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FIXTURES.

C. M. R. League shoots..... May 16, 30, July 11, 25, August 8
N. W. R. League shoots. May 16, 30, June 13, 22, July 11, 25,
[Aug. 8, 22, Sept. 19

THE DOMINION RIFLE PROGRAMME.

The programme of this year's prize meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association has been completed, and will in a few days be ready for distribution. The matches will be held, as already announced, in the week commencing Monday, 31st August, and the time table arranged provides for the completion of the programme in four days. On Monday there will be the Nursery and Macdougall in the forenoon, and the Manufacturers' and Standing matches in the afternoon, the military matches being deferred this year until the afternoon of the second day, which is wholly set apart for them. On Tuesday morning the Minister of Militia match will be fired. On Wednesday the Dominion of Canada match and the Rideau (Martini) will be fired, leaving for Thursday morning only one of the Grand Aggregate events, the Ouimet match, also Martini. This is timed to finish at 11 a.m., and it is expected that the ties in the Grand Aggregate can be fired before the mid-day recess. In the afternoon the Governor-General's match and the Provincial team match for the London Merchants' Cup will be fired. The usual extra series matches are provided for except that at 900 yards, which is dropped; all will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

There are not many changes in the prize list, but those made are of considerable interest. The Nursery match will be closed against all who have at any time won prizes of \$5 or upwards from the D.R.A., instead of \$8 as last year, and this will shut out nearly all the old competitors. In the Minister of Militia match the teams are to consist of five in

place of three members, and there is to be no limit to the number each association may enter. In the Revolver match, the prizes will not be fixed amounts, as hitherto, but will instead be a percentage of the total entry money.

One sighting shot at each range is allowed, and there is no provision made for the usual opening of all the targets for extra series shooting before each regular match.

REVOLVER PRACTICE FOR OFFICERS.

In the United States well organized attempts are made by the authorities to secure the instruction of the volunteers in rifle practice, and these efforts are directed in each state by an officer known as the Inspector of Rifle Practice. Lieut. Col. Howard Simpson, the Inspector for Delaware, has recently issued a very interesting circular on the subject, not only dealing with the rifle practice of the men, but also advising the officers to take some trouble to make themselves efficient with the revolver. This is the programme he outlines:—

Revolver practice, which will necessarily be preparatory this year, should be directed towards features which are conducive to the most practical utility, and the following line of practice is advised: Standing positions at all distances; at twenty-five yards, use of each hand in alternate scores, double action trigger pull; at fifty yards, use of either hand, double action trigger pull; at 100 yards, use of both hands, single action trigger pull. Target: that used for 200 yards rifle practice.

Shooting and Fishing, in noticing Col. Simpson's circular, heartily commends his suggestions. "In most of the States," says that paper, "the officers of the National Guard are equipped with swords, ornamental but utterly useless as a weapon of defence. Some officers practise with the rifle but do not carry it in service, therefore those chosen for their superior knowledge and judgment are without weapons of defence.

A revolver is essentially the weapon for an officer, and he who becomes familiar with its use has a most effective weapon. With proper instruction and practice, an officer can become sufficiently skilled in the use of a revolver to afford him great protection: and it is to be regretted that this important part of an officer's education is so much neglected in the National Guard of America. We have often found ourselves wondering if rifle practice ought not

to be confined to the privates of our volunteers, and do not hesitate to express our belief that what rifle shooting is indulged in by officers should be as a separate class, and more attention should be given by them to practising with revolvers."

The news from Bisley, though scant, is encouraging, showing that the Canadians have, as usual, distinguished themselves in competition against the marksmen of the Empire. For the fourth time, the Prince of Wales prize, a gold medal and £100, has been won by a Canadian, Capt. G. A. McMicking of the 44th Battalion carrying off this honour, and in the match for the Queen's Prize Lieut. Davidson of the 8th Royal Rifles specially distinguished himself, finishing fourth in the aggregate of all three stages, this being the highest place ever taken by a Canadian. As usual, we shall give full particulars of the Canadian successes as shewn by the prize lists, upon the arrival of the service papers with the reports of the meeting.

The Militia General Orders concerning the annual camps, which are this year to be held in September, shew that the new Major-General Commanding has given earnest attention to the problem of how to secure the best results from the necessarily brief period of training, and it is to be hoped that the plan he advises will be given a careful trial. It will be noticed that General Herbert has not contented himself with merely stating the principle upon which the training should be conducted, but has taken the trouble to particularise the sections of the drill books which may be used to best advantage.

THE RIFLE.

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The twelfth spoon competition of this club was held on the 11th instant, and resulted in the following chief scores, the firing being at 200, 400 and 500 yards, with Sniders :

Capt. Rogers	29	32	30--91
G. L. Blatch	28	35	28--91
Lt.-Col. Anderson	24	30	33--87
C. S. Scott	28	31	27--86
J. D. Taylor	25	28	31--85
Major Sherwood	32	30	22--84
W. G. Dial	25	30	28--83
A. Pink	23	28	30--81
Dr. G. Hutchison	26	26	29--81
T. McJanet	25	30	26--81
J. Mullen--81
W. A. Jamieson	25	27	28--80

The spoon winners were: 1st class, dessert, Rogers, tea, Anderson and Scott; 2nd class, Dial; 3rd class, dessert, Blatch; tea, Mullen.

The thirteenth competition was held on the 18th instant, with Martinis, and the chief scores were :

G. A. Maillue	28	33	29--90
Capt. Rogers	31	31	28--90
T. P. Carroll	26	30	31--87
J. Wright	28	33	25--86
C. S. Scott	30	27	28--85
H. McKay	23	33	28--84
F. W. Smith	29	30	25--84
L. Perkins	27	27	29--83
R. A. Helmer	27	26	29--82
R. J. Taylor	28	34	20--82
H. L. Ross	25	28	28--81
R. Moodie	27	30	24--81
Capt. O'Grady	28	30	23--81
J. G. Lyon	28	26	26--80

The spoon winners were: 1st class, dessert, Maillue; tea, Rogers; 2nd class, Ross; 3rd class, Perkins.

The annual rifle matches of the 20th Lorne Rifles were held at Georgetown, on Friday and Saturday, 26th and 27th June, and were very successful, for which a great deal of credit is due to the excellent arrangements made by Capt. Grant in preparing canvas targets, etc. The team of No. 3 Co., Georgetown, carried off first prize in the company matches, and the first two prizes for aggregates (the Dominion and Ontario Rifle Association medals) were won by representatives of No. 7 Co., Milton, Private Rymal and Lieut. Robertson, the former averaging six points over inners. The matches were all shot with the Snider rifle.

NORTH-WEST RIFLE LEAGUE.

The fourth competition of N.W.R.L. took place on the 27th ult.

Through out Manitoba and along the line of the C.P.R. in Assiniboia the weather appears to have been very unpropitious for shooting, but in the more northerly parts of the Territories it was more favourable.

It will be seen by the scores below that Edmonton still keeps the lead, although the Portage team evidently intend to dispute their right to the first place. The rivalry between the several teams will no doubt be productive of much good amongst shooting men, and next year we hope to see a large increase in the number of entries. The following are the scores, as kindly compiled and furnished by Mr. K. Gruburn, the Secretary :—

TEAM.	No. Comp.	Total Score.
Edmonton	4	1368
Portage La Prairie, 95th Batt.	4	1350
Saskatchewan Rifle Assn., Prince Albert	4	1318
Mounted Police, Prince Albert	4	1288
Assiniboia Rifle Assn., Regina	4	1272
Winnipeg Rifle Range Co.	4	1257
"A" Co. 95th Battalion, Brandon	4	1175
Moosomin Rifle Assn.	4	1142
Battleford Rifle Assn.	3	993
Manitoba Rifle Assn.	3	941
Calgary Rifle Assn.	2	648
"F" Co. 90th Batt., Winnipeg	2	624

Militia General Orders (No. 13) of 17th July, 1891.

No. 1—CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION FOR ACTIVE MILITIA.

(1). Camps of Instruction for corps of Active Militia will be formed this year as follows :

Military District No. 1 at St. Thomas, from 1st to 12th September.

D Company I.S. Corps.

London Field Battery.

24th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 30th, 33rd Battalions.

Military District No. 2, at Niagara, 1st to 12th September.

C Company I.S. Corps.

2nd Dragoons.

19th, 20th, 31st, 39th, 44th Battalions.

Military District No. 2, at Sault Ste. Marie, 4th to 15th August.

Sault Ste. Marie half battery.

96th Battalion.

Military District Nos. 3 and 4, at Belleville, 8th to 19th September.

Part of "A" Battery R. C. Art.

3rd Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons.

Kingston Fd. Battery.

Durham Fd. Battery.

16th, 42nd, 49th, 56th Battalions.

Military District No. 5, at Farnham, 8th to 19th September :

1 officer and 30 N.C.O. and men B Co. I.S. Corps.

6th Duke of Connaught's Hussars.

Shefford Field Battery.

11th, 50th, 51st Battalions.

Military District No. 6, at Laprairie, 8th to 19th September :

Remainder B Co. I.S. Corps.

64th, 84th, 85th Battalions.

Military District No. 7, Rimouski, 15th to 26th September :

Part of B Battery, R.C. Artillery.

18th, 81st, 88th Battalions.

Military District No. 8, at Sussex, 22nd Sept. to 2nd Oct.

A Company, Inf. S. Corps.

4 Troops 8th Princess Louise's New Brunswick Hussars.

Newcastle Field Battery.
Woodstock Field Battery.
67th and 71st Battalions.
Military District No. 9, at Aldershot, N.S., 15th to 26th Sept.
68th, 75th, 93rd Battalions.

Staff officers on permanent pay and the permanent corps will proceed to the places specified for camps on the Saturday previous to the date fixed for the assembly of the troops.

The permanent corps will be employed to pitch the camp, prepare cooking places, draw camp equipment and fuel, and generally to make everything ready for the arrival of the troops. During the period of training they will furnish the police, clerks and orderlies for Head Quarters, camp duty men, &c., in order that as few men as possible may be withdrawn from the ranks of the corps under training.

This order is issued provisionally for the information of all concerned.

Further instructions will be issued hereafter.

NO. 2.—SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTION IN CAMPS OF RURAL MILITIA.

1. The basis of the instruction should be the principle of not attempting too much, but of aiming at a high standard in what is attempted. It is obvious from the short time allotted for instruction that a large number of the evolutions described both in Cavalry and Infantry drill-books must be eliminated.

2. The following list of most important parts of the drill regulations may be of use as a guide to Commanding Officers in drawing up a programme of instruction.

I.—CAVALRY.

Cavalry Regulations, 1885.—Part I. Equitation, such as can be given by the Captain of the Troop in an open manege.

Sec. I. Instruction of recruit.

Sec. 22-25. Mounting and dismounting with stirrups, and riding with arms.

Part 2. Instruction of the Squadron (or Troop) mounted.

Secs. 4, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 22.

Part 5, Sec. 2.

Special attention is drawn to Part II, Sec. 19.

Commanding Officers will promote efficiency far more by actively superintending the training of Troops and Squadrons individually, than by attempting Regimental drill at too early a stage of the training. Movements in Squadron Columns on account of their simplicity and usefulness should be most practised when the regiment is brought together.

II.—INFANTRY.

"INFANTRY DRILL," 1890.—Part I and II. These should be combined. On the first day of assembly, companies should be told off into their half companies and sections, which should remain unchanged throughout the training. Squads should consist of these half companies and sections.

Sec. 21, pages 84, 85, is the most important part of company drill. When thoroughly mastered the company will have acquired cohesion and flexibility. Owing to the weakness of companies, they should be drilled constantly in single rank, both singly and in battalion. Manual, firing and bayonet exercise will be practised in squads and companies. Position drill (pages 49-50, Regulations for Musketry Instruction) should likewise be practised, as well as aiming and judging distance.

Part III. Battalion drill will be divided into two distinct lessons, consisting of the following sections which should be practised in the order given here.

(a) Sections 2, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25.

(b) Sections 14, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 32, 33. Other sections may be eliminated.

Part VIII. Section 22. Little difficulty will be found in this if Section 21, Part II, has been thoroughly taught.

When time and circumstances permit, battalions should be instructed in outpost duty.

All officers will make themselves acquainted with the principle laid down in Part VI. Secs. 2, 3, 4, and in Part VII, Outposts. Officers commanding camps will in the course of the training, hold examinations on these subjects, giving notice beforehand of the parts that will be dealt with.

In order that all officers may be provided with copies of the new "Infantry Drill," a supply of these books will be sent to officers commanding camps for issue on repayment. Price 25 cents.

At inspection parades battalions will not be called upon, either to march past or to perform manual, firing or bayonet exercise in line, but a strict inspection will be made of companies singly and of battalions in the sections given above.

By command.

WALKER POWELL, Colonel,

Adjutant General of Militia,

Canada.

The Stockholm correspondent of *La Paix* announces that Capt. Unge has invented a continuous and automatic action which can be applied to repeating rifles and to quick firing guns.

In a lecture before the Military Society of Ireland, Capt. C. S. Berthan said that the wonderful mechanism of the Whitehead torpedo had been so improved that it could travel for 500 yards at the rate of 30 miles an hour with a reasonable certainty of hitting a small boat at 900 yards. He also referred to experiments carried out to test the penetrating power of projectiles on steel armor, and said that the effect of a shot from an 80-ton gun, firing at 2,000 yards, was about equal to the effect of her Majesty's ship *Rupert* ramming at a speed of 10 knots an hour. Referring to the prospects of torpedo warfare, he said that he did not think, having regard to the Hotchkiss 3-pounder quick firing gun, that a torpedo attack by day would ever be made. The torpedo boat would certainly be hit ten times with the 3-pound shot before she came within the 400 yard radius at which she could act effectively.

QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Prize Meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association will be held at the Cote St. Luc Ranges, near Montreal, on

TUESDAY, 11th AUGUST,

and three following days. Entries close on 6th August, and any received after that date will be subject to an extra charge of twenty per cent.

An attractive prize list has been prepared, including the Corporation Cup, the Martin Challenge Shield for Nursery Teams, the Carslake Trophy, and the Houghton Cup, besides medals, badges, prizes in kind and about

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Russia follows the lead of Germany, France, Italy, and England in the establishment of a balloon detachment for active service. The institution includes an instructional park, over which an Engineer officer presides as commandant. To him are entrusted the formation of his staff and training of attached officers, the conduct of experiments and testing of inventions, the creation and maintenance of the material of the park. He will also establish fortress balloon detachments, one being created this year, the other as occasion may demand and the provision of material may admit. A field balloon detachment will be created for active service in case of war only. The *personnel* of both fortress and field detachments, as well as the necessary material, will be provided and maintained under the supervision of the Commandant of the Instructional Park. Eight officers, four of them Engineers and four of the troops forming permanent garrisons, will annually undergo ten months' instruction at the school. The balloon corps will belong to the Engineer establishment, and will be specially under the control of the electricity detachment of the Engineers. The Commandant and Staff of the School of Exercise will belong to the Engineers.

The Adjutant-General has notified that military decorations and medals are to be worn with the tunic or dress-jacket only, and on the left breast, in order of the dates of the campaigns for which they have been conferred, the first decoration or medal obtained being placed farthest from the left shoulder. The following is the order of arrangement: 1, English decorations; 2, English medals; 3, foreign decorations; 4, foreign medals. The Queen's Jubilee medal will be worn after English decorations; the badges of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, will be worn after English medals; the Victoria Cross, when suspended from the bar, will come immediately after the badge of the Order of the Indian Empire. On all occasions when the Sovereign is present, or her representative on the parade, in celebration of the birthday of the Sovereign, and on all State occasions, including levées, drawing-rooms, and balls, officers

of the Army who are Knights Grand Cross of the Bath, Knights Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, will, when in full-dress uniform, wear the riband of the Orders to which they belong over the right shoulder and under the sash or belt. Knights Commanders will wear the ribands of the Orders inside the collar of the tunic, the badge being suspended two inches below the lower edge of the collar. These regulations extend to officers who have retired from the service or from the Indian Army, provided that under the regulations they be allowed to wear uniform.—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

Our esteemed contemporary the *Revista Cientifico-Militar* (Madrid) calls attention to the speech of General Azcaraga, War Minister, at one of the recent sittings of the Senate, where this officer explained that the Special Commission, charged to examine and report upon different patterns of rifles, had selected ten weapons of small calibre, with which they propose to carry out experiments of an exhaustive nature and upon a large scale. For this purpose ten rifles of each model submitted will be tried with one thousand cartridges per rifle, and should one of these prove satisfactory, it is settled that its manufacture shall be entrusted, partly to the managers of the government factory at Oviedo, and partly to private firms, so as to obviate delay.

Five Thousand Dollars for One Dollar.

At the last drawing of the Province of Quebec Lottery, on the 15th instant, Mr. Wm. Boag, Chief Clerk of Albion Hotel, drew the second capital prize of \$5,000.00. He presented himself yesterday morning at the Lottery's Head Office with the lucky ticket, which was cashed at once.—*The Montreal Gazette, July 18th, 1891.*

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