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FIFTEEN of the first twenty on the list from which next year's team for Wimbledon will be chosen, have already signified their willingness to go. The secretary of the D. R. A. wrote some time ago to the first thirty, asking each whether or not he would be prepared to go if chosen. Answers have been received from twenty-four, and only two state that they will be unable to go. The association supplies to each man likely to be on the team a Martini rifle (should he desire it) and also two hundred rounds of ammunition with which to practise.

THERE is something apparently needed to perfect the military system of this country when a state of affairs is allowed to prevail such as that commented upon by the *Montreal Star* in the following paragraph: "Montreal has the largest militia force of any city in the Dominion. We may say, too, that it is, at least, one of the most important military centres in the country, and yet we see at the present hour this large force and these great interests worse provided for than any place in Canada. The drill hall is not yet finished, and there is, practically, no rifle range for the men to practise at; and between these two shortcomings, the militiamen of Montreal have good reason to complain. The wonder is that the force hangs together at all; but it was ever thus." Toronto, another important military centre, has also practically been without a rifle range for the greater part of the summer. The apathy shown by the authorities is discouraging to the force.

NOTING the near approach of the date for his retirement from the army, under the new rule, the *Army and Navy Gazette* pays this tribute to the officer commanding our militia: "The only retirement on the list of general officers taking place in November is that of Major-General Sir F. Middleton, commanding the Canadian militia, who will attain the age for compulsory retirement on the 4th of that month. He retires after forty-five years' service with a good record of staff service, and also of service in the field. He became a major-general (local) in 1884, when he was appointed commandant of the Dominion militia, and he attained the substantive rank in the following year. During the three years he has been in Canada he has effected great improvements in the condition of the militia force, while his successful campaign against the rebels in the North-West considerably added to the reputation he bore prior to that event."

SOME of those well meaning persons who have, on behalf of the rank and file, been contending that officers should not take part in rifle matches, might have been led to modify their views a bit had they been

at the Rideau range last Saturday, when the annual matches of the Guards' Rifle Association were in progress. There were a hundred and twenty non-commissioned officers and men present, and *four* officers. The day was a very disagreeable one, being very cold, and a raw wind prevailing, and the presence of the officers would have helped materially to reconcile the men to put up with the discomforts to which they were subjected. As it was their absence provoked much unfavorable criticism. There was probably not one man amongst the great number of competitors who would not have been heartily glad had he found the complete roll of officers competing against him, or who did not feel that the rifle association and the shooting interests of the regiment were being neglected by those to whom he had been led to look for leadership and advice. We have no doubt that the feeling in every other regiment is the same, and that the rank and file will always be found more ready to sacrifice time, money and comfort in the performance of duty when they know that their officers will favor the occasion with their presence, than when they have cause to believe that the whole burden is to be left with themselves.

THE position of the German soldier is contrasted with that of the British soldier by a writer in *Blackwood's Magazine*, who says: "The position of the German peasant soldier may bring with it certain inconveniences to which his friends in civil life are not exposed, but for these compensation is made by the respect in which he is everywhere held, and the privileges which his uniform command for him." On the contrary, in England no matter what the immediate motive of enlistment, whether a momentary caprice or some less creditable cause, the act itself is looked upon in his own circle as a degradation. The boy's parents still, it is believed, regard their soldier son as a lost creature, and for a while at least are ashamed of him when he comes home on furlough, even if the breast of his tunic be adorned with a medal. It is not very long ago since a non-commissioned officer in the Household Cavalry, who presumed to enter the coffee room of a Windsor hotel wearing the uniform of his regiment, was ordered by the innkeeper to withdraw, his presence being distasteful to the travelling bagmen by whom the house was chiefly frequented. And simultaneously a private in the Foot Guards was told at the door of the National Gallery that admission to such places as that "was not for the likes of he." The author thinks a change for the better is beginning to manifest itself, but asks: "How long will it be before the voluntarily enlisted man shall hold his head as high as the conscript, who whether he hail from the cottage, or the shop, or the mansion of a Von, is treated wherever he goes as one of the élite of Prussia's sons?"

Winnipeg.—A Military View of its Possible Future.—V.

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THERE can be no doubt that the exuberant blessings of this great supply of agricultural produce will thoroughly revolutionise the grain trade of Great Britain—and as it will increase indefinitely its effect on the market of the Mother Country will be to eventually free her from all anxiety about food supplies from foreign sources. In 1886 she imported

121,544,696 bushels, or 3,241,218 tons of wheat. We raised this season 279,090 tons of wheat or nearly one-twelfth of the imports; in less than a dozen years we will raise the whole amount. The immediate effect will be to hasten Imperial Federation—to compel the Imperial Government to raise a Tariff Revenue instead of the one-sided Free Trade, whose only effects have been to increase the pauperism of the British Isles, to restrict her colonial trade and development and to act injuriously on all her interests.

The folly of supposing that all rail routes will transport agricultural freight for a distance of 1,500 miles cheaper than by water is abundantly manifest and is one of those axioms known to every mechanic—based on the fact that what is gained in speed is lost in power—so that no acceleration of speed or modification of machinery will increase the capacity for transport beyond the mechanical power of the railway, which is based on time. Taking the frontier canals, the St. Lawrence, Welland and Michigan canals, and the lakes, the voyage to Montreal can be made in 13 days. Vessels of 2,000 tons burthen can get as far as Kingston, but must there discharge cargo into lighters or barges of 350 tons. This state of affairs is due to the enlargement of the Welland canal. Previously to that event the frontier canals were governed by the existing size of the Welland canal, and have been so for forty years. The good people of Montreal, through their Board of Trade, propose that the people of Canada should expend \$12,000,000 deepening existing canals to fourteen feet, to enable vessels passing the Welland canal with full cargoes to meet the ocean steamships below the city. To this there are objections of a serious character—in detail—but which may be summed up in the one word, *Time*, which means in this case Power, and every other attribute which governs and defines the capacity of a navigable channel—its liability to storms, fogs, and natural phenomena where large sheets of water are to be overpassed; the difficulty of navigating large vessels through comparatively narrow channels; and the greater difficulty arising from the liability of the channel enlarged or deepened finding natural conditions more readily than accepting those artificially provided for it. The time occupied in sending a cargo from Prince Arthur's Landing to Montreal by water, 1,285 miles, via lakes, rivers and canals, is 312 hours. This would give for a season of 214 days, from 15th April to 15th November in each year, equal to 16 trips, viz., 8 with cargo and 8 returning empty. This would be equal to 16,000 tons or 6,000,000 bushels. So that the surplus production of all kinds of grain at Winnipeg would require two steam-vessels of 2,000 tons burthen to remove it to the seaboard in one year.

Economic requirements will limit the season as a general rule to 76 days, viz.: September, 30 days; October, 31, November 15. The holding over of the surplus crop entails loss to producer and consumer, and this condition would simply involve the increase of steam plant three times.

In this line therefore time, involving increased expense of fully 200 per cent., would be increased by simply observing economic conditions alone—that is, to allow the producers full value for crop. The increase of machinery means increase of expenses—and the remedy to be sought is in the direction of distance. One hundred and eighty miles south from St. Mary's River the French River discharges the waters of a catchment basin of 9,000 square miles in area. It may be described as two large reservoirs—the first, Lake Tamangamingue, is 350 square miles; and the second, Lake Nippissingue, 560 miles. The first or upper lake is connected with the lower by Sturgeon River, and the French River discharges the waters of both into Lake Huron. A summit of three miles has to be passed over, its highest point being 25 feet above the level of the lower lake. At this point the waters of Upper Trout Lake are those of the Mattawan river, which, after a course of 40 miles falls into the Ottawa 304 miles above Montreal. The advocates of this line of navigation point to the advantages it would have over every other means of rapid transit for freight from the point of concentration at Winnipeg. Taking Montreal as starting point, where the ocean steamer would meet the cargoes from the ship canals, the distances are: Montreal to junction of Mattawan river, via the Ottawa, 304 miles; Mattawan, 43 miles; summit, 3 miles; Lake Nippissingue, 30 miles; French river to Lake Huron, 50 miles; total, 430 miles; from mouth of French river to foot of Lake Superior, 181 miles; thence to Prince Arthur's landing, 260 miles; total 441 miles, or gross distance to Montreal 875 miles, as compared with the route from Prince Arthur to that city, 1280 miles, by way of great lakes and frontier canals, leaving a difference of 405 miles in favor of the Ottawa route. Including lockage the voyage from Prince Arthur to Montreal is generally made at 4 miles per hour, or a difference in *time* in favor of Ottawa route of 108 hours—four days and one half saving, or nine days per round trip. This is giving the longer route the advantage by at least 50 per cent. in length of voyage. From Port Arthur to foot of Lake Superior the distance is 260 miles of lake navigation, liable to delay by fogs and other impediments. Of course this is common to both routes, but the longer Montreal has also to contend

with fogs, etc., on Lake Huron for 260 miles, Lake St. Clair 20 miles of dangerous shallows, Lake Erie 250 miles, and Lake Ontario 180 miles, equal to 710 miles of dangerous navigation. The navigation of the Ottawa would be from the foot of Lake Superior completely land-locked, its channel to French river being sheltered by islands. At that point it turns sharply to the east for 50 miles, when it issues from Lake Nipissing. Over 30 miles of that lake brings cargo to summit level, the lake being 50 feet above Lake Huron. During the season of 312 days the longer route makes 7 round trips, the shorter 15 (fifteen) round trips. It is not likely that any other route can be found to offer similar advantages—not only are or can be every advantage, practical or theoretical, found in the shorter line. It has been shown that it is beyond the power of railways to touch the quantities of freight which will develop from the resources of the North-West. But a few years will tax the genius of the speculator to the utmost powers of mechanical skill to accommodate it.

(To be continued.)

A Budget from Toronto.

A MILITIAMAN'S PRIVILEGES IN ONTARIO—A LARGE PARADE OF THE QUEEN'S OWN—THEIR MILITARY TOURNAMENT—THE GRENADIERS AT WORD—MISCELLANEOUS NOTES OF INTEREST.

SERGEANT-MAJOR MUNRO, of "C" company, I.S.C., has been appointed to the position of public school drill instructor at Hamilton. He has also been appointed Sergt.-Major and drill instructor to the 13th Battalion, Sergt.-Major Woodhouse, the late sergt.-major, retaining the rank of first-class staff-sergt.

Upper Canada College boasts of a fine body of cadets, including a band. Last year a drill instructor was detailed from "C" company; this year, however, being short handed no instructor has been told off, much to the boys' regret, consequently the corps it may be said is hibernating.

Chas. Kingsley says: "Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. * * * Therefore I said that picture galleries should be the townsman's paradise of refreshment." Whether he would include Cycloramas or not I don't know, but to every militiaman, great or small, I would say, "when in Toronto go and see the Battle of Sedan."

A correspondent asks me "what, if any, privileges does a militiaman enjoy in Ontario?" Officers, n.c.o. and men of corps of *volunteers* are exempt from serving as constables and as jurymen; n. c. o. and privates of the volunteer force certified to as being *efficient* volunteers and who are not assessed for property shall not be called upon to perform statute labor or to commute therefor. Officers, n. c. o. and men, being in proper staff or regimental uniform, and their horses (but not when passing in any hired or private vehicle, unless when on duty) are exempt from toll on any road, wharf, landing place or bridge in Ontario. This probably covers all the privileges. Perhaps some correspondent will inform us, through your columns, of the privileges enjoyed by the militia in other provinces.

While on the question of militia privileges, I would like to see the following added to the list, but which are of course provincial matters:—Officers, n. c. o. and men of militia, on *actual* military service, have the power to make, so far as their personal estate is concerned, a nuncupative will—that is to say, a verbal will—as distinguished from a written one, declared before two or three witnesses; and that no probate fees, etc., shall be charged for proving a will of an officer or soldier who is killed or dies while on actual service.

Col. H. J. Grasett, of the Royal Grenadiers, has left his single state, having been married in England to Miss Alice Parke, daughter of the late William Parke, of South Kensington. The gallant colonel and his bride, who have our best wishes, are expected to arrive in Toronto about 1st November, and will be welcomed at the Union by the "Grens."

About twenty-five n.c.o.'s. of the Grenadiers are attending drills and lectures given by Capt. and Adjutant Manley; the recruits are being drilled by Sergt. Belan, "C" company, R. S. I., and the ambulance corps are lectured to by Surgeon King.

I am glad to read in the GAZETTE of the interest taken by the citizens of Belleville in their militia. This is a striking contrast to the conduct of a certain *militia clothing contractor* who, when one of his men was ordered to camp, gave him the option of being discharged or going to camp. The gunner, for he was a gunner, chose the latter and has been since looking for employment—which he has now found.

The Queen's Own paraded 466 strong on 19th inst. under command of Lieut.-Col. Allan. The regiment marched from the armory to Moss Park Rink, where they were put through light infantry drill. Though this was the first drill of the kind this season, the movements were well executed, all ranks taking the greatest interest, and it is the evident intention of the "boys" to give a good account of themselves at the inspection which takes place on the afternoon of the 5th November, Col. Otter, D. A. G. being the inspecting officer. After the parade the colonel expressed himself as well satisfied and complimented the men on their neat appearance.

After the parade of the Q.O.R., Capt. Thomson, the newly appointed captain of "A" company, entertained the members of his command at the Hub. Col. Allan, Major Hamilton and Capt. Macdonald honored the gathering with their presence and delivered short addresses, congratulating the company upon having been fortunate enough to secure Capt. Thomson as their commanding officer. A pleasant evening was spent in song and speech.

There was a small parade of the Royal Grenadiers on 20th inst., under Major Dawson, owing to the wet weather. The smallness of the drill shcd was again quite apparent, even with a comparatively small number. At the close of the drill, which consisted of the movements to be practised at inspection, Major Dawson stated that the inspection would take place on Nov. 5th, and the annual rifle match on Oct. 29th. The annual theatrical entertainment of the regiment takes place on October 31st and November 1st and 2nd, and tickets have been handed out to the members of the regiment to sell. After the parade Capt Bruce of "G" company entertained his men at supper at the Criterion. Everyone enjoyed himself immensely.

The Imperial authorities have issued a new edition of "Musketry Instructions, 1887." Although for the Martini-Henry it contained a lot of new matter of interest to our militia rifle shots.

About common shell ricocheting, you say in last copy of GAZETTE, "Ricochet commonly occurs when the competitor has negligently omitted to withdraw the safety-pin." Can you tell me how many negligent gunners, in this respect, there have been during say the past five years? Putting the ricochet down to "the negligent gunner," the association encourages him by giving one mark extra for his negligence.

The annexationist newspaper here has taken a fling at the colors of the 100th Regiment. Of course, says the editor, because "these colors are British there is any amount of enthusiasm over them, but never a word is said about the colors of Canadian regiments which were under fire during the Fenian raids, North-West rebellion, &c." As a matter of fact there were no colors with regiments at Ridgeway—of the Lower Province raids I cannot speak; neither did any accompany regiments under fire in the North-West. Perhaps the editor still believes—as stated at the time by the Fenians—that the colors of the Queen's Own had been captured!

I understand that new Regulations will shortly appear. Paragraph 1,003 of 1883 deals with horses, &c., and says "care should be taken that all horses intended for use at annual drill are made familiar beforehand with the work they will be required to perform at drills," &c. How can I accomplish this without being out of pocket and without making it a charge against the public? Say for instance a battery sub-division. Some general officers have, like a good many mounted militia officers, ignored this paragraph.

THE QUEEN'S OWN TOURNAMENT.

About 2,000 people assembled in the Mutual street rink on Monday evening to witness the military tournament of the Queen's Own Rifles. The entertainment was under the patronage of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Campbell and the officers of the Toronto Garrison. A capital programme was presented, which was carried out with a spirit and valour becoming the contestants. Perhaps the most enjoyable exhibition of the evening was the tug of war between the Queen's Own Rifles and the Guelph Field Battery, which was won by the former after a great struggle.

The committee in charge of the games were:—Col.-Sergt. Cooper, chairman; Col.-Sergt. Kennedy, Sergt. Robinson, Sergt. Creighton, Sergt. Higginbotham, Col.-Sergt. McKell, treasurer; Col.-Sergt. World, secretary; Sergt. Henderson, assistant secretary.

The judges were:—Lieut.-Col. W. D. Otter, D.A.G.; Major Hamilton, Q.O.R.; Capt. Mason, R.G.

Starter—Mr. H. C. Biggar.

Timekeepers—Lieut. Sears, "C" Co., I.S.C.; Mr. C. P. Orr.

Clerk of Course—Sergt. Major Crean, Q.O.R.

In addition to the above a large number of prominent military officers and members of other city regiments were present.

The prizes were gracefully presented by Mrs. Otter to the following, being a full list of the winners:—

One quarter-mile race—Pte Sewell; 2nd, Sergt. Geo. Creighton.

One mile race—Sergt. Henderson; 2nd, Pte. Geo. Watts.

Tug-of-war—1st trial—Queen's Own Rifles of Canada v. 1st Provisional Brigade Guelph Field Battery—Queen's Own Rifles.

Animated wheelbarrow race—double first prize—Sergt. Creighton and Pte. Geo. Watts.

One mile drill order race—Pte Watts; 2nd, Pte. W. J. Goldsmith.

Tug-of-war—Toronto Garrison Artillery v. one of the other teams—Grenadiers.

100 yards sack race—Pte. Brokers, "C" School; 2nd, Pte. Brooks, Garrison "A."

Tug-of-war—2nd trial—10th Royal Grenadiers v. "C" School I.S.C.—Grenadiers.

Relief race—double first prize—Corp. Watts, Sergt. Creighton.

Potato race—Pte. Watts, Sergt. Donaldson.

Quarter-mile heavy marching order race—Pte. Sewell, Corp. Watts.

Tug-of-war—final for championship of Canada, 11 silver medals—Tenth Royal Grenadiers.

The Queen's Own band furnished excellent music which was much appreciated.

LINCH-PIN.

Regimental Intelligence.

Other of the Montreal city corps are said to be likely shortly to follow the example set by the Victoria rifles in equipping themselves with gaiters.

Armour Sergeant Nolan, of the 6th Fusiliers, has this year been fifty years in military service. He enlisted in 1837, and has served Her Majesty in the Crimea, Indian metting, North-West India and Afghanistan.

The regular winter course of instruction of the Ottawa Field Battery is about to commence. This will consist of standing gun drill, shifting ordnance and sword exercise. Capt. Bliss will likely deliver a course of lectures in the orderly room during the season.

Sergt. Instructor Chas. Hewlett, of the 43rd battalion, was last week presented with a handsome souvenir from No. 1 company, on the occasion of his severing his connection with the battalion in consequence of having been appointed to a similar position in "C" battery, which he will join as soon as marching orders for British Columbia are received.

The committee of the P.Q.R.A. which has charge of the grant of \$500 from the corporation of Montreal to purchase the jubilee challenge trophy, competed for among the militia corps of the city, have accepted, with a few amendments, the design of an English firm represented by Messrs. Watson, Pelton & Co. The design is for a silver table piece. A formal presentation will be made to the 6th Fusiliers, the first winners of the trophy.

The annual inspection of the Montreal Engineers takes place on the Champ de Mars on Saturday, 29th. The company is well up in infantry drill, but as far as engineering work goes will be able to do very little for want of encouragement from the militia. Last year some capital engineering work was done, but only at great financial loss to the officers. They had to go to great expense in providing material etc., and the government refused to reimburse them. When the ridiculously delayed new drill hall is completed, if it ever will be, the Engineers will have a fine modelling room and will then be able to do something in the way of the work for which they are maintained. Signalling has been gone into extensively by the company this year. — Star.

The 1st Brigade Halifax Garrison Artillery paraded on Tuesday evening last week at the drill shed for the first time under their new commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel Curren, for pay and the distribution of prizes won at the several rifle competitions and also at the artillery competitions held at Quebec and Halifax. The commanding officer complimented the several competitors as they came forward to receive their

prizes, after which the deputy adjutant-general inspected the clothing. The commanding officer then made an address, asking every member to endeavor to make this brigade second to none in the Dominion. He also stated that a school of gunnery would be opened on the 31st of this month, and he hoped to see every n.c.o. who did not now hold a certificate from the R. S. A. attend and make himself efficient in gunnery. The captains then took command of their respective batteries and distributed the annual pay, after which the brigade was dismissed.

On Saturday evening last the officers of the Governor-General's Foot Guards met at mess at the Rideau club for the purpose of banqueting Lieut.-Col. Ross, the late commanding officer, and Major Wicksteed, who has just retired from the post of paymaster. The chair was occupied by the adjutant, Capt. W. E. Hodgins, who is president of the mess, and Lieut. John Hodgins, vice-president, occupied the vice chair. Besides the guests of the evening and the officers of the Guards, there were present Major-General Sir F. Middleton, Col. Powell, Adjutant-General; Lieut. Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery; Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne, D.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson, director of stores, Militia Department; Capt. Anson and Capt. Pakenham, A.D.C.'s to the Governor-General; Lieut.-Col. White, commanding 43rd Batt.; and Dr. Powell, surgeon of the 43rd. The band of the regiment played during the mess.

The Target.

Ottawa.—Saturday last, when the Ottawa Rifle Clubs programme for the season was completed, was a very busy one for the members, there being two spoon competitions to be fired, an open match for good prizes offered by the Guards' Rifle Association; and, for those who were members of that regiment as well, the regular matches of the association. To save time it was agreed that the scores for the 500 yards range of the Snider spoon competition should count for the Guards' open match also. The Snider spoon competition was the fifteenth on the club's list for the season, and was set down for the 1st inst., but had to be postponed. The Martini match was the eighteenth and last on the list. There were junior spoons offered in both, and the scores were as follows:

Fifteenth Competition—Snider.

T Carroll	30	23	21	74
F W Smith, (win sr. class)	31	25	16	72
Lieut Gray	30	15	22	67
Capt Wright	28	19	20	67
N Morrison	33	18	16	67
J D Taylor, (winner jr. class)	24	29	14	67
T McJanet	31	22	13	66
Capt Cox	25	16	23	64
J H Fairweather	25	17	22	64
Major Anderson	26	20	18	64
Geo Duncan	25	25	12	62
Capt Sherwood	28	21	12	61
W A Jamieson	26	12	23	61
F C Lightfoot	26	18	5	49

Eighteenth Competition—Martini.

T Carroll, (winner sr. class)	30	27	25	82
Capt Wright	28	22	30	80
Lieut Gray	27	15	30	72
T McJanet, (winner jr. class)	26	25	20	71
Capt Sherwood	30	15	24	69
Capt Cox	24	24	18	66
N Morrison	26	25	14	65
Major Anderson	29	23	13	65
F W Smith	30	15	13	58
W A Jamieson	26	19	8	53
Geo Duncan	27	11	14	52
E G Smith	12	14	8	34

The season's aggregate prizes have been won by the following members:

Snider aggregate, best five of nine competitions at Queen's ranges. Prize presented by Mr. James Grant, won by Capt. A. P. Sherwood with 384 points.

Martini aggregate, Queen's ranges, best four of six competitions. Prize presented by Major Perley, President O. R. C., won by Capt. J. Wright with 334 points.

Martini aggregate, 800 and 900 yards, best two of three competitions. Prize presented by Major Anderson, 1st Vice-President O. R. C., won by T. Carroll with 91 points.

Grand aggregate, highest in three preceding aggregates. 1st prize, Dominion R. A. silver medal, won by E. D. Sutherland with 786 points. 2nd prize Ontario R. A. silver medal, won by Capt. J. Wright with 781 points.

THE GUARDS' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The sixteenth annual prize meeting of the Guards' Rifle Association was held on the Rideau range on Saturday last, the 22nd inst. Notwithstanding the lateness of the season and the unpropitious weather, the day being so cold as to necessitate the wearing of overcoats and gloves, the attendance of non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment was large. The officers present were Major Todd, vice-president of the association, Capt. Waldo, Lieut. Gray, and Lieut. Winter, the secretary treasurer. The scoring was low, a strong wind adding to the difficulty experienced on account of the numbness of the competitors' fingers. Owing to a delay in commencing the day's programme, darkness came on just as No. 4 match was about to be commenced, the all comers' having been fired previously, and as even by the aid of the torches thoughtfully lit by the markers at the butts, the marking discs could at last not be made out at the firing points, when a competitor was lucky enough to bring down the target, the attempt to complete the match had to be abandoned, and the committee at a meeting on Monday evening decided that it should be fired over again on Saturday next. Until this is done the aggregate prizes cannot be awarded. The following is a list of the winners in the completed matches, together with their scores:

Match No. 1.—"The Maiden."

Open to members of the association who had never won a prize in any rifle meeting, company matches excepted. (Members who won prizes in the 4th class at last year's competition considered eligible.) 200 yards, 10 rounds, standing. Class-firing targets and scoring. Ammunition and entrance free.

Pte Kirk, No. 5 Co.	27	Pte Rowley, No. 2	22
Pte Haak,	25	Corpl Stroulger, " 5	22
Pte E Walmsley, No 5	25	Pte Gooding, " 1	21
Corpl McCarthy,	24	Pte Boehmer, " 5	21
Pte Brown, No 2	23	Corpl. Gordon, " 1	21
Col.-Sergt Cope, No. 6	23	Bandsman Kehoe	20

67 entries. Two 20's counted out.

Match No. 2.—"The Nursery."

Open to members of the association who had never won a prize, either in kind or cash, of the value of \$5 or over, company matches excepted. (Members who won prizes in the 3rd class at last year's competition considered eligible.) 300 yards, five rounds, kneeling. Class-firing targets and scoring. Entrance free.

Bandsman T Benbow	18	Pte Seager, No 1	15
Pte Gooding, No 1	16	Bandsman T Dunn	15
Sergt Codd, " 2	16	Corpl McCarthy, No 5	15
Corpl. Ross, " 2	16	Pioneer Schultz, " 5	15
Pte Hagan, " 6	16	Pte Brown, " 2	15
Corpl Watts, " 1	16	Corpl Stroulger, " 5	14
Corpl Behan, " 4	16		

80 entries. Five 14's counted out.

Match No. 3.

Open to members of the association. 400 yards, five shots. Position any with head to target. Class-firing targets and scoring. Entrance free.

Table listing names and scores for Match No. 3, including Sergt Short, Pte Morrison, Pte Christian, etc.

Match No. 5. — "The All Comers."

Open to all comers. 500 yards, seven shots. Wimbledon targets and scoring. Entrance fee 25 cents.

Table listing names and scores for Match No. 5, including Pte J D Taylor, Guards, Pte Holbrook, Guards, etc.

63 entries. Three 19's counted out.

The prizes were presented at the drill hall on Monday evening by Major Tilton, who made a brief address, pointing out the importance of proficiency in rifle shooting, and expressing the pleasure it gave him to see such a large number of the members taking part in the regimental matches.

Lieut. P. N. Thompson, of No. 1, presented a large number of prizes in kind to be competed for by the men of that company attending the regimental matches. These also were presented at the drill hall on Monday evening. On Saturday evening the members of the company were entertained by their captain, Major Todd, at dinner at Byshe's restaurant, whither they marched in a body from the range. Capt. White, of No. 5, entertained his company at lunch on the range at mid-day.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

The annual rifle match of the Queen's Own Rifles took place on the Garrison common ranges on Saturday and was largely attended. The shooting was somewhat below the average of former years in consequence of the cold and wind, which blew a gale across the ranges throughout the entire day, making good scores very difficult to obtain. The match was under the direction of the following range officers:—Capt. Mutton, Lieuts. Morphy and McLeod. The rifle committee consisted of Lieut. R. G. Johnson and Lieut. J. H. Knifton, secretary. Following is the prize list:

1.—Nursery Match.

Open only to members of the regiment who never won a prize at any battalion, provincial or dominion match; presented by the officers of the regiment. 200 yards, kneeling; 400 yards, any; five rounds.

Table listing names and scores for Nursery Match, including Pte Davidson, Pte McCormick, Capt Bennet, etc.

2. General Match.

Open to all members of the regiment. 200 yards, kneeling; 400 and 500 yards, any position. Five rounds.

Table listing names and scores for General Match, including Sergt Howard, Sergt-major Cunningham, Sergt Small, etc.

3. Company Team Match.

Open to all companies of the regiment. In first-class, the ten highest aggregate scores made in match No. 2 in each company to decide. In second-class, the highest aggregate score made by five previously named members of any company in match No. 2. In third-class, the highest aggregate score made by ten previously named members of any company.

First-class.—"A" Co.—"Dufferin Rifles Challenge Cup" and photo, value \$100, cup to be held till next annual match.

Second-class.—"A" Co.—"Toronto Silver Plate Company's Cup," value \$50, to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner.

Third-class.—"A" Co.—"Toronto Silver Plate Company's Challenge Cup," value \$100, to be won three times.

4. Volley Firing.

To be competed for by teams of five officers, non-commissioned officers or men, per company. 200 yards, standing; 400 yards, kneeling; 5 rounds.

"A" Co.—"El Padre Cup," value \$50, to be won twice before becoming the property of the winning team.

5. Industrial Exhibition Association Match.

Open to teams of five "previously named" officers, non-commissioned officers, or men; scores in match No. 2 to count.

"A" Co. team of non-com. officers—"Exhibition Cup," value \$100, to be held until the next annual match by the winning team.

6. The Zimmerman Match.

Open to teams of five "previously named" officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, or ex-members, who are not members of any other corps.

"A" Co. team of non-com. officers—"Zimmerman Challenge Cup," value \$50, to be held until the next annual match by the winning team.

7. The Gillmor.

Open only to present members who served in the regiment under the command of Lieut.-Col. Gillmor; scores made in match No. 2 to decide.

Sergt. Howard, "A" Co., \$25, presented by Lieut.-Col. Gilmor.

8. Ex-Members' Match.

Open to all ex-members of the regiment who are not members of any other corps. Ranges same as in match No. 2.

Table listing names and scores for Ex-Members' Match, including Ex-Pte Schmidt, Ex-Corp Pearcey, Ex-Staff-Sergt Walker, etc.

9. Revolver Match.

Open to all members of the regiment. Description of revolver—any not exceeding 45 calibre. Range, 25 yards; position, standing "off hand"; rounds, 7; entrance fee 25 cents.

Table listing names and scores for Revolver Match, including Sergt.-Major Crean, Lieut. Rennie, Sergt. F. Kennedy, Pte. A. McLean, Lieut. Mercer, etc.

10. Special Match.

Open to all members of the regiment. "E. M. Trowern Medal," value \$15, to be awarded to the member making the highest score at 500 yards. To be won twice in succession. Won by Sergt. Small, H. Co.

11. Buglers' Match.—Corp. Emery, Bugle-Major Swift, Bugler Davidson, Corp. Woods, Bugler Cottrell, Bugler Orr, Bugler Ross, Bugler Bond, Bugler Thompson, Bugler Jenkins, Bugler Hines, Bugler Grand, Bugler H. Swift, Bugler Harper, Bugler Robinson, Corp. Brydon. Non-Prizemen—Bugler Harper, Bugler Robinson, Bugler Montgomery, Bugler Guerin. Range Prize—Bugler Orr.

THE TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION.

The annual matches of the 22nd battalion were held at Woodstock on the 12th inst. About fifty competitors took part, including five company teams, for Major Ellis' challenge trophy. The day was cold and unfavorable for good scores. Lieut.-Col. Jackson, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Munro, and a majority of the officers of the battalion were present during the competition. The names and scores of the successful competitors are as follows:—

No. 1 Match.—200, and 400 yards.—7 shots.

Table listing names and scores for No. 1 Match, including Corp Burton, Capt Hegler, Pte Geddes, etc.

No. 2 Match.—300 and 500 yards.—7 shots.

Table listing names and scores for No. 2 Match, including Capt Day, Lieut Quinn, Pte Case, etc.

No. 3 Match, company.—6 men from each—Ellis prize—200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots at each. 1st, won by No. 2, 269; 2nd, No. 8, 261; 3rd, No. 4, 260.

No. 4, All Comers.—200, 300, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots.

Table listing names and scores for No. 4, All Comers, including John Gordon, Capt Day, W Revell, etc.

35TH BATTALION ANNUAL MATCHES.

The Barrie Advance thus remarks upon the results of the annual matches of the 35th Batt:—The rifle matches of the county, which took place on the 6th and 7th inst. were more interesting than any that have taken place here for many years. The weather was very unfavorable, but the contest for the company prizes was keen and good natured. For 12 years the No. 4 company, Vespra, has led the way. Last year Orillia made a good dash for it but failed to get there. This year Capt. Drinkwater came to town with a good team, determined to take to Orillia the coveted honor, but the fates were against him and Vespra again showed how to do it by rolling up a total of 272 points, leading Orillia by 27. What has become of the shooting spirits of Barrie? Will they always be satisfied to see Vespra sweep the honors of the race? Much of the shooting would have been high, but in the battalion match especially many scores were spoiled by the heavy atmosphere which rendered sighting often almost impossible. The contest for the battalion team brought several officers into the competitions, but as they did not shoot for prizes only the winners are given below. In the county match Major Ward led with 48 points, beating Pte. Sproule at the 600 yards range. The prize winners were as follows:—

County Match.

Table listing names and scores for County Match, including Pte Sproule, J A Neilly, G E Whiten, etc.

The regiment did not re-enter Canada (why not say return home) for the purpose of suppressing the Fenian uprising, but for the purpose of allowing the men to take their discharge, their ten years' engagement having nearly expired.

Johnny Dugas was not the last Canadian left in the regiment; "Old Pugwash" still remains.

Pete Morrison, for many years valet to Col. Campbell, was not one of the original members.

Two companies were sent on detachment to Ottawa in Nov. '66 under Old Smythe, "The Badger." These two companies were shortly joined by two others, with the regimental staff and band, and Ottawa became the headquarters of the regiment, where Major Van Straubensee joined.

In looking over the militia list I find the following holding commissions in the Canadian militia:

Major Van Straubensee, now D. A. G. Military District No. 5.

Lieut. and Adjutant Grasset, now Lieut.-Col. commanding 10th R. G.

Lieut. De Bellefeuille, now District Paymaster.

Sergt.-Major Rance, now Quarter-master 43rd Batt.

Col.-Sergt. Byrne, now Adjutant 7th Fusiliers.

The following from the pen of Mr. William Pittman Lett, and published in the *Ottawa Citizen* of the 13th Nov., '66, may prove interesting to many. I may state that on our arrival in Ottawa we were met by a torchlight procession and conducted to barracks on George street, where we partook of a substantial repast provided by the good citizens of Ottawa.

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But Canada's own Hundredth
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That fought at Waterloo,
And ploughed through fire, down the slope
At Balaklava too!
Comrades of those who proved in blood,
In Inkerman's dread vale,
That British pluck o'er numbers
In battle can prevail.
Comrades of those who fought and bled
'Neath India's blazing sun,
Where deeds of noblest daring
Intrepidly were done.

Where disciplined rebellion
In savage might arrayed,
Shrank cowering, crushed and vanquished,
Heart-stricken and dismayed,
Before the valliant legions,
Whose conquering British cheer
Told Britain's foes that Britain's sons
And British steel were near;
Sons of those gallant sires who fought
On many a bloody plain;
We give you hearty welcome
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The troopship *Himalaya* arrived at Halifax last week with transfers of troops for that port, after a fortunate passage from Portsmouth via Plymouth, Gibraltar and Bermuda. The *Himalaya* arrived at Bermuda on the 8th inst., and sailed for Halifax at 9.30 a.m. on the 10th, making a remarkably quick run, though the weather was anything but perfect. The *Himalaya* brings, with troops and crew, 1,000 persons. No accident or sickness of importance occurred on the voyage. The troops to be landed are: 4 batteries 1st brigade and 3 batteries 2nd brigade Cinque Ports R. A.; 3 batteries 1st brigade London R. A.; 83 non-coms and men with one officer for the York and Lancaster regiment. The troopship left yesterday, taking away several batteries of the Royal Artillery and a number of invalided and retired soldiers, sailing from Halifax to Bermuda, thence to Portsmouth via Gibraltar.

The *Deutsche Heeres-Zeitung* says that, with the launch of the cruiser "A," built in the Imperial works at Wilhelmshaven, an entirely new type of vessel is introduced into the German navy. The ship is built on the composite system, the framework wholly of steel, covered, from about a metre above the water-line, with a double planking of teak and cypress, the lower portion being protected by a plating of copper, and it is thus well adapted for tropical climates. It is provided with a powerful ram, and its speed is considerably greater than that of like ships of the old pattern in the German squadrons.

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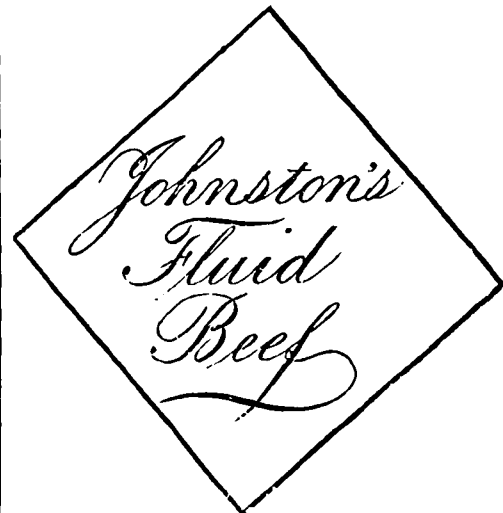
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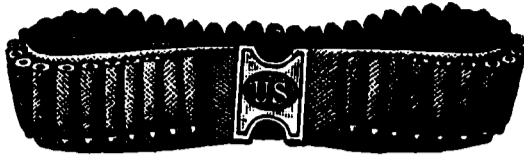
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