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Comment and Criticism.

THE prize meeting of the Dominion rifle association, the scores of the opening days' shooting at which appear in another place in this issue has been fairly successful. The attendance again shows a gratifying increase, and the weather has been pleasant, except to the competitors when trying to gauge the wind with Snider rifles, and the arrangements have been carried out pretty smoothly. Several grievances have existed, however, which owing to the late hour at which the competitors' business meeting opened, and the long time occupied on that occasion in expounding the merits of the Snider ammunition, could not there be brought up and discussed. To some of these we propose to refer next week, when the balance of the report of the annual meeting will appear.

PROMOTION comes so slowly in the Canadian permanent force that it would be a very great injustice to the deserving officers serving in it were outsiders appointed to the higher commands upon the occurrence of vacancies. It would be greatly to be regretted were political considerations to cause any officer, no matter how well qualified, to be placed upon joining the force in any of the higher positions to which subalterns fitted for promotions might have reasonably expected to succeed. "Justice" refers to this matter in our correspondence columns.

THE British service papers seem fully alive to the importance of the Canadian Pacific Railway as a military route, and lose no opportunity to put in a word on its behalf. The United Service Gazette, in a leading article in the last issue to hand says:—"Recently we drew attention to a proposal made to Government for establishing steam communication between Canada and Hong Kong across the Pacific Ocean, in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway. As a question of Imperial importance, from a naval and military as well as from a commercial point of view, this proposal should meet with material support from the authorities. On this subject we notice that a memorial has been forwarded to the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer by the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute. Premising that the construction of the railway across Canada has cost the Dominion £25,000,000, the memorialists press upon Government the three following points:—1. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have, with the support of the Canadian Government, offered to supply fast steam communication between Vancouver and Hong Kong-the service to be performed by vessels to be built under the supervision of the admiralty. 2. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company are prepared to establish this service across the Pacific and to carry Her Majesty's mails for an annual subsidy of £60,000, of which the Canadian Government have, it is stated, offered to provide £15,000, leaving the sum of

£45,000 only as the proportion that Her Majesty's Government are asked to contribute. In addition, the company undertake to convey men and material by their steamers, when required, by Her Majesty's Government, at actual cost. 3. The value of the North Pacific station, both for its coaling facilities and for refitting ships, is well known and recognized. Consequently anything that can be done to strengthen it must be an advantage to the empire, and it is believed that the establishment of the proposed line of steamers would have a most beneficial result in this direction.

THE article above quoted concludes vigorously as follows: "It is unnecessary to say that in any other country in the world the above very liberal offer would immediately be accepted. Government in this country, however, has been so carefully trained to strain at gnats and swallow camels, that it higgles over an insignificant sum required to promote a branch of national and colonial industry, while it does not hesitate to squander public money in all directions. Were Parliament asked for the above sum it would be cheerfully voted, for the matter is of the utmost importance to the empire, whether regarded in its political or defensive or in its purely commercial aspect."

In connection with the talked of re-organization of the British war office, Truth says: "In France the war minister is supreme head of the army. He is commander-in-chief as well as minister. There is no one over him. Parliament is his only master. The chief of the French general staff is under his orders; so are the commanders of army corps districts. In case of war, the commander-in-chief in the field reports direct to the war minister. Under this system the French chamber can, and does, exercise, through the responsible minister, a proper control over both the comptabilité and commandement of the national army."

HE subject of regular autumnal manœuvres for the army has of late .occupied considerable attention in the United States. The following from an article in the Philadelphia Ledger may prove interesting to our readers: "We want active service for the experience and valuable instruction to be derived, and in order that the dead wood that now encumbers the army may be cut off. If congress would do something, even to retire from the army the blind, the lame and the halt officers, the efficiency of the military service would be increased and its esprit de eorps materially advanced. The establishment of fall manœuvres, provided all officers were required to exercise their proper command, would make plain the absolute necessity for a closer inspection of the regular army and the weeding out of the inefficient. Of course, the state militia would be assisted and improved by mingling for a period with the regular troops, but the latter would derive more benefit from such association than the former. A majority of the young officers of the army have never seen a thousand men under arms at one time, and few of them have ever had opportunity to command a full company. The assembly of a large body of men would therefore be of great service to these young officers, and would enable them to apply their knowledge and training acquired at West Point,"

Obituary.

Death last week robbed the Canadian force of a zealous and promising young cavalry officer in the person of Capt. H. Weller, the officer commanding "B" troop of the Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons, whose headquarters are at Millbrook, in the Township of Cavan, Ont. Capt. Weller had a very brief illness, and his death was quite unexpected. The deceased, who was the only son of Mr. Justice Weller of Peterborough, held a first class A certificate from the Quebec cavalry school. He was a very enthusiastic officer, in addition to being thoroughly posted in the duties of his rank, and always brought to the annual camps a full troop of Cavan yeomen of which any commanding officer might justly feel proud. The regiment will greatly feel his loss. He was buried with military honors on Saturday last at Peterboro, the place of his birth. Lt.-Col. Henry Rogers commanded the escort furnished by the regiment.

The Ontario Provincial Matches.

was brought to a close on the first two days' shooting a remaining matches will be found	Thur appea l bele	Ontario provincial rifle association sday afternoon last. The scores of ared in last issue. Those of the ow, together with further particulars tals of the Wakler match, fired on
5TH MATCH-WALKER,	500	AND 600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.
, Te	am .	Prizes.
1 Ladies' Challenge Cup and \$30—10th R. Staff-sergt T Mitchell. Capt J Bruce. Sergt W Mowat Staff-sergt Dent "Curran"	61 56 51	2. \$25—Hamilton Rifle Association. Sergt Goodwin
Total	251	Total 231
3. \$20—Metropolitan R. A., Ottawa. Staff-sergt Newby, Guards Pte J D Taylor do Lieut Gray, do Pte Morrison, do Capt Wright, 43rd.	42	4. \$15—13th battalion. Corpl Marris. 58 Staff-sergt Margetts 45 " Pain 44 Capt Adam. 44 Pte D Mitchell 35
Total		Total 226
Sergt Rolston		battalion. 47
Lieut Vanloon Lieut. Anderson Lieut Knox		46
		224
The scores of other competing tea		
Queen's Own Rifles Bowmanville Rifle Association Twelfth battalion Guelph Rifle Association Fifth Royal Scots R Assn Queen's Own Rifle Assn Kingston Rifle Assn Fifth Royal Scots. Owen Sound Rifle Assn Manitoba Rifle Assn Thirty-first battalion.	222 221 220 218 218 216 216 214 209 208 200	Victoria County Rifle Assn 197 Ontario County Rifle Assn 194 Huron Rifle Assn 191 East Durham Rifle Assn 188 West District Rifle Assn 185 Orillia Rifle Assn 181 Winnipeg Rifle Range Co 181 Perth Rifle Assn 180 Milton Rifle Assn 154 Dufferin Rifles Rifle Assn 135
		al Prizes.
\$20 Staff-sergt T Mitchell, 10th 31 30 15 Corpl H Marris, 13th 31 27 10 Capt J Bruce, 10th 28 28 10 Pte G Thompson, 12th 28 26 7 Sergt Crooks, Q O R 31 23 7 Sergt W M Goodwin, 13th 30 23 5 Staff-Sergt W Clarke, 13th 25 27 5 Sergt W Mowat, 10th 26 25 5 Pte Robertson, 28th 30 21 5 " D Beach, Bowmanville R A 22 28 5 G E Whitten, Orillia R A 23 27 5 Pte E F Raymond, 77th 24 26 5 " Jas Goodall, 45th 27 23 5 " Armstrong, 13th 27 23 5 Staff-sergt Ashall, Q O R 29 21 5 Lieut D Cartwright, 47th 30 20 5 Capt Newton, 5th 26 23 5 Capt Bailey, R L 28 21 5 Pte Jas Hunter, 46th 29 20 5 Staff-sergt Newton, 1sth 26 23 5 " Armstrong, 1st B F A 22 26 5 Pte Wm Hilton, Bowmanville RA 24 24 5 Staff-Sergt J Wynne, 5th 27 21 5 Pte J D Taylor, Guards 32 16	58 56 54 53 53 55 50 50 50 50 50 49 49 48 48 48	\$4 Staff-sergt A Bell, 12th 32 16 48 4 J O Page, Waterdown R A 22 25 47 4 Sergt J Rolston, 37th 23 24 47 4 Capt W M Cooper, 12th 24 23 47 4 Sergt F Kennedy, Q O R 24 23 47 4 Pte Wm Wilson, 31st 27 20 47 4 Lieut H H Gray, Guards 28 19 47 4 Pte J D Forman, 12th 20 26 46 4 Capt B A Griffith, 37th 23 23 46 4 Pte G Baker 26 20 46 4 Lieut J S Roberts, 33rd 26 20 46 4 Lieut J S Roberts, 33rd 26 20 46 4 Col-sergt C N Mitchell, 90th 26 20 46 4 Staff-sergt Ogg, 1st B F A 27 19 4 Capt E G Zealand, 13th 28 18 46 4 Lieut W S Russell, Bowmanville RA 31 15 4 " C Vanloon, 37th 19 26 45 4 Capt Robson, 26th 22 23 45 4 Sergt Macklin, 90th 26 19 45 4 Sergt Macklin, 90th 26 19 45 4 Capt W Moore, 20th 27 18 5 Sergt Macklin, 90th 27 18 5 Staff-sergt G Margetts, 13th 27 18 5 Staff-sergt G Margetts, 13th 27 18 5 Pte Morrison, Guards 29 16
		0, 500 AND 600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.
	ion T	leam Prizes.
1. Tait Cup and \$60—45th battalion. Pte W Hilton Lieut W S Russell Staff-sergt J B Mitchel Pte J Morris Capt S Hughes. Pte J Sando Staff-sergt W King Pte J Goodall	80 79 78 74 70 68 68 61	2. \$505th Royal Scots. Staff-sergt Wynne

1. Tait Cup and \$60-45th battalion.	2. \$505th Royal Scots.
Pte W Hilton 8	80 Staff-sergt Wynne
Lieut W S Russell	70 Pte Smith.
Staff-sergt I B Mitchel	78 Capt Hood
Pte J Morris 7	74 "Newton
Capt S Hughes 70	70 Bandsman Cook
Pte I Sando 6	68 Major Blaiklock6
Staff-sergt W King 6	68 Color-sergt Allan 69
Pte J Goodall 6	61 Sergt Brown 55
Total 57	

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3. \$40—10th Royal Grenadiers.		4. \$30—12th battalion.	40
Staff-sergt T Mitchell	79 75		68 68
Capt I Bruce	74	- 1 1	67
Staff-sergt J Dent	72		67
" A Curran	63		66
Pte W Jack Sergt T W Curzon	61 62		58 52
Pte Cochrane	60		49
	-	m 1	
Total	540	Total 4	195
5. \$20—13th battalion.		Other battalion scores were:	
Pte D Mitchell	74		184
Staff-sergt Clarke	70 62		165 134
" J Adam	61		131
Sergt Goodwin	60		
Staff-sergt Payne	50		
Lt-Col Gibson	55 55		
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Total	493		
· Comp	any	Prizes.	
1. Brassey Cup and \$25-No. 1 Co., 45th B	•	2. \$20- G Co., 10th R. G.	
Pte W Hilton	80	Staff-sergt T Mitchell	79
Lieut W S Russell	79	Capt Bruce	74
Staff-sergt J B Mitchel	78	Staff-sergt J Dent	72
Pte J H Morris	74 68	Sergt Curzon Pte W Jack	61
J Sando		rie w jack	
Total	379 ·	Total	348
3. \$15-A Co., 13th battalion.		4. \$10-C Co., 13th battalion.	
Staff-sergt Clarke	70	Pte D Mitchell	74
Pte J Omand	68	Pte J R Adam	65
Sergt Goodwin	61 60	Capi ZealandStaff-sergt Payne	65 56
Staff-sergt Margetts		Pte A Murdoch	54
m . i		m . 1	
Total		Total	314
India	vidua	l Prizes.	
\$25 Staff-sergt J R Wynne, 5th 29 30 23	82	\$5 Staff-sergt Bleasdell, 91st 25 26 18	69
20 Pte A S Kimmerly, 49th 29 27 25	81	5 Pte las Omand, 13th 26 20 22	68
15 Capt J Wright, 43rd 30 27 24	81 8-	5 " Robertson, 20th 28 23 17	68
10 "L I Thomas, 54th 31 28 22 10 Staff-sergt Armstrong, 1st BFA 30 27 23	81 80	4 Staff-sergt F Brown, 12th 31 21 16 4 Pte John Sando, B R A 25 28 15	68 68
10 Bdsman W S Young, B R A 30 28 22	80	4 " D Beach, B R A 26 27 15	68
7 Pte Wm Hilton, BRA 30 28 22	80	4 "G Ronan, 12th 30 24 14	68
7 Staff-sergt J Mitchell, 10th 28 26 25 7 Lieut W S Russell, B R A 25 32 22	79	4 Staff-sergt W King, B R A 29 27 12 4 Pte G Thompson, 12th 28 21 18	68
7 Pte D Smith, 5th 27 24 27	79 78	4 " E Doole, 10th 24 26 17	67 67
5 Staff-sergt J B Mitchel, B R A 29 24 25	78	4 Sergt Cullen, 90th 27 23 17	67
5 Lieut F B Ross, 13th 30 25 23	78	4 Bandsman G Cooke, 5th 30 20 17	67
5 Corpl J Crowe, 1st B F A 30 27 20 5 Lieut W Anderson 30 27 19	77 76	4 Pte J F Gregory, Q O R 25 26 16 4 Corpl W Swaine, 14th 29 22 16	67 67
5 Sergt W Mowat, 10th 27 25 23	75		67
5 Pte E G Courtice, 33rd 20 27 19	75	4 " J D Forman, 12th 26 28 13	67
5 Major Delamere, QOR 27 30 18	75	4 Lieut Rennie, Q O R 30 25 12	67
5 Pte D Mitchell, 13th 30 19 25 5 " John Morris, B R A 25 27 22	74 74	4 Pte John Curtis, B R A 26 21 19 4 Lieut Lanskail, 12th 28 22 16	66 66
5 Capt J Bruce, 10th 30 24 20	74 74	4 Pte W Gamble, 46th 28 25 13	66
5 Col-sergt N Mitchell, 90th 32 23 19	74	4 Capt B Griffith, 37th 30 13 22	65
5 P te M Lang, 77th	74	4 Pte Sylvestre, Vic Co R A 25 20 20 4 " J Adam, 13th 25 20 20	65
5 Capt J Hood, 5th 28 25 19	72 72	4 "Robertson, 28th 29 16 20	65 65
5 Staff-sergt J Dent, 10th 33 21 18	72	4 Staff-sergt Newby, Guards 26 23 16	65
5 Sergt Vanwycke, 31st 29 18 24	71	4 Capt E G Zealand, 13th 27 22 16	65
5 Staff-sergt J A Williamson, Vic Co R A 28 20 23	21	4 Col-sergt Hewgill, Q O R 27 23 15 4 Pte P F Robertson, 13th 27 23 15	65 65
5 Lieut W H Hill, 57th 27 24 20	71 71	4 Asst-surg McLaughlin, BR A. 29 21 15	65
5 Lieut H H Gray, Guards 28 23 20	71	4 Lieut Vanloon, 37th 30 20 15	65
5 Pte Morrison, Guards 29 27 15	71	4 Corpl E Sealy, Perth R A 25 17 22	74
5 "T Hiscott, 7th	70 70	4 Pte Wm Kirwin, 31st 25 19 20 4 " Wm Wilson, 31st 24 21 19	64 64
5 Staff-sergt H Clarke, 13th 29 23 18	70 70	4 Capt W G Reid, 13th 25 22 17	64
5 Capt Newton, 5th 25 30 15	70	4 Staff-sergt Curran, 10th 29 16 18	63
5 Corpl H Tew, 10th 22 22 25	69 60	4 Pte Jas Wilson, Perth R A 25 21 17	63
5 Lieut Johnson, Q O R 25 24 20 5 Lieut A D Cartwright, 47th 28 21 20	69 69	4 Lieut Thos Munro, 15th 26 20 17 4 W Bell, 37th 28 18 17	63 63
	•	E AGGREGATES.	•
First Series—	-Nest	ricted to Ontario.	
Highest aggregates in 3rd, 4th, 5t	h and	d 500 and 600 yards of 6th matches.	

Highest aggregates	in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 500 and 600 yards of 6th mat	ches.
1 Governor-Gener	al's silver medal, Lieut W S Russell, Bowmanville R A	151
2 do	bronze medal, Staff-sergt T Mitchell, 10th R G	151

Second Series - Restricted to Ontario.

Highest aggregate in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th matches.	
Elkington Cup-Corpl. H. Marris, 13th battalion	133

Third Series—Open to the Dominion. Aggregate of scores in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th matches.

	Macdon	Gilmou	Gordon	Walker.	TaitBra	Total.
ORA medal and \$20, Staff-sergt T Mitchell, 10th	30	20	19	61	79	209
15 Pte Wm Hilton, Bowmanville R A	24	31	21	48	80	204
10 Lieut W S Russell, do	2ĥ	29	22	46	79	202
10 Staff-sergt J R Wynne, 5th	26	28	11	48	82	195
10 Capt J Wright, 43rd	28	29	15	42	81	195
10 Corpl H Marris, 13th	27	30	18	38	62	195
10 Pte D Smith, 5th	30	26	20	20	78	193
5 Capt Newton, 5th	26	25	23	49	70	193
5 Staff-sergt Armstrong, 1st B F A	25	20	19	48	8o	192
5 Lieut A D Cartwright, 47th	24	28	21	50	69	192
5 Lieut H H Gray, Guards	30	26	17	47	71	191
5 Corpl. John Crowe, 1st B F S	24	28	19	42	77	190
5 Staff-sergt J B Mitchel, Bowmanville R A	20	24	16	42	78	189
5 Corpl W Swaine, 14th	10	30	31	42	67	78ő
5 Color-Sergt N Mitchell, 90th	2 6	24	18	46	74	188
5 Pte A S Kimmerly, 49th	25	24	17	40	Ši	187
5 Sergt Vanwycke, 31st	23	22	21	50	71	187
5 Lieut F B Ross, 13th	26	24	21	37	78	186
5 Capt J Bruce, 10th	28	21	7	56	74	186
5 Staff-sergt W H Clarke, 13th	25	23	ıĠ	52	70	186
5 " J Dent, 10th	23	28	18	44	72	185
5 Pte G Thompson, 12th	28	25	11	54	67	185
5 " Wm Wilson, 31st	25	27	22	47	64	185
5 Staff-sergt Ashall, Q O R	29	25	18	50	63	185
5 Sergt Rolston, 37th	27	28	21	47	62	185
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8. GIBSON—MARTINI. First stage, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots. Second Stage-800 and 900 yards, 7 shots. Open to the twenty-five highest scorers in first stage. \$25 Scrgt Harp, Q O R. 54 \$to Lieut Clarke, 91st. 45 20 Stafl-sergt T Mitchell, R G. 51 10 Sergt I Rolston, 37th. 45 15 Lieut H H Gray, Guards 47 10 Lieut A D Cartwright, 47th 44 10 S.-Sergt Ogg, 1st B F A 46 IO. GZOWSKI. First Series—Skirmishing. Five rounds advancing, and five retiring, at ranges from 100 to 500. \$30 Tenth Royal Grenadiers 142 \$15 Twelfth Battalion 99 25 Thirteenth Battalion 131 10 Fifth Royal Scots 75 20 Queen's Own Rifles 99 Second Series.—Volley Firing. 200 and 400 yards, 5 rounds at each. The silver cup presented by Col. Gzowski for the highest aggregate in both the above competitions was won by the Royal Grenadiers, whose total was 240 points. There were only five teams entered for each of these competitions. ### There were only live teams entered for each of these competitions. ### II. REVOLVER—25 YARDS, 7 ROUNDS. ### Proceedings of the process 12. FRODSHAM-EXTRA SERIES. No. 2 .- Martini, 500 yards. No. 1.—Snider, 500 yards. Pte Robertson, 13th ... 35 Capt Adam, 13th ... 32 Col-sergt T Mitchell, R G ... 32 Staff-sergt S Pain, 13th ... 32 " Zealand, 13th ... 31 Lieut Robson, H R A ... 31 Pte Sando 4sth ... 31 Lieut Robson, H R A. 31 Pte Sando, 45th. 31 " J R Morris, 45th 31 Capt S Hughes, 45th 31 " J Hood, 5th. 31 A Campbell 31 Pte Hilton, 45th 30 " C K Grigg 30 Major Blaiklock, 5th 29 Staff-sergt W C King, 45th 29 Staff-sergt C N Mitchell, 90th 29 Staff-sergt C With 29 Staff-sergt Curran, R G 29 Lieut W H Hill, 57 Staff-sergt Graburn, 91st 29 WS Duncan, Q O R 29 W S Duncan, Q O R 29 No. 3.—Snider, 600 yards. Staff-sergt T Mitchell, R G 27 Lieut Russell, 45th 27 Capt Fox, 20th 27 Col-sergt Mitchell, 90th 27 Staff-sergt Margetts, 13th 26 Q-M-sergt Armstrong 26 Pte Ronan, 12th 26 Staff-sergt W C King, B R A 25 Pte D Mitchell, 13th 25 " A Ross, 90th 25 Sergt Goodwin, 13th 25 Capt Bruce, R G 25 Major Blaiklock, 5th 24 Sergt Roberts 24 No. 4. - Martini, 600 yards. No. 4:—Martini, 600 yards. Licut Ross, 13th 31 Sergt Macklin, 90th 31 Staff-sergt Ogg, 1st B F A 30 " J B Mitchell, 45th 30 " T Mitchell, R G 30 Q-M-sergt Armstrong, 1st B F A 30 Sergt Goodwin, 13th 30 Pte Kimmerly, 49th 29 Staff-sergt Margetts, 13th 29 Lieut Gray, Guards 29 Sergt Robertson, 20th 29 Pte Marris, 45th 29 Pte Marris, 45th 29 Capt Hood, 5th 29 Staff-sergt W C King, 45th 28 Capt Griffith, 37th 28 Extra Series-Aggregates. For highest aggregate in Nos. 1 and 3, a silver For highest aggregate in Nos. 2 and 4 silver Staff-sergt T Mitchell, R G 59 Q-M-sergt Armstrong, 1st B F A..... 63 THE STAFF MATCH. On Thursday afternoon, the regular matches having been completed, the registerkeepers and markers had their usual competition which resulted in the prizes being taken by those named below. The range was 400 yards, seven rounds. Sergt-major J Munro, C Co...... 31 Corpl Brydon, Q O R..... 20 Sergt-major J Munro, C Co 31 Corpl Fowler, do 27 Sergt Hall, do 25 Color-Sergt Cusack, R G 24 Sergt Bettles, 13th 24 Q-M-sergt Spry, T F B 22 Colsergt Stannard, 13th 22 Sergt Jack, R.G 21 Sergt Riddell, R G 20 Corpl Staton, Q O R 20 Sergt Harding, R G 20 Corpl Brydon, Q O R. 20 Sergt Galloway, C Co. 18 Sergt-major Spence, T G A. 18 Bugler Orr, Q O R. 18 Sergt-Major Woodman, T F B. 17 Sergt Calladine, R G. 16 Gr Brown, T F B. 16 Sergt-major Snider, W F B. 15 Sergt Berthon, Q O R. 13 Sergt Baker, R G. 11 Bugler Honis, Q O R. 11

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A meeting of the council of the association was held on Wednesday afternoon, Lt.-Col. Gibson presiding. The chief business was the election of officers, regarding which the chairman expressed the opinion that nominations for the presidency ought not to be confined to gentlemen officially connected with the association or to shooting men. The election of an outsider would connect them to the public more than they were at present, and might secure for them the sympathy of the public in a desirable way. Three names had been suggested to him for the position of president, viz.:—Lt.-Col. Otter, Wm. Mulock, M.P., and Mr. Geo. Gooderham. Regarding the firstnamed gentleman, the association would be unanimous to have him at its head, and were the colonel ready to accept the position nothing could be more fitting or graceful than to offer him the honor, in view of his long connection and invaluable services to the association, of which he had been secretary for twelve or thirteen years. Lt.-Col. Otter, however, had assured him that he did not feel his way clear to accept of the honor, which, in view of the important business that the council would be called upon to consider during the year, they would much regret.

Lt.-Col. Otter was, notwithstanding his protestations, unanimously elected, but having declined to accept the position, Lt.-Col. Gibson was re-elected. He also declined to act and several other names having been suggested, officers were finally elected as follows:—President, Wm. Mulock, M.P., vice-presidents, 1st Military District, Lt.-Col. Aylmer; 2nd Military District, Lt.-Col. Jones, Dufferin Rifles; 3rd Military District, Lieut. Macnachtan, Cobourg garrison artillery; 4th Military District, Lt.-Col. Macpherson, Militia Staff. Treasurer, Lt.-Col. Alger, District Paymaster. Auditors, Capt. Boomer, retired list; Seymour Porter, Esq., Toronto. Secretary, Capt. W. G. Mutton, Q.O.R.

THE RANGE QUESTION.

Lt.-Col. Otter explained his position on the range question. He said he was one of the members of the council who had opposed any negotiations with the city council or the Industrial Exhibition Association. He opposed their overtures because he was firmly confinced that if the exhibition association once got a foothold the grounds would soon be lost entirely. His action in the matter was altogether due to his wish that no injury would be done to the interests of the O.R.A. Did he think those interests could be furthered or left unimpaired by some arrangement in the direction proposed by either of the bodies he had referred to, he would give in gracefully, but meantime he was compelled by conviction to maintain so far as he could the attitude he had already assumed.

The president suggested that a committee, consisting of the president, Lt. Cols. Otter, Gilson, Macdonald (Guelph), and Capt. Bruce, should be appointed to receive communications from the city or exhibition association to act in the matter generally, and to report to a future meeting of the council. The suggestion was agreed to.

The president intimated that the board of enquiry into the state of the ranges

would meet on September 8, and would make recommendations as to the adoption of rules providing for the future use of the ranges, if such were found necessary; upon which the meeting agreed that the ranges would be declared closed from the close of the O. R. A. matches at present going on until the report of the board of enquiry should have been submitted.

Dominion Rifle Association Prize Meeting.

THE annual prize competition of the Dominion Rifle Association opened on Monday morning under very happy auspices, the weather being fine, and the outlook in all respects good. The competitors from a distance had nearly all arrived in Ottawa early enough to secure their tickets and make other arrangements on Saturday, and thus a great amount of confusion was avoided on the opening morning. Rideau hill presented much the same appearance as usual, though there was a noticeable increase in the number of tents pitched, as not only is the attendance this year larger than ever before, but a larger proportion have preferred to go under canvas rather than live in hotels for the week.

At half-past eight Monday morning the first gun was fired, and upon the sound of the second, fifteen minutes later, the thirty-five targets provided for the meeting rose into view and the firing commenced, simultaneously at the 500 yards range for the Nursery match and Extra series, at 600 and at 800 yards for extra series. The following were the prize winners in the matches, fired during the first two days, which is all that time will permit of being published in this issue:—

Monday, 29th August.

I. NURSERY MATCH-	500 YARDS, 5 ROUNDS.
\$20 Col-sergt Donnelly, Q O R	\$4 Corp Cribb, 78th
10 Major Demors, 17th	4 Sergt Adams, 62nd
10 Corpl Swaine, 14th	4 Lieut Fletcher, 67th
10 Sergt Archer, C G A	4 " McCowan, 6th
5 Major Jackson, 85th 20 5 Major Roman, 85th 20 5 C P McNeil, L'Orignal 20 5 Capt Hughes, 45th 20	4 Pte Beach, 45th 18 4 Sergt Pratt, Mon Eng 13 4 Pte Johnson, 51st 18 4 "Lordly, 62nd 18
5 Staff-sergt Curran, 10th	4 Sergt Byrd, 53rd
5 " Fairweather, Guards	3 Mr Nutting, O R C
5 Pte Johnson, T R A	3 Sergt Robinson, 45th
5 Sergt Vanwyck, 31st	3 Scrigt Dowker, M.G.A

Nursery Match	
3 Lieut Longworth, P E I G A	3 Lieut Johnson, Q O C
3 Capt Asselstine, 41st 17	3 Lieut Johnson, Q O C
3 Pte Russell, 60th	3 Pte Bell, 57th
3 Sergt Ells, 65th 17	3 Mr White, Prescott 16
3 Pte Carmichael, 56th	3 Mr Wetmore, St John Rifles
3 Dr Hutchison, O R C	3 "Murdock, 13th 16
3 Gr McNachtan, C G A	3 "Burns, 62nd
3 Sergt McDonald, 43rd	Fifteen 16's counted out.
2. MACDOUGALL MATCH. —400	AND 600 YARDS, 5 ROUNDS.
\$30 and cup—Lt Vaughan, 5th 18 24 42	\$5 Bomb Faulkner, H G A 18 19 37
25 Lieut Gray, Guards 21 21 42 20 Capt Brown, 54th 22 20 42	5 Corpl Currie, 5th
15 " McMicking, 44th 23 19 42	5 Gr Campbell, H G A 20 17 37
15 _ " Corpl Marris, 13th 18 23 41	5 Lieut H C Chamberlin, 43rd 19 17 36
10 Lieut Russell, 45th	5 Sergt Macklin, 90th
10 Sergt Goodwin, 13th 20 20 40	5 Lieut Cartwright, 47th 19 17 36
10 Pte Murdoch, 13th 21 19 40 10 Corpl Crowe, 1st B F A 21 19 40	5 " Dimock, 78th
10 Pte Noble, 7th 24 16 40	5 " Harp, QOR 20 16 36
10 Corpl Cribb, 78th	5 Sergt Macdonald, 43rd 20 16 36
10 Sergt Mowat, 10th 20 19 39 10 Lieut Langstroth, 8th Cav 21 18 39	5 Pte Holtby, Guards
10 Pte Morris, 45th 21 18 39	4 Bandsman Dufreytas, 63rd 21 15 36
10 Lieut Fiske, 63rd	4 Pte Hawkins, 81st
8 Staff-sergt Wilson, 33rd 23 16 39	4 Col sergt Henderson, 62nd 21 14 35
8 Pte D Cameron, 57th 24 15 39	4 Gr Wilson, H G A
8 "Hutcheson, 43rd 25 14 39 8 Corpl Swaine, 14th 18 20 38	4 Capt Spike, ooth
8 Sergt Henderson, 25th 18 20 38	4 Capt Zealand, 13th 21 14 35
8 " Ells, 68th 19 19 38 8 Sergt Anthony 6th 20 18 38	4 Pte Thompson, 12th
8 Lieut Smith, St John R 20 18 38	4 Sergt Macfarlane, H G A 24 11 35
8 Pte Gregory, Q O R 20 18 38	4 Capt Panton, 20th
8 "Purcelle, 25th	4 Staff-sergt Graburn, 91st 16 18 34 4 Pte Mitchell, 13th
5 Sergt Archer, Q O R 21 17 38	4 Lieut Clarke, 91st 18 16 34
5 " Adams, 62nd	4 Major Wilson, 33rd
5 " Short, Guards 23 15 38	4 Staff-sergt Cawdron, Guards 18 16 34
5 Pte McAfee, 1st PW R 16 21, 38	Eleven 34's counted out.
3. RIDEAU MATCH—6	
\$30 Pte Wilson, 31st	\$5 Lt Longworth, P E I G A
20 Staff-sergt Pain, 13th	5 Capt Thomas, 54th 21
15 "Cleveland, 54th	5 Pte Courtice, 33rd
10 Capt Anderson, retired list	5 Lt Chamberlin, 43rd
10 Staff-sergt Brown, 12th 24	5 Q-M. sergt John Ogg, 1st Brigade 21
10 Color.sergt C N Mitchell, 90th 24 10 Pte T Robert, 62nd 24	5 Sergt Henderson, 25th
10 Ft R McAfee, 1st P W R 24	5 Capt James Adam, 13th
10 Sergt Short, Guards	4 Major Wilson, 33rd
10 " J Rolston, 37th	4 Sergt Spencer, Halifax 21
10 Pte Cameron, 57th	4 Pte Graham, 13th 21
8 Sergt Langstroth, 8th Cav	4 Capt Bell, 43rd
8 Pte J Ward, 6th	4 Sergt Lordly, 62nd
8 Sergt Case, H G A	4 Gr A Wilson, H G A
8 " W H Cullen, 90th	4 Capt Zealand, 13th
8 Sergt H Miner, 71st	4 Capt Harris, Halifax20
8 Capt G A McMicking, 44th	4 Pte D Mitchell, 13th 20
8 Corpl H Morris, 13th	4 Color-sergt Gorman, 3rd
5 Lt Abbott, 1st	4 Staff-sergt Jamieson, 43rd
5 Sergt Marks, 6th	4 Pte Clarke, 53rd
5 Pte James Waters, 6th	4 Sergt Mowat, 10th 20
5 Lt-Col Gibson, 13th	4 " Mumford, 63rd
5 Sergt Adams, 62nd	4 Color-Sergt Donnelly, O O R
5 Staff-sergt J A Williamson, 45th 22	4 Lt Huston, 91st
5 Lt R J Spearing, 53rd22	Eleven 19's counted out.
Tuesday, 30	
4. MANUFACTURERS' MATCI	H-500 YARDS, 7 ROUNDS.
\$30 Staff-sergt Ross, 1st	\$5 Sergt Mumford, 63rd
20 Bandsman Defreytas, 63rd31	5 Pte Fairweather, Guards 26
15 do Corbin, 63rd	5 E McNeill, L'Orignal
10 Staff-sergt Harp, QOR30	5 Major Hart, 62nd 26
10 Pte Morris, 45th	5 Dr Henderson, 13th
10 Pte Iscott, 7th	5 Staff-sergt Clarke, 13th
10 " Murdock, 13th	5 Pte Thompson, 12th
10 Sergt Ellis, 68th	5 Dr Hutchison, Ottawa
8 Lt-Col Gibson, 13th 29	5 Sergt J Robinson, 45th
8 Staff-sergt O'Grady	5 Lt Clarke, 91st
8 Sergt Loggie, 73rd	5 Color-sergt LeB Ross' Guards
8 Lt Gray, Guards	5 Corpl Crowe, 1st Brigade
8 Lt Roberts, 23rd	4 Pte Adam, 13th
8 Sergt Reardon, Guards	4 Sergt Goodwin, 13th 25
8 P Bent, 93rd	4 Staff-sergt Newby, Guards
5 Sergt Macklin, 90th 27	4 Staff-sergt King, 45th 25
5 Staff-sergt Margetts, 13th	4 Bandsman Young, 45th 25 4 Color-sergt Hewgill, Q O R 25
5 " Goudie, 8th 27	4 Staff-sergt Wilson, 33rd
5 Lt Russell, 45th	4 Bandmaster Hiscott, 7th 25 4 Lt. Maxwell, H.G.A. 25
5 Pte Duncan, O O R	4 Lt Abbott, 1st P W O R
5 Sergt Macfarlane, 3rd	4 Pte Hilton, 45th
5 Staff-sergt McCalam, ard	4 Sergt Dewiall, 8th 25
5 Lt Rogers, 43rd	4 Sergt-Major Huton, P.I.C
5 Major Blatklock, 5th	4 Sergt Adams, 62 1d
5 Corpl McNaughton, 51st	4 Capt Reid, 13th 25
5 Sergt Marks, 6th	4 Pte Elliott, 7th
5 Dr McLaughlin, 45th 26	4 Staff-sergt Ashall, Q O R 24
5 Tr Duncan, Dragoon Guards 26	4 Stan-Sergt Ashan, Q O K 24
5 Staff-sergt Dent, 10th	4 Sergt Fairbairn, 43rd 24
5 Staff-sergt Dent, 10th	4 Sergt Fairhairn, 43rd. 24 2 Staff-sergt Winter, 71st 24

\$30 Pte Hayes, 7th	\$6 Sergt Adams, 63rd
20 Sergt Case, H G A	6 Capt Hood, 5th
15 Sergt-major Lockhart, 63rd31	6 Lieut Longworth, P L D G
10 Capt Burnhill, 28th	5 Staff-sergt O'Orady, P L D G 26
10 Pte Thomson, 3rd	5 Pte McIntyre, 62nd
10 Sergt Goodwin, 13th30	5 Lieut Hora, 14th 26
10 Staff-sergt Clarke, 13th 30	5 Pte Graham, 13th
to Col-sergt Allan, 6th	5 Sergt Johnston, PEIGA
10 Sergt-major Carmichael, St John R 29	5 Staff-sergt J Mitchel, 45th
10 Lieut Spearing, 53rd	5 Lt Lingworth, P E I G A 26
10 Pte Courtice, 33rd	5 Staff-sergt J Mitchell, 10th
10 Lieut Smith, St J R 29	5 Capt McRobbie, 8th cavalry 26
10 " Ewan, ret list 29	5 Lt Milligan, Durham 26
6 Sergt Kennedy, QOR	5 Sergt Gorman, 3rd
6 " W Mowatt, 10th 29	5 Lt Dimoick, 78th 25
6 Capt Fox, 7th	5 Staff-sergt W King, 4th 25
6 Pte McAvity, St John R29	5 "Huntington, 56th
6 Capt Bailey, ret list	5 Capt Nelson, 78th
6 Sergt Spencer, H G A	5 Pte Kimmerley, 49th
6 Geo Hutchlson, O R C	5 Major Jackson, 85th25
6 Capt Banlieu, 17th 28	5 Sergt W Marks, 6th 25
6 Major Walsh, 63rd	5 Pte McAfee, 1st
6 Bandmaster Hiscott, 7th 28	5 Staff-sergt Bell, 12th25
6 Gr Campbell, H G A	5 Corpl T P Carroll, Guards25
6 Pte Waters, 6th 28	5 P Robertson, 13th 25
6 Sergt Armstrong, 1st B F A 28	5 Pte Wilson, 31st
6 Pte Morris, 45th	5 Pte J Omand, 13th25
6 Qr-Mr-SergtOgg 1st B F	5 H Morris, 13th
6 Pte Cunningham, 51st	5 Sergt Loggie, 73rd
6 Staff-sergt Wilson, 33rd	5 Pte Wetmore, St John Rifles 25
6 Pte Armstrong, Guards	5 Pte T' Hiscott, 7th
6 Col-sergt D McCrea, 1st P W R 27	5 Pioneer-Sergt F W Dawson, Guards 25
6 Capt Adam, 13th	5 Capt Micking, 44th
6 Staff-sergt Margetts, 13th	5 Staff-sergt Ross, 1st PWR
6 Pte Harrison, 6th	• 5 Pte Oliver, 45th
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5. OUIMET MATCH-600 YARDS, 7 ROUNDS.

THE COMPETITORS' MEETING.

There was a very large attendance at the annual meeting of the competitors, held in the drill hall on Tuesday evening. On motion Lieut.-Col. White, chairman of the executive committee of the council, took the chair. Lieut.-Col. Bacon, secretary of the association, acted also as secretary for the meeting.

Capt. Walter Macdonald, R.L., opened the ball by a reference to the disfavor into which the use of the Snider rifle at 600 yards has fallen. As the arm of the volunteer force, the Snider he knew could not be abolished altogether, but the executive might put it "where it would do the least harm," (laughter) that is, for use at distances not exceeding 500 yards. He moved a resolution to this effect, and in supporting it pointed out that as almost every competitor now comes provided with both Snider and Martini rifles, the extra trouble involved were only the latter to be used at 600 yards

would not be great. Capt. Ewing, R.L., seconded the resolution.

Pte. Sutherland, G.G.F.G., spoke in its support, calling to the remembrance of the meeting that he had made a similar suggestion last year.

The resolution being put was unanimously carried.

THE SNIDER AMMUNITION.

Major Delamere, Q.O.R., inquired if there were any prospect of Snider ammuni-

tion of a better quality being supplied.

The chairman called upon Major Perley, H.Q.S., a member of the recent cartridge commission, as one who was likely to be able to give information on the subject.

Major Perley explained that it was no longer possible to provide ammunition of English manufacture; as to the Canadian, he had as late as last week had an opportunity of interviewing, at the factory at Quebec, Major Prevost, the superintendent. He had put a series of questions to this gentleman, the answers to which he proposed to read to the meeting. These showed that the powder used was that from Curtis & Harvey, the best English manufacturers, which powder satisfactorily passed all prescribed tests. In connection with the complaint which he had heard made that it was a shame to have the cartridges filled by little boys or girls, Major Perley noted that the filling was actually done automatically by machinery so that there was no foundation for this objection. Then as to the bullets. To the question he had put concerning the construction of the bullet in so far as this affected its centre of gravity, or balancing in its flight, the answer he got was not altogether satisfactory. If the centre of gravity were too far forward, the effect would be that the bullet would dip in its flight, and be turned from its course or fall short, as a great many were known to do. The answer received was simply that "experience has shown that they do not dip during flight." Then there was another complaint—an old chestnut—that the bullets were not the right size, were so small that they slipped through the barrels. In his examination at the factory he had found, however, that the diameter of the bullets was correct, this being .573 inches, while the diameter of the rifle was .577 inches. The ammunition being tried by firing from a rifle in a fixed rest at 500 yards at the Cove Fields at Quebec, showed a satisfactory figure of merit, within the 16 inches adopted in England as the standard. This meant that the shots fired from this fixed rifle all came within a circle 32 inches in diameter, smaller than the inner on our target. There were no misses shown. As to the poor shooting which was being made throughout the country Major Perley thought it was due largely to a want of confidence. Such confidence might perhaps be obtained by a restoration of sighting shots. He suggested that a trial might be made, not perhaps at the Dominion meeting, but at all events at the regimental or county gatherings. It would be worth while to give this a trial. The cartridges were made by machinery as truly as machinery could make them, and he would be glad to see some attempt made to produce better shooting rather than to have the ammunition altogether condemned by reason of want of confidence. In conclusion. Major Terley said he was forced to admit that he could not satisfactorily account for the large number of drop shots which he had seen occur, with reliable men firing

Sergt. Goudie, 8th R.R., having expressed the opinion that the Canadian Snider ammunition was shot when it was too fresh, being used in the same month almost of its manufacture, a brief and fruitless discussion took place as to relative merits of new and old ammunition.

Lieut. Dimock, 78th, said he had been informed when at the butts this day that there were this year an unusually large number of cartridges which went through the targets sideways, in place of point foremost, and the markers allowed these as good shots, not considering them richochets unless earth thrown into the hut showed clearly that the bullets had struck the ground before the target, before reaching it. He thought this was evidence that the bullets dipped in their flight.

Capt. Weston, 66th, considered that the Canadian ammunition had on the whole been satisfactory, and he was glad to know that the government was anxious to locate

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the defects which it was manifest did exist. He thought Major Perley had touched the keynote when he had mentioned that the late Prof. Bain of the Royal Military College, had considerd the trouble to be in the bullet. He was opposed to the suggestion that sighting shots should be tried as a remedy, for a time might come when this ammunition would be required to do execution from the first shot-when there would be no

Major Anderson, 43rd, thought that there was more than a want of confidence at the bottom of the poor Snider shooting. No want of confidence would, he said, put a bullet six feet below the target at 500 yards.

Capt. Hartt, St. John rifles, while complimenting Major Perley on his interesting explanation on the ammunition question, thought this explanation was anything but satisfactory, as it failed to point out where lies the defect, which apparently exists in the ammunition. He moved, seconded by Capt. Adam, that in the opinion of the competitors, it is desirous to introduce the Martini rifle at distances over 500 yards, as the Snider ammunition furnished is not satisfactory.

Lieut.-Col. Beer, 74th, moved in amendment, that in the opinion of the competitors the Snider arm should be abolished from the meetings of the D.R.A. (Applause.) He thought the Canadian force seould be placed upon an equality with that of other colonies, and with the militia of England, and this was the proper time for the shooting men of the country to express their opinion concerning this weapon. He thought it was the desire of the government to do the best it could for the force, and that if such a request as that suggested were passed it would be complied with.

Major Perley said we had gone through all this before, and the answer had been that the Snider was the arm of the force, and as such had to be used, otherwise the government grant of \$10,000 could not be obtained. Without this grant it would really make very little difference whether the Snider or Martini rifle were used.

Major Tilton, G.G.F.G., suggested that a strong delegation from the association should be appointed to wait upon the Minister of Militia to urge upon him the desirability of making the D.R.A. gathering at Ottawa a Martini meeting.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson, 13th, thought that as this was one of very few occasions when representatives of the force from all parts of Canada came together, it was fitting that an expression of opinion should be made as to the arm with which that force was equipped. He thought this was an opportune occasion also to suggest to the council of the Dominion rifle association that another year the spirit of the resolution passed at last meeting of the competitors, respecting the use of the Martini, should be more fully carried out. He did not think the spirit of that resolution was that the competitors wanted to fire with the Martinl standing at 200 yards. They would rather enjoy using the old Snider at that distance, but they would like to see the Martini used at 600 yards.

After some further discussion Cadt. Hartt's motion and the amendment by Col. Beer were withdrawn, and the following was substituted:-

"Moved by Lieut.-Col. Beer, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Gibson, that in the opinion of this meeting of riflemen, representative of all parts of the Dominion, the time has arrived when the active militia should be armed with the Martini-Henry rifle; and that a committee be appointed to wait upon the minister of Militia to urge upon him the adoption of the views of this meeting.

This resolution was carried unanimously, and the following committee, comprising one representative from each province, was then chosen, with power to add to their number: Ontario, Lieut.-Col. Gibson; Quebec, Capt. Sims; Nova Scotia, Capt. Weston; New Brunswick, Lieut.-Col. Beer; Prince Edward Island, Lieut. Longworth; Manitoba, Capt. Balfour; British Columbia, Gunner Sargisson.

OTHER GRIEVANCES AIRED.

Major Delamere, Q.O.R., suggested that a paid officer be stationed at the butts, so as to ensure that when a competitor challenged a shot he might be awarded whatever appeared on the targetr. The chairman promised to bring the matter before the executive.

Capt. Abbott, P.W.R., complained that the the system of opening the extra series targets concurrently with the commencement of firing in the regular matches worked disadvantageously for those who had to shoot in the first pairs each morning, as these could not possibly get sighting shots id the extra series, while a few of the more lucky ones did, and had this opportunity of making higher scores in the matches. He suggested that either all be given an opportunity to fire or else that the extra series be not opened at all.

Capt. Balfour complained that the extra series targets were closed unnecessarily long preparatory to the skirmishing matches.

Lieut. Russell advocated the adoption of a time system for the extra series, so that a competitor would not have to spend hours beside a target waiting his turn to shoot. Lieut.-Col. Gibson pointed out that the accomodation in the way of targets of the

first-class was altogether insufficient.

Capt. Weston urged that in view of the probability that the government may not much longer maintain Rideau range without purchasing the location, the council should in the interests of the association see whether or not the range was large enough to continue to meet the constantly increasing requirements of the associotion, before its purchase be urged upon the government.

In connection with the complaint about loss of time to the great bulk of the competitors while the military matches were in progress, Major Delamere suggested that unlimited team entries from any corps be allowed, so that a greater number of the competitors might engage in these matches.

The hour being late, this important subject was not discussed, and the meeting adjourned at eleven o'clock.

The Target.

Halifax.—A match took place on Bedford range on Saturday the 20th August, between a team of non-commissioned officers and men of the 63rd rifles and a team from H. M. S. Bellerophon. The rifle was the Martini, and the ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards. It resulted in a win for the 63rd by 38 points. Another match is to take place between these teams. Following were the scores:

63RD RIFLES				H. M. S. BELLEROPHON.	,	
Staff-Sergt Corbin 28	27	30	85	- Barter, A. B 30 31	21	85
Sergt Myers 26	27	28	8 i	Sergt Mills, 26 28	23	82
Corpl Taylor 28	29	24	81	- Farley, 2nd el. po 29 31	20	80
Sergt major Lochart 27	31	23	81	Capt Primrose 26 29	24	79
Sergt Mumford 30	27	23	80	Qr-Mr Darton 25 30	20	75
Sergt Dixon 30	25	23	78	Rev Mr Todd 25 28	16	70
Pte Longueile 29	27	19	75	- Burford, ldg seaman 28 24	17	69
Staff-Sergt Power 27	28	19	74	— Aplin, A. B 31 23	15	69
Pte Flowers 27	26	18	71	Pte Everard 31 22	14	67
Sergt Stenhouse 27	27	13	67	- Cole, grs. mate 21 18	21	60
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Total 270	274	220	773	Total., 272 264	100	725

THE COBOURG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Cobourg.—The twentieth annual prize meeting of the Colourg rifle association was held on Thursday the 18th August. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held. There were some fifty competitors in attendance. There were two

matches—one restricted to the militia of the county, and one open.

The ranges of the military match were 200 and 400 yards, five shots being fired at each. The prizes for the teams, of five men each, were won the first by the Cobourg garrison artillery (Capt. Dumble), who received \$10; 2nd, No. 2 Co. 40th Batt. (Capt. Snelgrove), \$5. The individual winners, whose prizes ranged from \$5 to \$1, were in the following order:—Sergt. Geo. Archer, Patroness' challenge cup and \$5; Gr. N. F. Macnachtan, C.G.A.; Lieut. W. J. Hamilton, 40th Batt.; Lieut. Mc-Naughton, Corpl. R. Lunn, Gunner H. L. Macnachtan, Bombardier Wm. Tripp, C.G.A.; Lieut. W. Richardson, Capt. J. McCaughey, 40th Batt.; Trooper Charles Bull, 3rd Cavalry; Pte. E. Lacey, Pte. R. Graham, Sergt. H. Payne, Capt. II. J. Snelgrove, and Pte R. Black, 40th Batt.

The second match was at 200, 500 and 600 yards, five shots at each, and the following were the winners of the individual prizes offered, these prizes ranging from \$12 to \$1:—Geo. Archer, N. F. Macnachtan, R. Lunn, D. McNaughtan, Wm. Tripp, W. J. Hamilton, Captain H. J. Snelgrove, E. Lacey, H. L. Macnachtan, Robert Graham, Lt.-Col. J. Vance Gravely, Charles. Bull, W. Richardson, Captain J. Mc-

Caughey, W. McBrile, Fred. Dumble.

The aggregate prizes were won by Geo. Archer, who took the D.C.R.A. medal, with 109 points; N. F. Macnachtan, Ontario medal, 107 points; R. Lunn, 87; and D. McNaughton, 86.

The Cobourg World says: The prizes were presented in the counties council chamber. Lieut.-Col. Graveley, president of the association occupied the chair, and Capt. E. A. Macnachtan, "the first rifleman in the Dominion," acted as secretary. Among those by whose prescence the members of the association felt themselves honored on this occasion were Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G.; C. C. Field, M.P.P.; and R. Mulholland, ex-M.P.P.

The Patronesses' Challenge Cup was presented to Sergt. Archer by the donor, Mrs. Graveley, while the other prize winners received their trophies at the hands of

the popular deputy-adjutant general.

The distribution of the prizes having been completed, Col. Gravely said he wished to call the attention of the meeting, and especially of the officers of the Cobourg garrison, to the pressing necessity of a drill shed for Cobourg. At present there was no place in the town in which a single company could be paraded under cover, and it was next to impossible to maintain the organization of military corps without offering facilities to our young men to perfect themselves in the use of arms, and the drill and discipline required for efficiency. Cobourg—the headquarters of the 40th battalion—the county regiment of which all loyal citizens were justly proud, bad a right to demand from the authorities at Ottawa the reconstruction of the drill shed destroyed by fire years ago, as the Dominion government by its action in compelling the title to the property—on which the old shed stood, to be vested in the Crown, had entirely deprived the town of her insurable interest in the buildings, although Cobourg and the couunty had contributed between them the principal part of the cost of construction, in addition to owning the site. He said he found that the town council had passed the by-law granting the money in December, 1866; that the town deeded to the Crown lots 16 and 47, block D, Queen street, on March 26th, 1866; and that the cost of the shed was \$2,550—of which sum the government contributed \$1,000 and the county council \$400, the town of Cobourg appropriating the balance in addition to the land. He claimed that the government should be called on to reconstruct a new drill shed on the old site, or on a more suitable one, if the old site could be disposed of on such terms as would realize sufficient money to purchase another. He suggested the appointment of a committee to proceed to Ottawa to lay the case before the Minister of Militia.

A resolution was immediately passed appointing Major Guillet, M.P., Capt. E. A. Macnachtan, and Lt.-Col. Graveley, a deputation to proceed to Ottawa to lay the justice of the town's claim before the Minister of Militia and the government and urge upon them the necessity of making an appropriation for the erection of a drill shed in Cobourg.

The D. A. G. said he would do all he could to induce the Government to build a drill shed in Cobourg—an assurance that was received with loud applause. The

meeting then adjourned.

Regimental Intelligence.

St. John, N.B.—The *Telegraph* has the following account of the annual inspection of the New Brunswick brigade of artillery, which took place on Barrack square on the afternoon of Monday, the 22nd inst. The inspector, Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., and Major Tucker, Major Hartt and other officers of the 62nd were amongst those present. The five batteries of artillery assembled in the drill shed, where they fell into column by the left, battery by battery, and were put through firing exercises by Cols. Irwin and Armstrong. The men then marched to the field and several brigade movements having been performed the rolls were called battery by battery, each man comments naving been performed the rolls were called battery by battery, each man coming to the front as called and ordering arms. Col. Irwin having inspected each battery in company drill, the brigade marched to the drill shed where he examined each non-commissioned officer in gunnery, artillery and ammunition. The batteries were next put through gun drill in detachments. No. 1 ccmpany furnished three detachments; Nos. 2 and 3 two detachments each; No. 4 four detachments, and No. 5 two. A great improvement in gun drill was noticed in the latter. Col. Irwin asked each man big duties in gun drill and stores, and had good reason to be satisfied. his duties in gun drill and stores, and had good reason to be satisfied.

The batteries all formed in review order when they were addressed by Col. Armstrong. He said that Col. Irwin had concluded not to address them, but was well pleased with their drill and appearance. The many little things that have to be looked after to enable a soldier to present a good appearance had been attended to by the men. Col. Irwin thought that the drill, with the exception of Nos. 1 and 4 batteries was hardly as good as that of last year. Col. Armstrong was sorry that there was not a larger turn out, although the district orders of the year restricted this a little. He hoped to see larger turnouts at church parades, reviews, etc., and in future would ask the men to account for their absence. They had had an excellent sermon preached to them on Sunday, he said, one that should make every man proud to think that he was a soldier, and of their particular corps, and make them feel that the country depended upon them. While the companies were formed in marching order Col. Irwin presented Gunner Edwards, of Portland battery, with a gold locket, given by Mr. Harrison for the man who attended drill most regular.

In the evening the officers of the brigade, with Lieut.-Col. Irwin, inspector of artillery; Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G.; Gen. Warner, Warden Peters, Rev. Dr. Macrae, and a number of other invited guests, making in all a company of 60 gentlemen, sat down at the regimental dinner, at the Hotel Dufferin. Lieut.-Col. Armstrong had on his right the deputy-adjutant general, and at his left the inspector of artillery, the vice chairs being filled by Paymaster Smith and Capt. Harrison. The table, on which was spread a splendid repast, was variously ornamented, on the centre being displayed the cup bequeathed by the late Warden Botsford, of Westmoreland. Licut.-Col. Armstrong called attention to this splendid trophy which had been designed by Capt. Botsford, of Halifax, son of the donor. The cup is in the form of a shell supported on a pedestal of miniature cannon, the cover being surmounted by a pyramid of cannon balls. Two bottles of champagne accompanied the cup, from which the health of Capt. Botsford was very enthusiastically toasted.

During the speaking, Lieut.-Col. Armstrong and the officers of the brigade received many hearty compliments from the officers of the other corps and other guests present, in regard to the efficiency and soldierly appearance of the brigade, and the self-sacrificing efforts that have brought it to its present position.

Correspondence.

The Editor desires it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

PROMOTIONS IN THE PERMANENT FORCE.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—I understand that certain officers of the active militia are trying to obtain commissions in the permanent corps, over the heads of deserving subalterns, many of whom, are not only thoroughly qualified for promotion, but have seen active service, both here and in Europe, which some of these officers have not. I wish that you, sir, who endeavor to lead the militia in the way it should go, would strongly point out. not only the hardship, but the want of propriety and justice of such a step, if carried out, on the part of those in authority. I have no hesitation in asserting, that instead of raising the tone and esprit de corps of the permanent force, it will, if decided on, thoroughly demoralize it; as officers who have zealously performed their duty and studied their profession, will be made to feel that politics only are the road to promotion, in a profession in which capability coupled with justice, has always been considered the desideratum.

JUSTICE.

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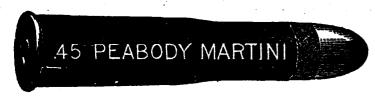
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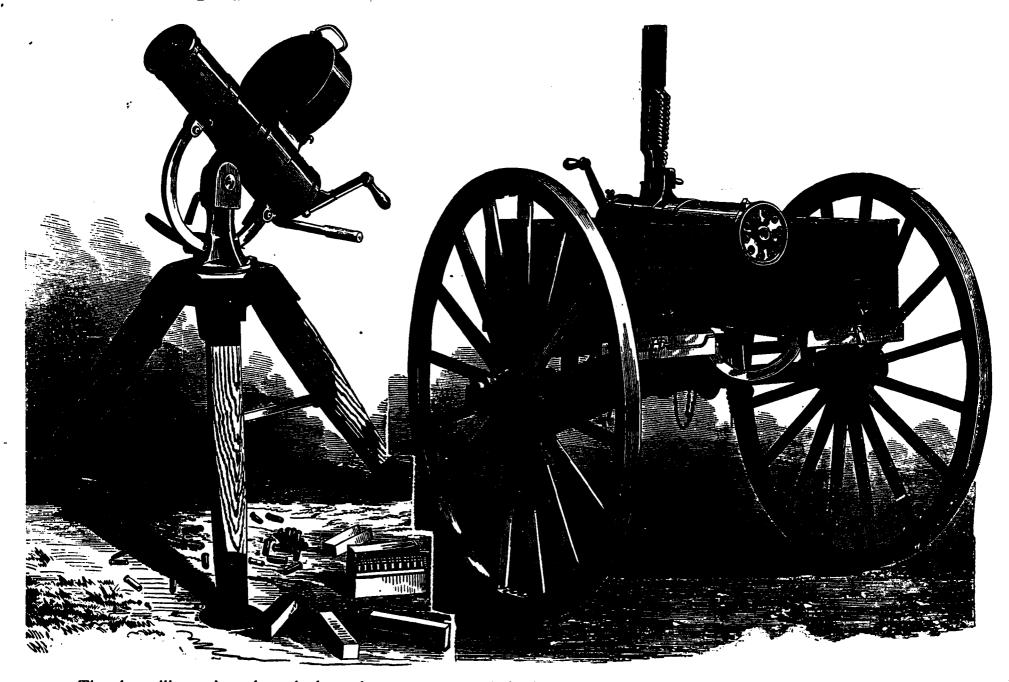
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