is to be carried out in accordance with arrangements made by the Inspector of Artillery, presents some points of interest which are deserving of special mention. We have already, in our issue of the 18th April, published copious extracts from the Royal Artillery Regimental Orders on this subject, and it will be observed that the system of instructional practice, as detailed in a circular from the Inspector of Artillery which we publish in this number, is based upon the principles therein laid down, as far as they can be carried out at present by our own batteries, and with a limited supply of ammunition.

The advantages which it is hoped will be derived from this practice are, briefly, as follows:—

1. More general interest in, and attention to gun practice when carried out, as it is intended to be in this instance, by the whole battery, and under service conditions as nearly as possible, than when it is confined to a detachment firing under abnormal conditions at a known range.

2. Increased practice in range finding, and in the actual necessary observation of the effects of fire—no signalling being allowed, and each gun acting as a unit in the effort to obtain an accurate fire as rapidly as possible.

Should the results of this year's practice prove satisfactory, we understand that it is intended, at the next annual drill, to take a step in advance as indicated by the 'bracket process' of ranging a battery, and to ascertain the range by the combined fire of all four guns in the battery, under the direction and observation of the Major commanding; these, and further problems in artillery practice, such as laying by an auxiliary mark, practice at moving targets, etc., will furnish abundant material for the keen intellects of our zealous and efficient gunners.

In addition to the above practice, which has been aptly termed instructional, but which, from the nature of the case, can only be participated in by those batteries who are fortunate enough to encamp in the vicinity of an artillery range, a central competition has been arranged for, to be held at Kingston during September, and at which it is hoped that representative detachments from nearly every battery in the Dominion will be present to compete, for the honour of their corps and for the valuable prizes which have been offered by the Dominion Artillery Association. Similar meetings for garrison artillery only have thrice been held at the Island of Orleans, Quebec, and will be continued this year, and their success has been such as to warrant similar anticipations with regard to the one for field batteries now in prospect. The actual gun practice at this meeting consists of firing at a target at a known range—apparently a somewhat simple performance; but when it is considered that to ensure a good result the gun has to be most accurately laid, the result of each shot noted, and corrections made for varying conditions of wind and weather, etc., and that the time must not, under certain penalties, exceed one minute and a half for each round, it will be seen that there is sufficient scope, not only for individual efficiency, but also for the most careful coaching on the part of the officer who undertakes this important duty.

The camp will be pitched on a most charming spot, about two miles from the city and on the border of the lake—and we doubt not but that the presence of so many competitors from different sections of the country, together with the keen interest and emulation sure to be evoked, will render the meeting a source of interest and instruction to all who can partake therein.

Field Batteries—Annual Gun Practice.

1. In accordance with G. O. (9) 17-5-'89, the following instructions are issued for the gun practice of the field batteries in the Dominion:

2. Batteries which perform their drill in camp, in the vicinity of which a land or water range can be obtained, will this year carry out the following instructional practice:

Range-finding by sub-divisions.—The entire battery will parade in drill order, march to the practice ground, and come into action under service conditions.

The target will consist of a barrel or cask, moored or placed at any distance between 1500 and 2500 yards—no banrols will be used. The range party will not signal any of the shells, but will keep a record of the estimated distance from the target at which each shell strikes the plane, or bursts.

Two marksmen will be selected from each subdivision, and the guns will each be laid under the supervision of one of the battery officers.

The following process will then be adopted by each sub-division acting independently so far as regards the elevation, deflection, and subsequent corrections; no communication being allowed between sub-divisions.

(a.) The gun will be laid (common shell, percussion fuze,) by the first No. 1, at the elevation proper for the range as estimated by him; according as the shell is short or over, the second round will be laid with an elevation corresponding to 100 to 300 yards, over or under, with the object of making certain that the shell shall fall on the opposite side of the target to that on which the first shell fell. When the target has been included between two shells the long "bracket" is found.

(b.) To find the short "bracket."—The third round will be laid with the elevation corresponding to the mean between the two ranges which make up the long bracket. If this be short, or over, the fourth round will be laid with the elevation corresponding to the mean between the third round and the second, or first, and if the shell fall on the opposite side of the target to that on which the third shell fell—the short "bracket," viz., that between the third and fourth shell, will have been found, and the correct range will be within these distances.

The fifth and sixth rounds will be fired at the mean of the short bracket, with the object of verifying the range.

(c.) The first three rounds will be laid by the first selected No. 1, the next three by the second No. 1. The former will prepare his own fuze and lay the seventh round (shrapnel shell), and the latter the eighth round (shrapnel shell). Points for direction will be given by the officer superintending the practice, who will also direct the order of fire; at the conclusion of the practice the points for elevation obtained by each sub-division will be obtained from the distances recorded by the range party, according to the usual scale, and the total number of points obtained by each sub-division duly recorded.

(d.) The only competition sanctioned in the above practice will be between sub-divisions. Each battery will have a separate target, and no two batteries will practice together.

(e.) The officer commanding artillery in camp will make the necessary arrangements for providing targets and for range duties.

3. A general meeting for field artillery practice having been authorized to be held at Kingston during the month of September, the following arrangements will be made with reference thereto:

Transport from battery headquarters and return will be allowed for four officers and eight N. C. officers or gunners from all field batteries, the Winnipeg, Sydney, Newcastle and Woodstock excepted, and an allowance of 75 cents each for each day necessarily absent from battery headquarters.

4. The number of rounds to be expended are as detailed in G. O. (9), 17-5-'89.

The range will be not less than 1800 yards. Rules for practice as published by Inspector of Artillery. The result of the trial shots and of the shrapnel shell only will be signalled by the range party.

The officers instructional practice will be carried out before the competition firing.

5. Tents and blankets will be provided on the practice ground, and arrangements made for subsisting the detachments in camp. Further information as to dates of meeting and assembly of detachments, etc., will be published subsequently,

6. Officers commanding batteries which practice elsewhere than at Kingston, will make the necessary requisitions for ammunition, according to the scale authorized in G. O. (9), without delay. Practice in all cases will be conducted according to the above regulations.

D. T. IRWIN,
Lieut.-Col., Inspector of Artillery.

21st May, 1889.

Dominion Artillery Association Prize List, 1889.

Royal Military College.

FIRING COMPETITION.

Badges as for a field battery.

Prizes value.....\$ 25 00

Royal Schools of Artillery.

FIRING COMPETITION.

9-pounder R. M. L. Guns.

Aggregate.....\$ 15 00

Individual—1st, \$6; 2nd, \$4..... 10 00

Badges as for field batteries.

64-pounder R. M. L. Guns.

Aggregate..... 15 00

Individual—1st, \$6; 2nd, \$4..... 10 00

Badges as for garrison battery.

Shifting ordnance..... 25 00

75 00

Field Batteries.

Instructional Practice—Sub division making highest score in each battery \$5.

FIRING COMPETITION.

9-pounder R. M. L. Guns.

Aggregate scores—1. *Oswald Cup and.....\$ 30 00

2. 25 00

3. 20 00

4. 15 00

5. 10 00

100 00

*Cup to become the property of any battery winning it two years in succession. Battery making highest score in Province of Ontario gets the Montizambert Cup on the same conditions.

Individual scores—1 at \$10.....\$ 10 00

2 " 8..... 16 00

3 " 6..... 18 00

3 " 5..... 15 00

4 " 4..... 16 00

5 " 3..... 15 00

5 " 2..... 10 00

\$100 00

To highest individual score in each battery Secretary's prize, "Manual of Field Artillery for Canada." Badges in same proportion as last year.

OFFICERS' COMPETITION.

1. Prize value.....\$ 25 00

2. " "..... 15 00

3. " "..... 10 00

\$ 50 00

DRILL AND DRIVING COMPETITION.

1. Gzowski Challenge Cup and.....\$ 35 00

2. 25 00

3. 15 00

\$ 75 00

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

Garrison Batteries.

COMPETITIONS AT ISLAND OF ORLEANS.

64-pounder R. M. L. Guns.

Aggregate scores—1.....\$ 25 00

2..... 15 00

3..... 10 00

\$ 50 00

Individual Scores—1 at \$10.....\$ 10 00

2 " 8..... 16 00

2 " 6..... 12 00

6 " 2..... 12 00

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40 pounder B. L. R. Guns.

Aggregate scores—1.....	\$ 20 00	
2.....	12 00	
3.....	8 00	
		40 00
Individual Scores—1 at \$8	\$ 8 00	
2 " 5	19 00	
3 " 4	12 00	
5 " 2	10 00	
		40 00

Montreal Challenge Cup to be the property of any battery winning it twice in three successive competitions.

Aggregate 64 and 40-pounder Guns.

1.....	\$ 15 00	
2.....	10 00	
		\$ 25 00

OFFICERS' COMPETITION.

1. Prize value.....	\$ 20 00	
2. " "	12 00	
3. " "	8 00	
		40 00

SHIFTING ORDNANCE COMPETITION.

Shift A.—1. Prize	\$ 25 00	
2. "	15 00	
3. "	10 00	
		\$ 50 00
Shift B.—1. Prize	\$ 25 00	
2. "	15 00	
3. "	10 00	
		50 00

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

LOCAL HEADQUARTERS.

64-pounder Guns.

Officers' competition—1. Prize.....	\$ 15 00	
2. "	10 00	
		25 00

Batteries practising at local headquarters, including those in British Columbia, prizes at the rate of \$10 per battery entering into the competition.

Highest individual score in each battery, Island of Orleans and local headquarters, Secretary's prize, "Manual of Garrison Artillery, Part 1." Badges in same proportion as last year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

One prize (if two or more batteries compete).....\$ 20 00

GENERAL EFFICIENCY—FIELD AND GARRISON.

- 1st. To battery making highest total points in their respective arm, Cup or Trophy presented by His Excellency the Governor-General.
- 2nd. To battery making the second highest total points, Lansdowne Cup (to be held for the year) and \$25.

SHORT COURSE EFFICIENCY.

To n.c.o. or gunner obtaining highest decimal at R. S. A., Kingston and Quebec, each

1. Prize.....	\$ 12 00	
2. "	8 00	
3. "	5 00	
		\$ 25 00

VOLUNTARY DRILLS.

Highest average attendance, field or garrison	\$ 20 00	
Second " "	10 00	
		30 00

By order.

J. B. DONALDSON, Capt.,

Secretary.

OTTAWA, 5th June, 1889.

A man of the 3rd East Kent Regiment, England, died recently from injuries inflicted by tossing him in a blanket during a mock court-martial trial by his comrades.

A new style of sword of splendid make has just been introduced into the German Army for the use of officers. The weapon is straight and the scabbard is of steel, nickel-plated. The hilt is adorned with an eagle in relief.

Regimental News.

The name of Major Radiger, of the Victoria Rifles, is mentioned in connection with the position of District Paymaster, left vacant by the death of Lieut.-Col. De Bellefeuille.

Mr. Barrie, photographer, of Richmond, has produced two admirable views of the recent presentation of colours. The participants, including the officers of the 53rd and 54th, are all well represented.

A meeting of the bugle band of the 90th was held on the 29th ult., at the drill shed, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Corporal Belcher on the occasion of his departure from Winnipeg. Drummer Reed was chairman. There were present, at the invitation of the band, Col. Boswell, Captain and Adj. Arnold.

Pte. Norton, D Co., 90th, died at the Winnipeg Hospital on May the 28th, of the result of an operation for hernia. Deceased had no relations in Winnipeg. He was interred in Brookside cemetery on Friday, May the 31st, the officers and members of the company attending the funeral.

Capt. Harkom, of the 54th Battalion, who is assistant mechanical superintendent of the G. T. R. division between Montreal and Island Pond, has been transferred to the Toronto division, which may necessitate his retirement from the 54th. He will not at present, however, dispose of his fine property in Melbourne. He has been an active citizen there, and will be missed.

In view of the approaching competition between rifle teams from the maritime provinces, in St. John, a meeting of the St. John members of the Council of the N. B. Provincial Rifle Association was held last week to consider arrangements for their reception. The meeting was in the office of the N. B. cotton mills, Major Parks presiding. Committees were appointed to place the range in order; to receive the marksmen when they arrive, and to devise some plan of reception.

Lieut.-Col. Jones and the officers of the Dufferin Rifles are to be congratulated upon the reception which occurred in their rooms last evening. The event took the place of the monthly smoking concerts which have recently been so successfully inaugurated, with the exception that the smoke was left out and the ladies were allowed to participate instead. There was an exceedingly large and brilliant attendance, and all present seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. During the evening an impromptu musical programme was rendered, the pieces consisting of instrumental selections by Mrs. B. H. Rothwell, and Mrs. T. Harry Jones, and songs by Misses Robinson, Cheney, Reville and Wye and Messrs. W. Wilkes, Turnbull, Hart and Reville. Light refreshments were served, proceedings closing with the singing of the National Anthem. Many of those present saw the officers' quarters for the first time, and many were the expressions of appreciation and admiration at the well appointed rooms.—*Brantford Courier, 4th June.*

The inspection of the two companies of the St. Mary's College cadets which took part in the Queen's birthday celebration, took place at Montreal on Saturday afternoon on the college grounds. Major Roy, brigade major of the Sixth District, was the inspecting officer, and was assisted by Lieut.-Col. Dugas and officers of the 65th Battalion. The cadets were commanded by Captains Trudel and Hurtubise, and Sergeant Rivet, of St. Johns School of Infantry, who had been drilling them. After a minute inspection in line by Major Roy, the cadets went through regular battalion drill. They marched past in open column, in quarter column and at the double, and went through the manual and firing exercises and bayonet exercises in review order and by word of command, and without in quick time; and also through the skirmishing exercise and a bayonet charge. Major Roy congratulated the cadets upon their success, and gave them a word of encouragement for the future. He congratulated Sergeant Rivet on having obtained such a satisfactory result after so short a practice. Capt. Trudel was presented, on behalf of the scholars and rev. Fathers, with a medal of honour, and Capt. Hurtubise with a handsome bound volume. In making these presentations, Lieut.-Col. Dugas gave a few words of encouragement to them, and Capt. Trudel feelingly replied.

15TH BATTALION, BELLEVILLE.

The Argyle Light Infantry are now endeavouring to make themselves "second to none" among city battalions, both in point of equipment, quarters and efficiency. The new brick drill hall is being floored with maple plank, and the company armouries and orderly rooms sheeted and painted; new officers' quarters, caretaker's residence, and a fully equipped gymnasium are to be built at once; the Government grant of \$10,000 enabling the battalion to have permanent quarters which will be a credit to the district. New white helmets and leggings have been obtained for the men, and were worn for the first time on Sunday, June 9th, when the battalion paraded to St. Andrew's Church, and listened to an admirable sermon by Rev. Mr. Young, of Prince

Edward County, on the text "Be ye steadfast, immovable." The battalion has a good record and hopes to add to its prestige now that it has a local habitation as well as a name. Besides the regular military band of twenty-eight members, a fife and drum band of sixteen members has been organized, and already shows considerable proficiency.

"A" company, of the Midland, was composed of members of this battalion. They were leaders in the charge at Batôche.

DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. DE BELLEFEUILLE.

Lieut.-Col. Chas. L. De Bellefeuille, District Paymaster and Superintendent of Stores, who has been ill for some months past, died last week at his residence in Longueuil. He was born at St. Eustache in 1835, and was the son of Antoine Lefebvre De Bellefeuille, Seigneur de Mille Iles, and Dame Margaret McGillis. His career was entirely military. When quite a young man he entered the French army, taking service in the "Legion Etrangère." With that corps he did the Caybia campaign, and also served in the Crimean war. Having returned to Canada, he, with Col. Fletcher and two other Canadian gentlemen, took a commission in the 100th Regiment when organized in Montreal. After a service of some six years in the British army he again returned to Canada, and has ever since been connected with local military organizations. Under the old régime he was Brigade Major for the military district of St. Hyacinthe, being afterwards appointed Paymaster and Superintendent of Stores for the fifth military district, a position which he held until his death.

THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. LAMONTAGNE.

Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne, D.A.G. of the 6th military district, died at his residence, 577 Sherbrooke Street, Montreal, on Monday. He was born in Québec 57 years ago, and when quite a youth he took a marked interest in military matters. He connected himself with the Québec Field Battery, and succeeded Col. Baby as officer commanding. He was subsequently appointed brigade major of the Québec military district, and was afterwards transferred to Montreal and later on to Ottawa, where on December 21st, 1883, he was appointed D.A.G. of the district. He was transferred to the Sixth district, Montreal, in May, 1888. His commission as lieutenant-colonel dated back to 1867. He married Miss Lee, daughter of Mr. T. C. Lee, the well-known ship-builder of Québec, whom he leaves, with a young son of about eight years, to mourn his loss.

INSPECTION OF THE FIFTH ROYAL SCOTS.

The Royal Scots, so says the Montreal *Gazette*, have seldom appeared to better advantage than they did on Saturday afternoon, when they turned out for inspection by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G. So far as physique goes it would be hard to find a finer body of men anywhere. They mustered 308 strong, and were all tall, well-built, broad-shouldered fellows, mostly in the prime of life, and some old soldiers among the spectators remarked upon the amount of room taken up by each company. It was generally noticed, too, that though the standard was high the men were well sized. The Highland dress added to their martial appearance, and as they marched on to the Champ de Mars the spectators greeted them with a hearty cheer which they well deserved both for their marching and their general appearance. Following were the officers:—

Lieut.-Col. Caverhill commanding.

Majors—Lyman and Strathy.

A Company—Capt. Hood and Lieut. Linton.

B Company—Capt. Blaiklock.

C Company—Capt. Ibbotson and Lieut. Ibbotson.

D Company—Capt. Vaughan and Lieut. Mackay.

E Company—Capt. Gault and Lieut. Rankin.

F Company—Lieut. Cameron and Lieut. Smith.

Paymaster—Capt. Foulis.

Quartermaster—Capt. Foster.

Surgeon—Dr. Cameron.

Assistant Surgeon—Dr. Rollo Campbell.

Lieuts. J. Cameron and J. Ibbotson were on the colours.

The regiment was drawn up in line on the north side of the Champ de Mars and received the inspecting officer with the general salute, the band playing "The Garb of Old Gaul." Col. Houghton then rode down the ranks, examining each man minutely, but everything was found neat and clean and there was a general air of tidiness that would do credit to veterans. The musketry and firing exercises were gone through without a fault, each movement being done as if by a piece of machinery. The regiment was then put through a number of difficult manoeuvres, all of which were very creditably performed. The skirmishing was very good, though somewhat marred by the ground being too cramped for such large companies in extended order. The regiment then marched past in column, quarter column and at the double, and the steadiness of the marching was generally commented upon. Before

dismissing them Col. Houghton complimented officers and men on their magnificent appearance and the excellence of their drill, both now and on Queen's birthday. Before learning the new drill they had to unlearn the old, but this they had done with wonderful quickness. He was thoroughly satisfied with what he had seen. The roll was then called and the regiment marched off.

Trophies of the 1st Brigade of Field Artillery.

(Guelph Mercury.)

Through the kindness of Mr. W. A. Clark, jeweller, the 1st Brigade of Field Artillery have been enabled to place on exhibition in the window of this gentleman's store the trophies won by them during the past eight years. The collection is really a magnificent one, containing, as it does, many very valuable and much coveted cups, a display which any corps might well be proud to have on exhibition. The list of principal cups, etc., is given more fully below for the information of the general public who may not have the opportunity of visiting Mr. Clark's establishment and viewing the originals in all their beauty.

Besides the prizes won by the batteries themselves, there are also several valuable articles won by different officers of the brigade at the firing competitions held every fall, together with a large and handsome collection of the winnings of Qtr.-Master Sergt. Ogg, the veteran shot of the corps, and his comrade, Corp. J. Crowe. The former gentleman has represented the brigade at Wimbledon in no fewer than four competitions, and is again on the team that sails from Canada on the 20th inst. Among Sergt. Ogg's 60 odd prizes there are a few that he deservedly takes a special pride in showing, these being the Queen's badge for 1887 (which is the only one in Canada), the Kolapore Cup badge, the Canada Cup, the Wimbledon grand aggregate medal, etc.

Corp. Crowe, although not possessed of quite so many prizes as the former gentleman, has a collection that few in the Dominion can equal; he has twice been to Wimbledon Common as a representative from his corps, and with his comrade, Sergt. Ogg, will again endeavor to maintain their already high standing at the last meet on the old historic rifle range, as Wimbledon will only live in memory after July, 1889. Sergt. Armstrong, although not a Wimbledon shot, came very close to it, and will try hard to get into the ring this fall. He has also won many valuable prizes at Ottawa, Toronto and at other places, and is known as a cracker at revolver shooting, the handsome weapon in Mr. Clark's window having been handed to him as a first prize at Ottawa by Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise. Several other members of the brigade have a most creditable record as rifle shots, but are somewhat bashful in placing their record alongside of the veterans above mentioned. The following is a list of the different trophies on exhibition and by whom they were won:—

1. A silver cup by the Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada, being the prize for general efficiency, Dominion Artillery Association. This cup was won by "B" Field Battery in 1880, and again by the same corps in 1881, together with \$100 in cash. The trophy is theirs now for good.

2. A china salad bowl, mounted in silver, presented by the Marquis of Lorne as the general efficiency prize, 1882, and won by "A" Field Battery.

3. An oak cup, lined and mounted in silver, presented by the Marquis of Lansdowne for general efficiency prize, and won by "A" Battery in 1884.

4. A silver cup, highly embossed and gold lined, presented by the Marquis of Lansdowne to the Dominion Artillery Association for general efficiency prize, 1888, won by "A" battery.

5. A large solid silver cup, supported on crossed sponges and surmounted by the figure of a mounted artillery officer, the whole resting on a solid base of ebony, presented last year by Hon. Oliver Mowat to the Ontario Artillery Association and to be offered a challenge cup to the field artillery of Ontario, to be won three times by the same battery before becoming its property. Won in 1888 by "A" Field Battery, and in this contest "B" Battery was third, winning a cash prize only.

Both batteries have in nearly every year won very handsome cash prizes; that is, when they did not stand first on the list, thus demonstrating the fact that they are always near the top, if not actually there.

Prizes won by officers in individual competitions at shell practice:

1. Whip, silver mounted, won by Capt. Murchinson, of "A" Battery, for highest score in officers' firing competition in 1885.

2. Whip, gold mounted, won by Major Nicoll, "A" Battery, in the officers' firing competition in 1887.

3. Silver cup, presented by the Ontario Artillery Association, value \$75, and won by Major Hood, "B" Battery, for highest score in officers' firing competition in 1888; also a handsome pair of field glasses awarded to the same officer as the prize of the Dominion Artillery Association in this class last year.

Among other trophies which members of the brigade have either won or had at least a hand in winning are the following:

A highly embossed silver cup, presented by the Marquis of Lorne when Governor-General of Canada to the National Artillery Association of Great Britain, as a heavy shifting prize. This prize was won by the Canadian detachment at Shoeburyness under Col. Macdonald, with the late Major Short as adjutant, in 1883. Sergt. Major W. Young represented the brigade in this shift.

A large silver cup known as the "Londonderry Cup," being a challenge cup for competition between picked teams of British volunteer artillery and Canadian artillery, and which belongs to the National Association of Britain and Canada. This trophy was established in memory of the late Lord Londonderry, President of the N. A. A.; won by the Canadian detachment in the 64-pr. firing competition at Shoeburyness in 1887, and is held by Col. Macdonald as President of the Dominion Artillery Association.

The *Mercury* joins with its readers in congratulating the brigade on the high place they occupy among the artillery of the Dominion, and wish that the corps may have as successful a career in the future as it has had in the past, a credit to themselves and an honour to the county and city they hail from.

The Rifle.

At the regular practice of the Toronto Rifle Association on Saturday last Mr. R. McVittie made the notable score of 98 points, firing with the Martini rifle at Queen's ranges. The position at 200 yards was kneeling. The details were:

200	500	600	Total.
4 4 5 4 4 5 5—31	5 4 4 5 5 5 5—33	5 5 5 4 5 5 5—34	98

It is evident that Mr. McVittie is in good trim for his Wimbledon trip. He is now Armourer Sergeant in the Tenth Royal Grenadiers.

The Sixth Fusiliers held a battalion rifle match and the Victoria Rifles a company match at the ranges, at Cote St. Luc, on Saturday, but in both instances the matches were not concluded when the hour for the departure of the train arrived. They will be completed at a future date.

THE OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

On Saturday afternoon the Ottawa Rifle Club had their seventh spoon competition. The day was far from satisfactory for shooting purposes, the wind, which blew from the left, varying greatly, and the atmosphere causing the rifles to heat very rapidly, thus making havoc with the elevation. The firing was with the Snider at Queen's ranges. For the senior spoon Major Wright and Lieut. Sutherland tied with 88 points each, and shot off, the former winning. The spoon winner in the second class was T. C. Boville, and in the third R. Moodie. There were forty competitors all told. The top scores were:

Major J Wright (sp 1st cls) 33 31 24 88	W. E. Cooke..... 28 21 22 71
Lieut. E D Sutherland .. 31 32 25 88	J. H. Ellis..... 25 21 24 70
Major A. P. Sherwood.. 29 32 24 85	R. N. Slater .. 28 21 21 70
Capt. S. M. Rogers. 31 32 20 83	G. A. Robinson..... 30 19 21 70
T. C. Boville (sp 2nd cls) 27 28 24 79	Capt. H. H. Gray..... 25 25 20 70
T. McJanet..... 26 25 27 78	N. Macfarlane..... 29 17 23 69
C. S. Scott..... 24 22 31 77	Major H. F. Perley.... 30 24 15 69
R. Moodie (spn 3rd cls).. 24 27 26 77	W. Middleton..... 27 21 20 68
Dr. Geo. Hutchison..... 28 20 28 76	J. D. Taylor..... 29 19 20 68
T. Carroll..... 26 24 26 76	Lieut. J. W. O'Grady... 28 20 19 67
S. Short..... 25 23 26 74	Capt. B. Billings..... 23 21 22 66
F. W. Smith..... 30 27 17 74	N. Morrison..... 26 22 18 66
Capt. C. F. Cox..... 20 27 26 73	Lieut. W. A. Jamieson.. 27 27 12 66
J. E. Hutcheson..... 27 26 20 73	W. G. Dial..... 22 22 21 65
J. P. Nutting..... 27 28 17 72	H. LeB. Ross..... 24 20 17 61

GUARDS' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The G.G.F.G. Rifle Association had a spoon competition on Saturday afternoon, Snider rifles, Queen's ranges. The top scorer had not entered for the spoon, which consequently went to the next on the list, Col. Sergt. Mailleue. The leading scores were as follows:

Staff-Sergt. Dawson..... 27 25 26 78	Capt. Gray..... 25 25 20 70
Col.-Sergt. Mailleue (spn) 27 30 20 77	Staff Sergt. Cawdron... 23 26 18 67
Corpl. Carroll..... 26 24 26 76	Pte. Morrison..... 26 22 18 66
Sergt. Short..... 30 24 25 76	Pte. Elmitt..... 24 25 15 64
Pte. Brown..... 29 19 26 74	Pte. Morse..... 22 23 16 61
Pte. Austin..... 26 29 18 73	Sergt. Reardon..... 23 16 18 57

To add interest to the shooting, a match for five men a side was arranged between No. 2 of the Guards and No. 1 of the 43rd, both strong shooting companies. It was fired on the same conditions as the spoon competition—seven shots each man at 200, 500 and 600 yards, and the result in the order of the ranges was as follows:

No. 1 Company, 43rd..... 146 129 104—379
No. 2 Company, Guards..... 135 130 109—374

The Rifles thus won by five points. The scores by both teams were much lower than usual. The Guards' champions were Capt. Gray,

Staff-Sergt. Dawson, Colour-Sergt. Mailleue, Sergt. Short and Pte. Armstrong. Those of the 43rd were Capt. Rogers, Lieuts. O'Grady and Sutherland, Ptes. Hutcheson and Taylor. A return match will probably be fired.

It is in contemplation for a number of shooting men of the 43rd to take in the \$5 excursion to Toronto for Dominion Day, if a friendly match between battalion teams of eight or ten men a side can be arranged with the Queen's Own. The 43rd will have four of their best shots away at Wimbledon, but with so many to draw upon will never be short of a good representative team. They are willing to shoot any battalion in Canada a team match with any number of men.

HALIFAX GARRISON VS. GUELPH FIELD ARTILLERY.

The second of a series of telegraphic rifle matches between the 1st Brigade Field Artillery of Guelph, Ont., and the 1st Brigade Halifax Garrison Artillery was held on the 5th, when the Halifax team was again successful. Martini rifles, seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

HALIFAX GARRISON ARTILLERY.

Capt. Maxwell..... 32 29 34 95
Capt. Harris..... 31 29 32 92
Staff Sergt. Harris..... 26 32 33 91
Gunner Fader..... 29 31 30 90
Major Garrison..... 31 31 27 89
Capt. Adams..... 29 27 31 87

GUELPH FIELD ARTILLERY.

Corpl. Crowe..... 89
Staff Sergt. Ogg..... 88
Lt.-Col. Macdonald..... 83
Sergt. Armstrong..... 80
Trumpeter Crowe..... 80
Staff Sergt. Thatcher..... 73

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The weather at Bedford was very fine, but rainy at Guelph. Lieut.-Col. Murray, district staff, superintended the match at Halifax, and Capt. Davidson at Guelph.

THE INTERPROVINCIAL MATCH.

The 5th June was a great day for shooting, and the scores made in the competition for places on the Interprovincial team have never been equalled on Bedford range. Capt. Maxwell, H. G. A., made the top score, 95, making 34 out of a possible 35 at 600 yards. Fifteen competitors made from 87 to 95 points, while eight men scored 90 points and over. The eight men who comprise the team made an average of 90 7/8 points. Martini's, 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Capt. Maxwell, H.G.A. 32 29 34 95	Lieut. Dimock, H.G.A. 31 32 25 88
Capt. Stevens, 66th..... 30 32 32 94	Capt. Adams, H.G.A. 29 27 31 87
Capt. Harris, H.G.A. 31 29 32 92	Major Egan, 63rd..... 30 32 25 87
Sergt. Harris, H.G.A. 26 32 33 91	Lieut. Flowers, H.G.A. 31 26 28 85
Lieut. Dover, 78th..... 30 33 28 91	Capt. Corbin, 63rd..... 29 28 26 83
Bombr. Fader, H.G.A. 29 31 30 90	Lieut. Jacques, 72nd..... 25 23 29 77
Sergt. Elliott, 63rd..... 30 31 29 90	Sergt. Mumford, 63rd..... 28 28 21 77
Lieut. Dimock, 78th..... 30 34 26 90	Pte. Wilson, 63rd..... 26 27 23 76
Sgt. Maj. Murray, H.G.A. 31 29 29 89	Pte. Reynolds, 63rd..... 25 27 20 72
Major Weston, 66th..... 30 31 28 89	Sergt. Ins. Power, 63rd... 25 31 14 70
Major Garrison, H.G.A. ... 31 31 27 89	Sergt. Snow, 63rd..... 17 12 27 56
Bombr. Campbell, H.G.A. 30 29 29 88	

Those who scored 250 points and over in the three competitions are as follows:

	May 22.	May 29.	June 5.	Total
Capt. Maxwell, H.G.A.	85	85	95	265
Capt. Harris, H.G.A.	83	89	92	264
Lieut. Stevens, 66th.....	82	85	94	261
Major Egan, 63rd.....	84	90	87	261
Major Garrison, H.G.A.	88	83	89	260
Major Weston, 66th.....	87	82	89	258
Lieut. Dimock, 78th.....	78	89	90	257
Lieut. Dover, 78th.....	78	87	91	256
Sergt. Elliott, 63rd.....	85	79	90	254
Sergt. Harris, H.G.A.	77	85	91	253
Gr. Campbell, H.G.A.	75	88	88	251
Lieut. Dimock, H.G.A.	83	80	88	251
Capt. Adams, H.G.A.	78	85	87	250

The first eight named will comprise the team. Capt. Maxwell and Capt. Harris were members of the 1887 team, and Lieuts. Dimock and Dover were on last year's team. As might be expected from such a steady shot, Major Weston again occupies a place, which will make his fourth consecutive year on the team, he having shot in the three matches which have already taken place. He has now shot in fifteen matches—twelve in selection of the team and the three matches with other Provinces—his average for these matches being 86 1/4 points.

BOWMANVILLE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The final shoot for the D. R. A. medal of the Bowmanville Association took place Saturday afternoon. The best two scores out of three matches counted. Sergt. King, with two scores of 91 and 94 points, total 185, was the winner. The match was shot with Snider rifles at 200, 400 and 500 yards. Saturday's scores were:

Russell..... 30 35 32 97	Beach..... 32 33 26 91
King..... 30 34 30 94	Morris..... 30 31 25 86
Sando..... 30 33 30 93	Mitchel..... 30 31 21 82
Curtis..... 28 32 32 92	Prout..... 29 24 25 78
Horsey..... 29 32 31 92	Young..... 26 24 25 75

Marksman's Topics.

The only ten shot highest possible ever made in revolver competition in England was scored in competition at 20 yards by Walter Winans at a meeting of the South London Rifle Club on the 21st May. The revolver used was a Colt, .45 calibre, 4½ lbs., trigger pull, factory ammunition, English army mark 1. Mr. Winans continuing shooting, put five more shots in the bull, making a string of 15.

One of the best known riflemen in Connecticut, who is rated as one of the best marksmen in the country, is Mr. W. H. Beardsley, of Bridgeport. He has made himself conspicuous among the fraternity during the past few years by his fine shooting. On May 30, at the Readmoor range, Bridgeport, Conn., he fired 60 shots on the Standard American target, at 200 yards off-hand, in series of ten shots, scoring 52 bull's-eyes. There were two consecutive clean scores and a run of 25 consecutive bull's-eyes, which is a feat few marksmen ever expect to equal.

As in 1887, the biennial competition of distinguished United States marksmen will take place at the Bellevue rifle range, near Omaha, under the superintendency of Col. Guy V. Henry, of Gen Brooke's Staff, which is a guarantee of success. The cavalry rifle competitions are divided between Forts Robinson, Leavenworth and Wingate. There is not quite so much excitement about these contests as formerly, but, nevertheless, some first class work may be expected, and the real practical benefit is ever on the increase, and the zealous efforts towards perfection in the use of the arm are unabated.

Capt. G. Henry Witthaus, a director of the National Rifle Association of America, well known to riflemen who have visited Creedmoor for several years past, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head May 30. The deceased was a popular New York gentleman, possessing wealth and a host of friends. He was a member of the 9th Regiment of the Old Guard, and belonged to the Hoboken Turtle Club, the Thirteen Club, the Press Club, the Liederkrantz and Arion Societies and the Young Men's Democratic Club. He was assistant to Gen. Charles F. Robbins, the Inspector of Rifle Practice for the State of New York, and rendered valuable assistance at Creedmoor as assistant executive officer, his uniform courtesy to the press representatives being well remembered. The deceased was 46 years of age.

The Massachusetts Rifle Team started for England this week. The team had a full practice over the ranges of Fort Warren, Boston Harbour, on Decoration Day. The weather was quite unpleasant, with rain and mist, the scoring, as much as could be learned of it, was not up to the standard desired. This can be accounted for, as the team had to shoot from the top of the fort across the main channel over to another island, and with no flags for windage it was impossible to keep in the four ring. There is but little change from the Creedmoor team of last year. The shooting men will probably be Major Hinman, Lieuts. Bumstead, Eads, Johnson and Hussey, Sergeants Merrill, Bull and Doyle, Privates Huddleson, Farrow, Farnsworth, Bull. Over \$5,000 has been subscribed, and there is no doubt about the balance. The first match of the team will be on July 2, with the Berkshire County Team, with London Rifle Brigade on July 3, with South London Team July 4, Sussex County Team July 5, and with the team of the Honourable Artillery Company on July 6. This completes the series; the team then goes to the Wimbledon meeting.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "A smokeless powder has been produced at last, so now the only possible objection to the introduction of a heavy quick firing gun for artillery purposes is conclusively removed. Captain Noble, of the Elswick firm at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has invented a powder which appears to be perfectly reliable, and which is at the same time practically smokeless and noiseless in its explosion. The War Office has almost decided upon its use not only for small arms, but, in a modified form, for machine and quick firing guns, and experimental trials are about to be instituted with it at Lydd on a very considerable scale. Noble's powder is a curious greyish-looking material, in long threads or a whipcord-like form, presumably from the shape it assumes under hydraulic pressure. Its action is most startling. At 300 yards range not a sound is heard when a volley is fired with it, and only a faint haze arises, which is almost imperceptible; whilst a shower of bullets is seen to fall upon the targets, an effect produced seemingly without a cause!"

AT CREEDMOOR.

The fall meeting of the National Rifle Association of America will probably commence at Creedmoor, Tuesday, September 10.

The Qualification Match of 1889.—100 and 200 yds., 5 shots at each range, Remington rifle, .50cal. (N. Y. State model), standing at 100 yds., kneeling or sitting at 200 yds. Competitors allowed re-entries in each competition at the discretion of the executive officer.

The directors of the National Rifle Association will hold a 10-days' shooting during the three summer months, with matches especially for National Guardsmen, according to the following programme:—

The Marksman's Badge Match.—Open to all members of the N. G. S. N. Y., 200 and 500 yds., 5 shots at each range, Remington rifle, .50 cal. (N. Y. State model), standing at 200yds., lying prone at 500yds.

The shooting days for the several matches are as follows:—June 8 and 15, July 4, 13 and 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17 and 24, and Sept. 2, commencing at 9.30 A.M., except July 4, when shooting will begin at 8.30.

The Sharpshooter's Match.—Conditions as to distance, weapon and position same as in the marksman's badge match; first prize 10; second, 8; third, 6; fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh, 4 per cent. of entrance money.

The competitor making the highest score in each match will be awarded a gold marksman's badge for 1889, offered by the National Rifle Association, to be held by him until the next succeeding match, the badge to finally become the property of the competitor who shall win it the greatest number of times prior to Nov. 5, 1889. In case of a tie it will be decided in favor of the competitor having the next highest total score (or scores) made on a date other than that on which he was a winner, and only the highest score made on any day to count.

Messrs. A. B. Van Heusen, Wm. Robertson, J. L. Price, C. H. Eagle, T. J. Dolan and H. T. Lockwood, winners of the champion marksman's badge for the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885, and G. W. Munson, J. S. Shepherd, J. F. Klein, S. C. Pirie and G. S. Scott, Jr., winners of the gold marksman's badges of 1883, 1884, 1885, 1887 and 1889, also members of the National Rifle Association, are not eligible to win the principal prize in this match.

Any prize winner making a total of 45 or over may, if he so elects, receive a silver medal in lieu of cash, and a winner making a score of 43 or better may receive a bronze badge in place of a money prize, but any winner of a medal or badge cannot afterward compete for a money prize. Any winner accepting a cash prize may in any subsequent match win a silver medal by making a score of 45 or over, or a bronze badge by scoring 43 or over, and any winner of a bronze badge may, in any match, by making a score of at least 45 points, be entitled to exchange the same for a silver medal. No competitor can win both a badge and a medal or more than one cash prize. Winners of medals and badges of 1887 and 1888, who make scores entitling them to again receive such prizes may, if they so prefer, receive a bar for the year 1889.

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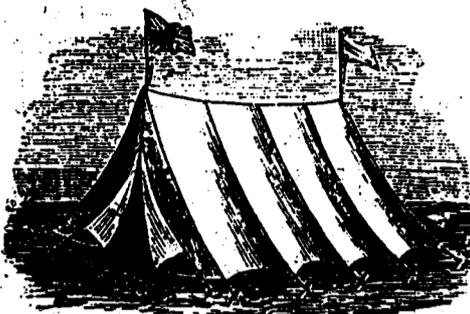
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