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Comment and Criticism.

AFTER the Dominion rifle association matches at Ottawa, the scene of militia activity will be changed to the picturesque Island of Orleans, in the St. Lawrence immediately below Quebec. There garrison batteries from all parts of eastern Canada will assemble, to take part in the series of competitions arranged by the Dominion artillery association, and for which suitable prizes have been offered. The list of these as well as the programme of the meeting, appear in another place in this issue. Monday, the 5th September, has been chosen as the opening day, and the competitions will be in progress all that week.

RIDEAU rifle range, the place of the annual gathering of the Dominion riflemen, is not the property of the government, but only rented for use as a range. The growth of Ottawa city southward has been very rapid of late, and building operations are now being actively prosecuted in such proximity to the range as to cause some anxiety for fear it should eventually be disposed of for building lots. With all its faults, it would be hard to find another range in the vicinity of Ottawa superior to Rideau; while none could possibly be procured nearly so convenient for the participants in the Dominion matches, or for practice by the city militiamen. Would it not be well that steps should immediately be taken to secure the land in perpetuity for a range. If anything of the kind is to be done, it should be at once, before any further increase in value takes place.

UPON the subject of the expediency or otherwise of officers participating in rifle matches, in competition against the non-commissioned officers and privates, we are decidedly of the opinion that the view expressed by our Halifax correspondent, whose letter appeared in last issue, is the correct one. It will be a bad day for rifle shooting in the force when another view comes to prevail. Take any regiment in which the officers are enthusiastic riflemen. Enquire of the shooting men of that corps, those whose pockets suffer in proportion to the prizes won by the officers, whether they desire to have the latter excluded. The answer in nearly every case will be found to be emphatically in the negative. Shooting is not a profitable business, and very few of those who engage in it may be classed as pot-hunters. Without substantial money prizes to cover the heavy incidental expenses, the number engaging in the provincial and dominion matches would be comparatively few, but the proportion of competitors who win more than enough to clear expenses is very small.

IT is the honor of a place upon the prize lists that is mainly striven for. The crack corps are pitted in friendly rivalry against one another at the range, and every competitor takes pride in a victory secured by a member of that to which he belongs or a team representing it. The presence of their officers on these occasions is always an encouragement to the men, and exercises a very beneficial influence upon them. Take any regiment in which the officers act upon the principle that rifle shooting is not for them, and see how many of the men they command are taking any interest in making themselves proficient in the use of the rifle. By all means let officers have competitions with swords and pistols, but at the same time let no discouragement be placed in the way of those who devote time and money to the promotion of rifle shooting.

THE *Forest and Stream*, a United States paper which gives great attention to sport with the rifle, fully recognizes the fact that amongst Britishers the pot-hunting element does not prevail. It says: "A glance over a Wimbledon report of 1887 notes the old time names of Fenton, Rigby, Halford, Milner, and many others who may be found mentioned as leading marksmen far back one or two decades ago. These long-range experts find a perennial source of enjoyment in the rivalry and keen competition of the rifle field. They do not think they have exhausted all the pleasure a good rifle can bring when a single season's shooting is over. Each opening year brings a new zest for the sport and each closing season only brings a determination to be ready prompt and early for the following year of pleasurable duty. Again and again they meet, and undismayed by defeat they press on convinced that victory must come to the one who works long and faithfully."

THE same paper continues: "The difference between the long-range men of Creedmoor and Wimbledon is clear, sharp and nationally characteristic. The American marksmen shoot through their meteoric career and drop from sight. The British marksmen shoot on, and are finding always something new and fresh in the game, and when finally they drop out of the active front line it is to become advisers and coaches to the rising company of young men who have learned to respect the 'old uns' for the long and honorable record they have earned for themselves. In the one country fine marksmanship of this type languishes and dies. In the other a challenge shield flung open for competition over twenty years ago is still fought for with the true, vigorous sportman's spirit. Creedmoor exists, Wimbledon flourishes, and solely because of the different sort of support given them."

HOW is it that the Canadian regulars—the men of the batteries and of the infantry school corps—take no part in the rifle competitions which are all open to them? is a question very often heard, and seldom satisfactorily answered. What is the proper answer? Is it that they cannot become marksmen by firing the government annual allowance of twenty rounds of ammunition, and that they cannot afford to practise at their own expense? Very likely. The pay of these men would very soon be exhausted were they to set about the purchase of ammunition

and incur the other expenses incidental to shooting. But would it not be fitting that in shooting as well as in drill the "regulars" should be an example to the volunteer militia. It will be observed that the school of mounted infantry at Winnipeg forms an exception to the general rule, teams and individuals from that institution having taken a worthy part in the recent Manitoba provincial matches. Is it only a coincidence that there is on the staff of that school an officer who is a very enthusiastic rifleman? Or was it his example which encouraged the men to take up the pursuit?

The National Rifle Association in the House of Lords.

THE Earl of Wemyss, in calling attention to the proposed removal of the National rifle association from Wimbledon common, pointed out that the friendly rivalry of the volunteers at the butts was one of the main sources of attraction whereby the permanence and success of the movement had been promoted. The prizes given to successful marksmen had risen from £2,069 in 1860 to £15,000 in 1886, besides which in the latter year there was something like £5,000 in cups and other prizes of a similar character, and in the same way the entries for the Queen's prize had risen from 299 in 1860 to 2,463 in 1886. Not only was volunteer shooting encouraged at Wimbledon, but that of the army and navy had also been stimulated, while of late years teams of marksmen had been sent from Canada, India, and even during the present year from Australia. The noble lord added that the volunteers had heard with dismay that the annual rifle competition, so long fostered and maintained by the National association, was to be removed from Wimbledon common, which was within easy access of London, and taken to Purbright or Hassock's Gate, a step that would be almost fatal to the association if it were persevered in. The only reasons alleged for this were the objections of those in the neighborhood and the danger to persons on the land beyond the butts. The answer to these objections was that during the twenty-seven years in which the annual meeting had been held at Wimbledon there had not been a single accident to anyone off the ground occupied by the association; while there had been but one man killed by accidental shots, and two others wounded.

The Duke of Cambridge concurred with what had been said by his noble friend as to the manner in which the work of the rifle association had been carried on; but at the same time he thought the time had arrived when, seeing the manner in which London was building up to and round about Wimbledon, it had become necessary for the National rifle association to look out for some place where its meetings could be held with less danger to the public. As far as he was concerned he had done all he could to meet the views of the association. He had allowed them to hold their meeting there this year, and was willing to give them a further year; but they must really look about and endeavor to find a more suitable locality. If Purbright or Hassock's Gate were not considered desirable places, there was no reason why some other place should not be selected.

Lord Wantage expressed a hope that means might be devised by which the objections urged by the Duke of Cambridge could be obviated, and suggested that an attempt should be made to secure the land beyond the butts, where the only danger to the public outside the ground used by the volunteers could occur.

Earl Spencer hoped the government would take up the matter, and consider it from a national point of view.

Earl Brownlow and Lord Truro concurred in the belief that the removal from Wimbledon would strike a blow at the usefulness of the National rifle association, and hoped that some means would be found by which the proposed change of locality might be averted.

Lord Harris, although endorsing all that had been said as to the importance of the Wimbledon meeting, did not think the vitality of the Volunteer movement, with its numerous county and district rifle associations, would dwindle if the meeting of the National association were removed from Wimbledon. As to Her Majesty's government, they could not pledge themselves beforehand to any scheme the National rifle association might agree upon, but if there were any prospect of the continuance of an institution of such national value as the National rifle association being jeopardised, he was sure that no government would refuse its assistance towards averting such a calamity. As far as Purbright was concerned, the National association would be welcome guests of the government there.

After a brief reply from the Earl of Wemyss, the matter dropped.

Louis Landry, the man who stole a rifle from the 83rd Batt. at the last annual inspection, has been tried at Joliette and sentenced to eight months in gaol at hard labor.

Dominion Artillery Competitions.

THE following programme and regulations have been issued by the Dominion artillery association for the garrison artillery competition to be held under their auspices at the Island of Orleans, commencing on the 5th September:—

Transport will be provided from local headquarters to Quebec and return for not more than three detachments from each affiliated brigade of garrison artillery (British Columbia excepted), and for not more than one detachment from each affiliated battery.

Each detachment to consist of one officer and seven n.c. officers or gunners and those from brigades may be composed of n.c. officers or gunners selected from the whole brigade. Each competitor will be required to have performed the annual drill with his corps for 1886-87 or 1887-88.

Subject to the above provisions there will be no objection to detachments being sent from each battery in a brigade, but the number of detachments from brigades will be deducted from the number of batteries authorized to practise at local headquarters.

An allowance of 75 cents per officer and man will be paid for each day necessarily absent from local headquarters.

Tents and blankets will be provided on the camp ground, Isle of Orleans, and officers commanding are requested to communicate with the camp quarter-master, Quebec, with reference to messing arrangements.

Gun practice at the Island of Orleans will be held as nearly as possible as follows:

Monday, 5th September—	Detachments, Quebec and Levis garrison artillery.
Tuesday, 6th	“ “ Montreal brigade.
Wednesday, 7th	“ “ Halifax and P.E.I. brigades.
Thursday, 8th	“ “ N. B. brigade and P.E.I. brigades.
Friday, 9th	“ “ Toronto battery.

The shifting ordnance competitions will be held at the camp grounds on the 6th and following days.

Officers commanding batteries or brigades will be required to notify the secretary D. A. association, Ottawa, before the 15th August as to the number of detachments which will be sent to these competitions, and for which transport will be required—affiliation fees must be forwarded at same time.

The following firing and shifting ordnance competitions will be held:—

Firing competition with 64-pr. R. M. L. guns.—Range about 1,800 yards.

Detachment of 7 n.c. officers or gunners to fire, each, common shell plugged 3; Shrapnel shell time fuze, 1—4; total 28.

Firing competition with 40-pr. R. B. L. guns—Detachments as above.

Common shell plugged, 3; Shrapnel shell time fuze, 1—4; total 28.

Officers' competition open to one officer for each competing detachment. Entrance one dollar.

Each to fire 40-pr. B. L. R. common shell plugged—4.

Two trial shots common shell plugged from each nature of gun will be fired by the umpire at the commencement of each day's firing, and the results signalled and fully recorded.

Shifting Ordnance Competition.

Open to one officer or n.c. officer as No. 1 and 18 n.c. officers or gunners selected from competing detachments of brigades. Independent batteries wishing to enter for this competition will be required to include their firing detachment in that for shifting ordnance, but no camp allowance can be paid to other than the firing detachment.

Rules.—A 44 pr. gun mounted on common standing carriage on centre of common ground platform to be dismounted down the rear by watered skids, then taken completely round platform without touching the latter with gun or skids—the gun to be remounted by parbuckling up the side, gun and carriage to be left in original position.

Stores as detailed in handbook for above operations.

The operations of mounting and dismounting must be conducted in strict accordance with the handbook.

Five seconds to be added to time at the discretion of the umpire for each mistake in drill or other irregularity. Umpire's decision to be final.

Go-as-you-please shift—open to detachments as above.

Details to be published on the ground—no preliminary practice allowed.

Lt.-Col. Irwin, inspector of artillery, will act as camp commandant.

Umpires, Lt.-Col. Montizambert and Lt.-Col. Cotton, asst. insp. artillery.

Executive officer and camp adjutant, Capt. Peters, C. A. Regt.

Camp quarter-master, Major Crawford Lindsay, Quebec field battery.

Register keeper, Capt. Donaldson, secretary D. A. association.

Range officers, Capt. Rutherford, Capt. Fages, C. A. Regt.

One master gunner, two n. c. officers and ten men B battery.

The rules for competitive gun practice as published by D. A. association will be strictly adhered to. The umpire's decision to be final. No appeal.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The following prize list for 1887 has just been published by the Dominion Artillery Association:—

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE—FIRING COMPETITION.

Badges as for a field battery.	
Field glass, value.....	\$25 00

ROYAL SCHOOLS OF ARTILLERY—FIRING COMPETITION.

9-pounder R. M. L. Guns.

Aggregate	\$16 00
Individual	8 00

Badges as for field batteries.

64-pounder R. M. L. Guns.

Aggregate	8 00
Individual	8 00
Shifting ordnance	25 00

FIELD BATTERIES—FIRING COMPETITION.

9-pounder R. M. L. Guns.

Aggregate Scores—1	\$30 00	
2	20 00	
3	15 00	
4	10 00	
		75 00
Individual Scores—1 at \$15	\$15 00	
2 " 10	20 00	
3 " 8	24 00	
4 " 5	15 00	
5 " 4	16 00	
10 " 3	15 00	
10 " 2	20 00	
		125 00

Shifting Ordnance Competition.

1—Gzowski challenge cup and	\$30 00	
2	20 00	
3	10 00	
		\$60 00

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

GARRISON BATTERIES—COMPETITIONS AT ISLAND OF ORLEANS.

64-pounder R. M. L. Guns.

Aggregate Scores—1	\$50 00	
2	30 00	
3	20 00	
		100 00
Individual Scores—1 at \$20	\$20 00	
2 " 15	30 00	
2 " 10	20 00	
5 " 4	20 00	
5 " 2	10 00	
		100 00

Quebec Merchants' Challenge Cup, value \$200, to become the property of any battery winning it twice in three successive competitions.

40-pounder B. L. R. Guns.

Aggregate Scores—1	\$40 00	
2	25 00	
3	15 00	
		80 00
Individual Scores—1 at \$20	\$20 00	
1 " 15	15 00	
2 " 10	20 00	
2 " 5	10 00	
2 " 4	8 00	
4 " 2	8 00	
		81 00

Montreal Challenge Cup, value \$250, to be the property of any battery winning it twice in three successive competitions.

OFFICERS' MATCH.

1st prize, value	\$25 00	
2nd " "	15 00	
3rd " "	10 00	
		50 00

Batteries practising at local headquarters, prizes at the rate of ten dollars per battery entering into the competitions.

SHIFTING ORDNANCE COMPETITION.

Shift A (as detailed)—1st prize	\$40 00	
2nd " "	25 00	
3rd " "	10 00	
		75 00
Shift B (go as-you-please)—1st prize	\$40 00	
2nd " "	25 00	
3rd " "	10 00	
		75 00

One first prize if only 4 batteries or under compete; two prizes if only 5 batteries compete, and 3 prizes if 6 batteries compete.

GENERAL EFFICIENCY.

To field and garrison battery making highest total points Cup, value \$75, presented by His Excellency the Governor-General.

VOLUNTARY DRILLS.

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

Badges same as last year.

Metropolitan Rifle Matches.

THE annual prize meeting of the Metropolitan Rifle Association, open to military district No. 4, was held at the Rideau range, Ottawa, on Friday and Saturday last, the shooting going on all day Friday and on Saturday afternoon. The attendance showed a slight falling off, the total number of competitors present being about forty. The weather was very unfavorable for high scoring, owing to varying wind and changeable light. The shooting was all with Snider rifles, and

the ammunition used, D.C., '87, came in for a good deal of blame, some of which at least was deserved, as the number of drop shots was very large. The executive officer was Lt.-Col. Bacon, vice-president of the association, and Color-Sergt. Cope, of the Guards, looked after the statistics.

In addition to the usual money prizes, the list this year included a handsome silver cup, the gift of His Worship Mayor Stewart of Ottawa, and a silver medal presented by His Excellency the Governor-General. For the extra series matches, which were open to all comers, without their having to pay membership fees, valuable prizes in kind, donated by merchants of Ottawa, were offered, as well as six cash prizes in each series. Amongst those who took advantage of the opportunity presented to fire in these was Pte. A. Gillies of the 90th, who had stopped over at Ottawa on his return from Wimbledon. Pte. Gillies put in four bulls and an inner at 500 yards, making 24 out of 25, which remained at the head until the close of the competition. The following were the prize winners in each match:—

1ST MATCH—400 AND 600 YARDS, SEVEN SHOTS.

\$15 Lt.-Col Macpherson, Guards	31 24 55	\$4 Col-Sergt Mailleue, Guards	28 18 46
10 Major Sparham, 42nd	32 23 55	4 Sergt Reardon, Guards	24 19 43
8 Lieut Gray, Guards	28 24 52	3 R H Brown, O R C	27 15 42
6 Staff-Sergt O'Grady, P L D G	29 23 52	3 Lieut Rogers, 43rd	31 10 41
5 Dr Hutchison, O R C	29 22 51	3 J E Hutcheson, O R C	31 10 41
5 Pte Sutherland, Guards	31 20 51	2 Capt Bell, 43rd	25 15 40
5 Col-Sergt Menzies, 43rd	27 22 49	2 Staff-Sergt Huntingdon, 56th	22 17 39
4 " Fairbairn, 43rd	28 20 48	2 Corpl Carroll, Guards	27 12 39

2ND MATCH—500 YARDS, SEVEN SHOTS.

\$15 Pte Sutherland, Guards	26	\$4 Staff-Sergt Huntingdon, 56th	23
10 R H Brown, O R C	25	4 Pte J D Taylor, Guards	23
8 J E Hutcheson, O R C	25	3 Col-Sergt Menzies, 43rd	22
6 C F Cox, O R C	25	3 Staff-Sergt Cawdron, Guards	22
5 Staff-Sergt Jamieson, 43rd	24	3 Lieut Gray, Guards	22
5 Major Anderson, 43rd	24	2 Lieut H C Chamberlin, 43rd	21
5 Capt Bell, 43rd	24	2 C McDiarmid, O R C	20
4 Pte Morrison, Guards	23	2 Col-Sergt Mailleue, Guards	20

3RD MATCH—200, 500 AND 600 YARDS, SEVEN SHOTS.

Team Prizes.

1. \$15—Guards, No. 1.		2. \$12—Prescott Rifle Association.	
Lieut Gray	79	J E Hutcheson	74
Pte Sutherland	76	Staff-Sergt Huntingdon	71
Pte Morrison	75	Major Sparham	67
Total	230	Total	212
3. \$9—Metropolitan Rifle Association.		4. \$6—Metropolitan Rifle Association.	
Staff-Sergt O'Grady, P L D G	78	Col-Sergt Fairbairn, 43rd	77
Lt.-Col Macpherson, Guards	65	Major Todd, Guards	70
Major Perley, H Q S	65	Staff-Sergt Newby, Guards	57
Total	208	Total	204

Individual Prizes.

\$15 Col-Sergt Mailleue, Guards	29 28 25 82	\$4 Capt Bell, 43rd	29 19 24 72
10 R H Brown, O R C	29 27 24 80	4 Stf-Sgt Huntingdon, 56th	30 22 19 71
8 Lieut Gray, Guards	26 28 25 79	3 Pte J D Taylor, Guards	28 20 22 70
6 C McDiarmid, O R C	27 27 25 79	3 Major Todd, Guards	27 25 18 70
5 Staff-Sergt O'Grady, P L D G	23 24 31 78	3 Pte Fairweather, Guards	28 25 17 70
5 Major Anderson, 43rd	26 27 24 77	3 Sergt Codd, Guards	27 22 20 69
5 Col-Sergt Fairbairn	28 30 19 77	3 Sergt Reardon	27 18 23 68
5 Pte Sutherland, Guards	30 26 20 76	2 Major Sparham, 42nd	28 22 17 67
4 Lieut H C Chamberlin, 43rd	29 26 20 75	2 Lt.-Col Macpherson, Guards	27 19 19 65
4 Pte Morrison, Guards	30 27 18 75	2 Major Perley, H Q S	26 24 15 65
4 J E Hutcheson, O R C	28 23 23 74		

4TH MATCH—500 AND 600 YARDS; 7 SHOTS.

\$15 Pte N Morrison, Guards	27 27 54	\$4 Color-Sergt Mailleue, Guards	24 20 44
10 Capt Bell, 43rd	25 24 49	4 C McDiarmid, O R C	29 15 44
8 Corpl Carroll, Guards	23 25 43	3 Dr G Hutchison, O R C	29 15 44
6 Major Sparham, 42nd	21 26 47	3 Color-Sergt Menzies, 43rd	22 21 43
5 Sergt Short, Guards	27 20 47	3 Lieut Gray, Guards	24 19 43
5 Color-Sergt Fairbairn, 43rd	30 17 47	3 Lieut Chamberlin, 43rd	29 14 43
5 J E Hutcheson, O R C	25 21 46	3 Staff-Sergt Jamieson, 43rd	26 16 42
5 Sergt J K Fairbairn, 42nd	28 18 46	2 Lt.-Col Macpherson, Guards	22 19 41
4 Staff-Sergt Newby, Guards	23 22 45	2 Pte Sutherland,	27 14 41
4 Major Perley, H Q S	26 19 45	2 Sergt Reardon,	27 14 41
4 Capt Wright, 43rd	22 22 44		

6TH MATCH—AGGREGATE OF FIRST FOUR.

Jubilee cup, medal and \$10, Lieut H H Gray, Guards	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total.
D R A medal and \$8, Pte. Sutherland, Guards	32	22	79	43	196
O R A medal and \$6, Color-Sergt Mailleue, Guards	51	26	76	41	194
\$5 Pte N Morrison, Guards	46	20	82	44	192
5 Staff-Sergt O'Grady, P L D G	38	23	75	54	190
5 Major Sparham, 42nd	52	20	78	39	189
4 J E Hutcheson, O R C	55	19	67	47	188
4 Capt Bell, 43rd	41	25	74	46	186
4 R H Brown, O R C	40	24	72	49	185
	42	25	80	38	185

EXTRA SERIES.

500 yards, 5 shots.		600 yards, 5 shots.	
Pte A Gillies, 90th	24	S-Sgt O'Grady, P L D G	21
S-Sgt Jamieson, 43rd	23	Lieut Gray, Guards	20
Pte Morrison, Guards	23	Lieut H C Chamberlin, 43rd	20
S-Sgt O'Grady, P L D G	23	S-Sgt Cawdron, Guards	20
Sgt Reardon, Guards	23	Major Anderson, 43rd	20
Lieut Gray, Guards	23	Pte Angus, Guards	19
C McDiarmid, O R C	23	S-Sgt Jamieson, 43rd	19
S-Sgt Huntingdon, P R A	22	Sgt Codd, Guards	18
Major Perley, H Q S	22	R H Brown, O R C	18
Sgt Codd, Guards	22	Color-Sgt Ross, Guards	18
Dr Hutchison, O R C	22	Sgt Short, Guards	18
J P Nutting, O R C	21	Capt Wright, 43rd	17
Pte Fairweather, Guards	21	Pte Sutherland, Guards	16
Major Anderson, 43rd	21	Sgt Reardon, Guards	15
Corpl Carroll, Guards	21	Major Sparham, 42nd	15
Sgt Short, Guards	21	Dr Hutchison, O R C	15
		Lt.-Col Macpherson, Guards	15

The Ontario Provincial Matches.

THE annual prize meeting of the Ontario Rifle Association is in progress this week at the Garrison common ranges, Toronto. The shooting commenced on Monday, and by last night all the matches included in the grand aggregate were completed. Below will be found the scores of the prize winners during the first two days, together with a synopsis of the proceedings at the annual meeting. The weather on the whole was unfavorable to high scoring, the wind and light both being trying. Where not otherwise specified the Snider rifle is that used.

I.—CANADA COMPANY.

400 yards, 7 shots. Open only to those members who had never won a prize at any Provincial or Dominion match, exclusive of consolation matches.

Table of scores for the Canada Company match, listing names and scores.

2.—MACDONALD, 200 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Table of scores for the Macdonald match, listing names and scores.

3.—GILMOUR, 500 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Table of scores for the Gilmour match, listing names and scores.

Tuesday.

4.—GORDON, 600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Table of scores for the Gordon match, listing names and scores.

5.—WALKER, 500 AND 600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Team Prizes.

Table of team prizes, listing categories and amounts.

Individual Prizes.

Table of individual prizes, listing names and amounts.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the members took place on Tuesday afternoon, commencing at five o'clock, when the firing in the Walker match was still going on. The president, Lieut.-Col. Gibson, occupied the chair, and among others present were Col. Gzowski, A.D.C., Lieut.-Cols. Otter, Aylmer, Jones, Allan, Macdonald, Gray, Alger and Davis; Majors Blaiklock, Dunn and Delamere. The attendance of members was large; the tent provided for the meeting proving insufficient accommodation.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In presenting the annual report and moving its adoption, the chairman said the association was not growing very rapidly, but good work and steady progress could be reported. It was giving all the encouragement possible to the local associations in the matter of using the rifle as the chief feature of a soldier's education. The number of competitors this year was larger than on previous occasions, and it would be a pity were the association to lose its independent character, which had stood it so well in the past. The association formed a medium between the Dominion and the local associations; it was easy of access, and it was of the utmost importance that it should be maintained in its integrity. Referring to the known desire of the Industrial Exhibition Association to make use of a portion of the common, he said the Industrial association needed room for their exhibition badly and were prepared to agree to very favorable conditions. In view of the public interest the question of the garrison commons was creating, it might be as well to state that the Ontario rifle association held a lease of these grounds for ten years at a fixed sum of rent, which they duly paid for it. The lease was absolute in its terms, subject to the one condition that the Government might resume possession for military purposes only. In the negotiations which had taken place heretofore on this matter many members of the council thought the prudent course for them to take was not to entertain the proposals submitted to them by the Industrial Exhibition association. Personally he was of opinion that at least it would not be of any advantage to them to adhere to that decision in the year to come, while it might be of some advantage to come to some arrangement. The Industrial Exhibition association would construct two ranges of targets and place all the targets in one continuous direct range, so that there would be less liability of bullets dropping into the bay, and of being a continual source of danger, and the common would be more comfortable and more suitable for parade purposes. He believed the recent fatal accident was not the result of the ranges being in a dangerous locality so much as the result of want of regulation in the use of those ranges. The present ranges might therefore be continued without much danger to life if more care were exercised in shooting practice. In his interview with the Mayor, his worship said he would endeavor to find a place where better ranges could be laid out nearly as convenient to the commons. He took upon himself to answer on behalf of the association that when this promise was fulfilled they would be glad to consider the matter of a change as favorable as possible.

The report was adopted.

Col. Gzowski concurred with what the president had said regarding the commons. He thought it would be a great mistake on the part of the Ontario Rifle Association to say to the city and to the Industrial Exhibition Association that they would have no dealings whatever with them in the matter. The lease could be extended from ten years to another ten years on application by the association.

Lieut.-Col. Macdonald said the disposal of the question would affect the Toronto men more than other members of the association, as the former had the use of the ranges for daily and weekly practice. Some arrangement such as indicated by the chairman ought to be made, which might eventually save the use of the grounds for the O.R.A. They should make efforts to gain the goodwill of the citizen in the matter, with the view of getting the ranges permanently established for the O.R.A. in Toronto.

Lieut.-Col. Gray said the Industrial exhibition association had nothing but good will to the O.R.A. What they had to fear in this agitation were the public and the press, which said that another fatal accident such as had recently happened would be nothing short of a murder.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

The following were elected members of the council for the current year:-- First Military District—Major Wilson, retired list; John Crowe, Guelph; Asst-Surgeon Corlis, 25th battalion; Geo. Sleeman, Guelph. Second Military District—Capt. Cooper, 12th; Staff-Sergt. Payne, 13th; Major Delamere, Q.O.R.; Lt.-Col. Jones, 38th. Third Military District—Major Baillie, 47th; W. S. Russell, Bowmanville R. A.; Asst.-Surgeon McLaughlin, 45th; Lieut. MacNachten, Cobourg G. A. Fourth Military District—Lt.-Col. Macpherson, Militia staff; Lt.-Col. J. P. Macpherson, Guards; Major Peley, Engineer's Staff, and Capt. Wright, 43rd. The following representatives were re-elected:—Col. Gzowski, A. D. C. to the Queen; Lt.-Col. Macdonald, 1st B.F.A.; Major Mason, 13th Batt.; Lt.-Col. Macpherson, Guards; Lieut. MacNachten, Cobourg G. A.; Major Anderson, 43rd; Capt. Macdonald, Q.O.R.

The following were appointed a committee for the selection of the Provincial team at the Dominion Rifle Association matches:—Major Todd, Guards; Lt.-Col. Gibson, Hamilton; Capt. Bruce, Royal Grenadiers; Capt. Adam, 13th Battalion.

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Lt.-Col. Davis, 37th, brought to the notice of the association the fact that one of its members, Color-Sergt. Proud, of his battalion, who had won a place on the Wimbledon team of this year, had not been afforded an opportunity of going. The speaker had repeatedly tried to ascertain the reason, but so far without success.

It was pointed out that the Provincial Association could do nothing in the matter, and Col. Davis was advised to make his inquiries at the Ottawa meeting, when no doubt all necessary information would be forthcoming.

Lt.-Col. Davis also introduced the subject of the present prescribed strength of eight for regimental teams, and complained that this number was too large, rural corps not being able to enter teams in the battalion match as they could not get the requisite number of men to Toronto.

A recommendation to the council that these teams should in future consist of five men only, was adopted on division, as was also another recommendation that an unlimited number of team entries should be accepted from any battalion.

The Chairman announced that the Dominion Government had appointed a board consisting of Lt.-Cols. Gzowski, Otter and Jackson to enquire into the suitability of the Garrison Common's range, and these gentlemen would, he understood, report before the Industrial Exhibition was over.

The whole question was by resolution referred to the council with full power to deal with it.

The meeting then adjourned, the members giving three hearty cheers for Lt.-Col. Gibson, the popular retiring president, before dispersing.

A "Major" is advertising in the *Army and Navy Gazette*, for "a man-servant, a discharged soldier who has been an officer, and who must be able to wait at table." The gallant major is apt, remarks a contemporary, to find some difficulty to lay his hand on the man he wants. A discharged soldier who has been an officer is difficult enough to find at any time—we doubt if we ever heard of one—but when to his other accomplishments is to be added that he "must know how to wait at table," this, we believe, will be an almost insuperable difficulty. It is to be hoped that when the major meets with this rare specimen of broken-down humanity, his character will be all he requires.

It is stated that there is living at Morton, Eng., a hale old man, named Hudson, who is over 90 years old, and who well remembers Lord Nelson as a visitor at Merton. Hudson tells us how he stood by the door of the postchaise in which, early on the morning of Sept. 13, 1805, the famous admiral drove away from Sir Wm. Hamilton's gates. He states that when a boy he often saw Nelson fishing in the Wandle, near the Abbey Mill, or walking about Sir William Hamilton's grounds with Lady Hamilton. Two cottages at the bottom of Abbey lane were built by Lord Nelson for his coachman and gardener, and in one of these old Hudson and his wife, who is a daughter of Cribb, Nelson's gardener, have lived for about fifty years. Over the mantelpiece in Hudson's little dwelling is a small mirror in a gilt frame, once a portion of the furniture of the room occupied by Nelson in Sir William Hamilton's house.

The *Philadelphia Press*, referring to the benefits accruing to young men from a system of military drill at colleges, says "Habits of command and organization are of advantage to all who have control of men in any walk of life. A graduate of one of these colleges, who was employed in a large engineering enterprise, was soon elevated to the position of foreman, and he attributed his promotion to the habit of commanding the college corps which he had acquired as an officer. Another was employed in one of the largest mercantile houses in an eastern city and he soon rose to a leading position, taking executive charge of the other employees. His experience in commanding the students in their military exercises was again cited as the reason for his promotion. It would seem then that even if the graduates of these colleges are never called to bear arms their training is likely to be of service in many other directions."

In Ireland everything is different to England, and so is the militia. Last year a rather smart regiment was being inspected by an easy-going colonel commanding the district. The march past had been gone through creditably, the manual and firing exercise had been pronounced a success by those looking on, and the colonel flattered himself that the battalion movements he had put his "regiment" through were done in A 1 style. The inspecting officer then desired that the several companies should be marched to different parts of the drill field to test the efficiency of the subalterns in company drill. All, according to order, moved off, except one—B company. "Why the devil" (*sotto voce*), said the inspecting officer, "does not he move off?" The orderly in attendance, a true Hibernian, replied, "Shure, sir, and Captain Maguire and his men had a difference yesterday, and they're not on speaking terms yit."—*Broad Arrow*.

The great parade of the British war fleet at Portsmouth was perhaps one of the most striking and distinguished naval spectacles in any age. Besides a great number of enormous troopships and transports which strictly belong to the naval establishment, there were in line, or rather in five lines, 128 armed and armored vessels, many of the largest class armed with the heaviest and most approved artillery. One of the prominent officers of the admiralty stated to an American journalist present that one of these ships, the *Collingwood*, between Coney Island and Fort Lafayette, would be able to destroy New York city in two hours, despite any resistance it is at present in the power of the United States to make. In view of these facts the spectacle of the *Atlanta*, the foremost warship in the United States navy, being racked to pieces by the shock and recoil of her own guns the first time they were fired, seems truly pitiful. Possibly there is nothing that ever has happened or existed so capable of mortifying and humiliating the American people as the present condition of their national navy.—*New York Times*.



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The Edmonton *Bulletin* says: The gold medal presented by A. McDonald & Co. to the Edmonton rifle association arrived by last mail. It is a Maltese cross with two rifles crossed, and in the centre the figure of a rifleman kneeling to fire. On the reverse are the words "Presented to the Edmonton rifle association by A. McDonald & Co., won by" the name to be filled in is that of the member of the association making the highest aggregate score in the annual matches, two years consecutively, who will then receive the medal.

Nothing has been heard since Parliament rose about the scrip and pay for the Regina volunteer corps. We don't wish to disturb the peaceful slumbers of our legislators at Citawa by threatening a rebellion, after the manner of the Winnipeg agitators, but we must urge on the government once more the justice of granting our brave volunteers their rights. We can assure Sir A. P. Caron that the Blazers feel very indignant about that scrip. They say it was given to the Birtle company, who put forward exactly the same claims as we did, then why not grant it to us.—*Reg. Leader*.

As last year, a selected corps of cyclists is to be utilised, but on a more systematic plan, during the French grand military manoeuvres in the autumn. Says the *Broad Arrow*, "In our last issue we pointed out the advisability of initiating a similar service for the transmission of orders or reports with our own troops, and it is perceived the same idea has occurred to our neighbours and put into practice. Men from the French reserve forces alone will be appointed for the duty of messengers, of whom six are to be attached to the headquarter staff of every army corps, five to each staff of divisions, and two for all brigades of infantry."

The Target.

GRAND TRUNK RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

Montreal.—The thirteenth annual prize meeting of the G. T. R. association took place on the Point St. Charles rifle ranges on Saturday. The weather was everything that was desirable, though the wind at times was a fishtail and very trying.

The first competition was the classified match, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots.

First Class.—J. W. Marks 73, W. E. Wilson 73, J. Kamberry 73.

Second Class.—J. McDonald 67, Thos. Gough 61, Wm. Irving 59.

Second Match—500 yards, 7 shots, prizes in kind, presented by friends. W. E. Wilson 27, J. Kamberry 27, J. Wilson 26.

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Fourth Match.—Extra series; unlimited entries; 400 yards, 5 shots; prizes in kind. J. W. Marks 23, J. Anthony 23, W. Irving 23, J. Kiddle 22, G. Lavers 22, T. Dalrymple 22, J. Wilson 22.

Fifth Match (Aggregate).—1st class. J. Kamberry 154, J. Wilson 147. 2nd class. M. O'Brien 139, W. Irving 132.

Correspondence.

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

SNIDER SHOOTING AND CANADIAN AMMUNITION.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—I was much pleased on looking over the account of the prize meeting of the Nova Scotia provincial rifle association, recently held at Bedford, to see that the riflemen of that province had taken a step which I hope to see followed in the local and provincial associations elsewhere and also in the Dominion rifle association, viz., making 500 yards the extreme distance at which the Snider shall be used.

Many years before the Snider was entirely abolished at Wimbledon, the National rifle association of England took the same step, considering that 500 yards was as great a distance as the old "gas pipe" could be depended upon for accurate shooting. In the same way a few years ago the N. R. A. cut out the 1,000 yards range from the Martini matches, as it was found that good steady shooting could not be made at so great a distance. It is the utmost folly to make men shoot at a range that is beyond the capacity of both themselves and rifle. The argument for the abolition of the 600 yards range in Snider matches is now stronger than ever with us in Canada, from the fact that we have to use the ammunition manufactured at Quebec, which is condemned from one end of the Dominion to the other as utterly unreliable.

Let us have 400 yards in our matches. That distance *used* to be considered too easy, too many bulls eyes made. Well, I don't think we should find it so now. The shooting at 500 yards now is little better than it used to be at 600 yards, when we used English ammunition, and we shall probably find that our 400 yards scores now will be but very little in advance of our former 500 yards ones.

It has taken us in Canada a long time to follow the example of our brother riflemen in England, but I hope Nova Scotia has got in the thin edge of the wedge, and that good results will follow.

A word *re* Canadian ammunition. That it is utterly unreliable, as I have said, no one, I believe, who has taken part in the Provincial and Dominion matches since it has been used will deny. The very fact that these associations have inserted a clause in their regulations that no ammunition except that of Dominion of Canada make shall be allowed, admits that a competitor fortunate enough to secure English would have a very great and unfair advantage over the other.

Where the fault in Canadian made ammunition lies I shall not venture to conjecture. I have heard numerous theories advanced, and have my own whether right or wrong. But it ought not to be hard to find out *exactly where the fault does lie and to have it remedied*. There is no doubt that a very great injury is being done to rifle shooting in Canada by the unsatisfactory results obtained in the way of scores. Men, finding that high scores are more a matter of chance than of any merit of the shooter, will cease to shoot altogether. I have heard many enthusiastic shots declare their intention of giving up Snider shooting simply on this account. That the skill of our riflemen is not lessening is seen by the marked improvement in the Martini scores, now that that rifle is being used more.

By the way, Mr. Editor, was there not a commission appointed on Canadian ammunition some years ago? It would be interesting to see the report on the subject. But I believe that is more than anyone, outside of the Department, has had the privilege of doing. It has been pigeon-holed, I suppose. Trusting I have not encroached too much upon your space, I sign myself

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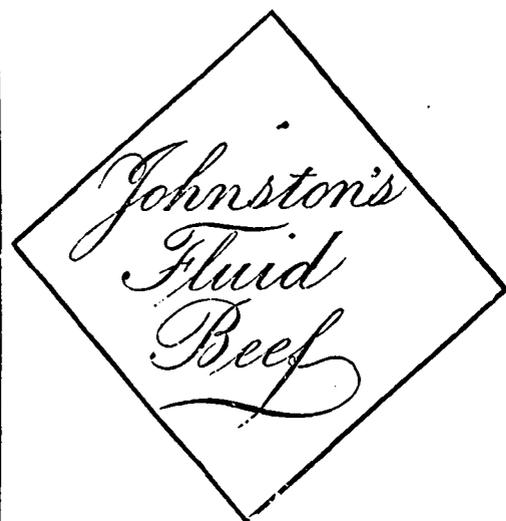
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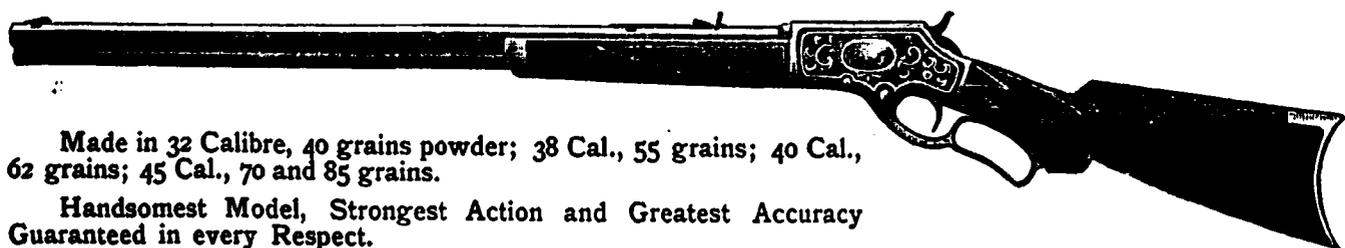
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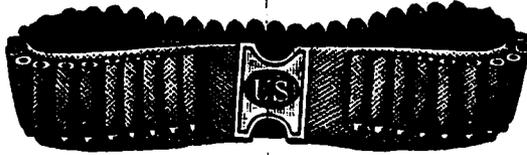
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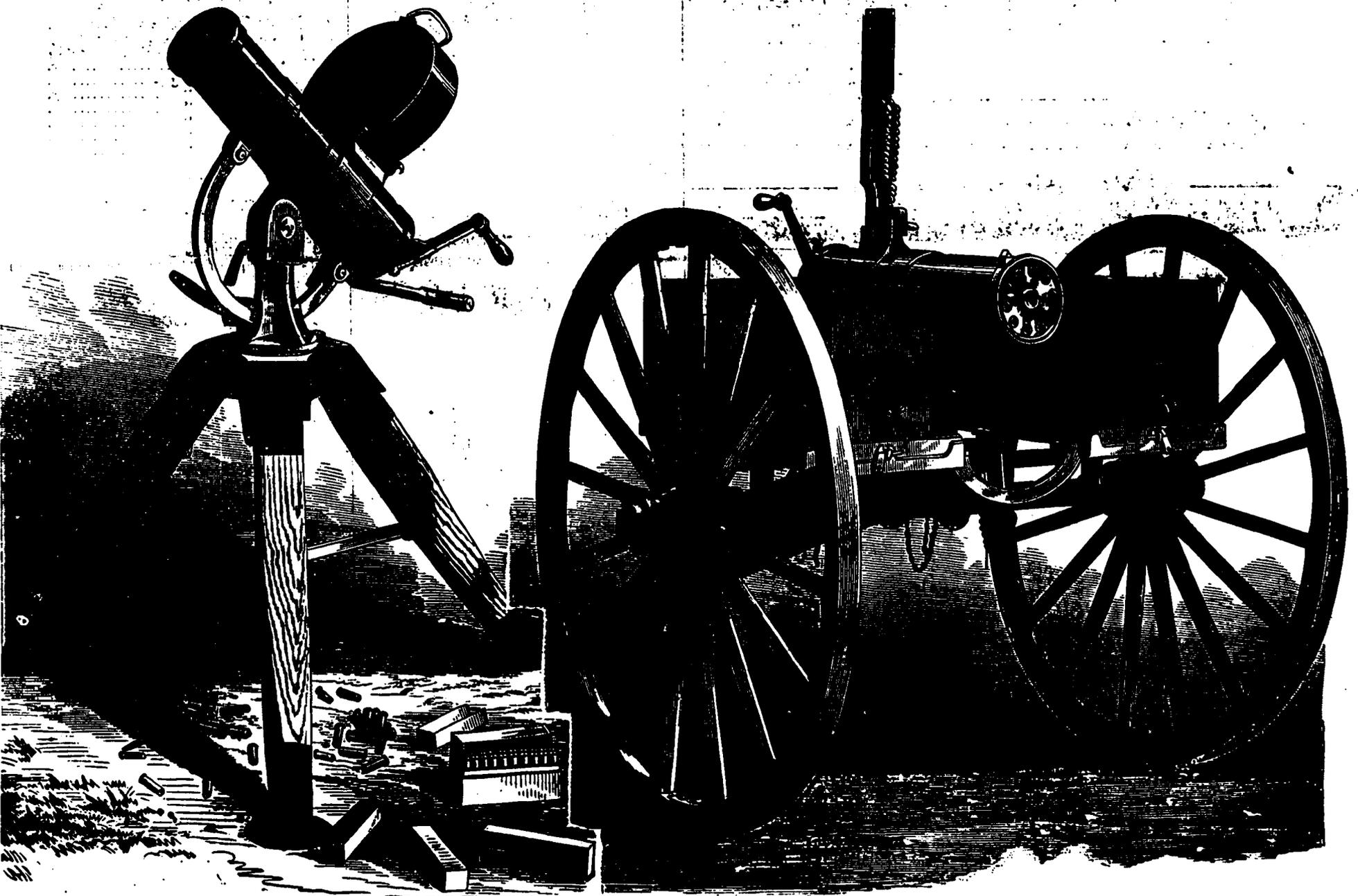
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