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Laura Secord, the Heroine of 1812.

In view of the interest newly awakened concerning the story of the war of 1812-15, by the recent imposing celebration at Toronto of the anniversary of the battle of Lundy's Lane, it is opportune to briefly refer to a published book of poems reciting incidents of Canadian history of those times, and more particularly the story of Laura Secord, the heroine of 1812. The publication, issued in 1887, is entitled, "Laura Secord and other Poems," and the authoress is Mrs. Sarah Ann Curzon, of Toronto. Amongst the "other poems," which number twenty-three, may be mentioned as of chief interest in connection with the main theme, "A Ballad of 1812," "The Hero of St. Helen's Island," "Our Veterans of 1812—A Plea," and "On Queenston Heights." Besides these the book contains several choice bits in the way of "Fables; original and from the French," and of "Translations," these including in their number a poem "In Memory of the Heroes of 1760," and "The Song of the Canadian Voltigeurs." The narrative of Laura Secord is written in the form of a drama, and the aim of the authoress is thus stated in the preface:

"The drama of Laura Secord was written to rescue from oblivion the name of a brave woman, and set it in its proper place among the heroes of Canadian history. During the first years of her residence in Canada the author was often astonished to hear it remarked, no less among educated than uneducated Canadians, that 'Canada has no history'; and yet on every hand stories were current of the achievements of the pioneers and the hardships endured and overcome by the United Empire Loyalists. Remembering that, as soon as she had conquered the merest rudiments of reading and grammar at school, she was set to learn the English history and so become acquainted with the past of her country, it seemed to the writer that there was something lacking in a course of teaching that could leave Canadians to think that their country had no historical past. Determined to seek out for herself the facts of the case, it was with feelings of the deepest interest that she read such of the contributions to the newspaper press as came in her way during the debate with regard to the pensions asked of Government for the surviving veterans of 1812 in 1873-4. Among these was incidentally given the story of Mrs. Secord's heroic deed in warning Fitzgibbon. Yet it could not pass without observation that, while the heroism of the men of that date was dwelt upon with warm appreciation and much urging as to their deserts, Mrs. Secord, as being a woman, shared in nothing more tangible than an approving record. The story, to a woman's mind, was full of pathos, and, though barren of great incidents, was not without a due richness of colouring if looked at by appreciative eyes. Nor were the results of Laura Secord's brave deed insignificant. Had the Americans carried Beaver Dams at that juncture, the whole peninsula was before them—all its supplies, all its means of communication with other parts of the province. And Canada—Upper Canada, at least—would have been in the hands of the invaders until, by a struggle too severe to be contemplated calmly, they had been driven forth. To save from the sword is surely as great a deed as to save with the sword; and this Laura Secord did, at an expense of nerve and muscle fully equal to any that are recorded of the warrior. To set her on such a pedestal of equality; to inspire other hearts with loyal

bravery such as hers; to write her name on the roll of Canadian heroes, inspired the poem that bears her name. But the tribute to her memory would not be complete were it to omit an appeal to Canadians, especially to the inhabitants of this province, who in their prosperity owe to her so much, to do their part, and write her name in enduring marble upon the spot where she lies buried. Nor does it seem asking more than a graceful act from the Government of the Dominion—a Dominion which, but for her, might never have been—to do its share in acknowledgment. One of her daughters still lives, and if she attain to her mother's age has yet nearly a decade before her.

"The drama of Laura Secord was written in 1876, and the ballad a year later, but, owing to the inertness of Canadian interest in Canadian literature at that date, could not be published. It is hoped that a better time has at length dawned."

The task undertaken by Mrs. Curzon, as related in this Preface, has been performed in a manner highly creditable to that lady, on account not only of the high literary standard of the work, but of the interest she has imparted to the story. We are glad to know that the volume has been well received, though its publisher has not met with that reward deserved from the patriotic nature of the work. Our Volunteers especially should see to it that such attempts to commemorate the bravery of those of Canada's early history should be cordially encouraged. And they should have a special interest in the work above noticed, from the fact that the authoress is the mother of their worthy brother-in-arms, Staff-Sergt. F. W. Curzon, of the Tenth Royal Grenadiers, a member of this year's team at Wimbledon, and who has for long held a high place in the ranks of the riflemen. This lady was the writer also of the Lines commemorative of Lundy's Lane, read at the recent anniversary, and published in our issue of last week.

Doubtless the work may be obtained of or through any leading bookseller, as well as direct from the authoress, at 49 Bellevue Avenue, Toronto. The price, bound in cloth, is \$2; or in half morocco \$2.50.

Small Practice.

Though themselves not by any means free from occasional blundering, the powers that be of the P. Q. R. A. continue to inflict the severest penalty upon any unfortunate competitor who makes a mistake however trifling. The meeting just concluded furnished several examples. For instances: A competitor asked at the wicket for an Optional match ticket. Though there was only one set of prizes, two sets of tickets were issued, one marked for Snider and the other for Martini. The competitor in question was handed a Snider ticket, but not noticing that it called for that rifle, he handed it to the register keeper, asked for and received seven rounds of Martini ammunition, and had almost completed his score with that rifle when the mistake was discovered. A reference to headquarters resulted in the disallowance of the score, which was a winning one. There was no justice in this proceeding. In the team competition in the Association match, a team score was disallowed because the team captain had made a mistake in figuring up his aggregate ticket; and the Montreal papers of Friday announce, we presume by authority, that the score of a team entered in the Grand Aggregate competition has been disallowed for a similar cause. Three days' shooting to count for nothing because of a mistake in arithmetic

claimed to have been made by the party making up the ticket! These certainly are very unsportsmanlike proceedings; and, further, they are altogether unauthorized, as the antiquated rule of disallowance of scores for such causes—which has been dropped by the D. R. A. as an absurdity, but is still retained by the P. Q. R. A., does not apply to team competitors, but only to mistakes made by individuals in competition for individual aggregate prizes. Even did the rule govern such cases as those to which it seems to have been erroneously applied at this meeting, the executive had power to remit the penalty, and had they exercised this power, they would have acted in accordance, we venture to say, with the wishes of every member of the Association who ever takes part in a rifle competition. The teams whose scores it is announced have been disallowed should stand upon their rights and demand the prizes honestly won with the rifle. This for the principle, not for the paltry amount at stake.

Our enterprising and truly national pictorial weekly is issuing a special Wimbledon number, to honour the victories of the Canadian team. It will be out on Saturday, 17th inst., and will contain the following illustrations, from photographs and drawings sent from Wimbledon direct by the special artist of the *Dominion Illustrated*, viz.: A full-page engraving of the Canadian Kolapore Team; a full-page view of the Wimbledon camp; sketches of the Canadian camp, Col. Bacon's tent, the Adjutant's tent, afternoon tea, writing home, Lady Wantage's reception tent, and the old Windmill; a full-page view of the firing stages during the contest; four photographs in the Canadian camp, and four other Wimbledon views, including High street. On the cover is a portrait of the commandant, Lieut.-Col. Bacon. Altogether a very interesting number for all active members of the volunteer force in Canada, more especially as this is the last meeting at Wimbledon. The *Dominion Illustrated* always shows great interest in everything connected with the militia, and should be well patronized.

British naval officers are grumbling at the abolition of the blue cloth tunic.

The Indian papers report that Captain Streatfeild, Grenadier Guards, A.D.C. to the Viceroy, will succeed Lord William Beresford as Military Secretary.

Four great camps of exercise will be held in India in the cold weather—at Lucknow, Meerut, Lahore and Rawul Pindi, and possibly another at Quetta.

Russia is said to have occupied Deer Island, in Corea, as a coaling and naval depot, and it is said that there is a Russian man-of-war there, and nobody allowed to land or leave without a permit from the admiral. The possession of the island gives Russia a great advantage.

The belt of forts which the Italian Government has constructed on the Alps towards the French frontier is approaching completion. Now they are pushing on with all possible speed the enormous works which are destined to fortify Genoa, so as to render that harbour practically impregnable.

The *Vulcan* was launched at Portsmouth, Eng., on June 13, and is the only one of the type yet built, known as a twin-screw steel torpedo ship. She is intended to accompany a fleet to sea, and to carry a large equipment of torpedo-boats and their gear, mining and countermining stores, etc., and to form a floating workshop for the necessary repairs to such. Her principal dimensions are 350 feet between perpendiculars and 58 feet extreme breadth, while the load draft of water will be 22 feet forward and 24 feet aft, and her displacement, when fully equipped for sea, about 6,620 tons.

The British Admiralty have ordered that the Burmah medal is to be issued at once to those officers and men of the Royal Navy who actually served in Burmah with the Field Force. The delay in the issue has been caused by the Government of India—who give the decoration—refusing to listen to the claim for the medal which was made on behalf of those who only served at the base of operations. The traditions of the naval service show that all persons actually on board a ship of war in such cases are entitled to the decorations. It is manifest that somebody must look after the ship, and the disappointed ones so left behind are thought to be as much entitled to the medal as their more fortunate comrades in the front of the battle,

The Quebec Provincial Meeting.

The twenty-first annual prize meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held this week, on the 13th, 14th and 15th inst., on the Cote St. Luc range, near Montreal, this being the first provincial meeting on the new range. Twenty targets were available, all in the one butt. The range may be made a good one, but requires a lot of fixing up. At the butts especially something in the way of drainage is needed, as under the targets there is almost constantly a quantity of stagnant water. In wet weather the working of the targets is materially interfered with. For the various events some 160 competitors entered, this being about the average number. In addition to those from the province, there were several from St. John, N.B., from Toronto, Bowmanville, and other points in Western Ontario, besides the usual large contingent from Ottawa City and Eastern Ontario. The Nursery and the Frontier were the regular matches of the first day, resulting as follows:

NURSERY MATCH.

Open to members of the P.Q.R.A. (whether by direct contribution or through affiliated Associations) who have never won an individual prize at any Provincial or Dominion match. Competitors will be held responsible for the correctness of their qualifications to enter. Range 400 yards. Number of rounds, 7. Rifle, Snider, Government pattern.

\$15 Pioneer Brighton, 6th.....	32	\$4 Lieut. Chambers, 6th Fus.....	28
10 Corpl. R. Binmore, 3rd.....	32	4 Mr. Osborne, M.R.A.....	28
7 Pte. M. Pope, 3rd.....	31	4 Gr. T. Pugh, B Bat.....	28
5 Br. T. Clements, B Bat.....	30	4 Corpl. J. W. Robinson, 5th R.S.....	26
5 Pte. J. Wilson, 6th Fus.....	30	4 Pte. W. R. Pringle, Vics.....	26
4 Pte. Murgatroyd, 8th.....	29	4 Gr. W. Pugh, B Bat.....	26
4 Pte. A. S. Byrd, 53rd.....	29	4 Capt. C. A. Donigan, 52nd.....	26
4 Mr. R. Miller, M.R.A.....	28		

FRONTIER MATCH.

Open to all members of the P.Q.R.A. (whether by direct contribution or through affiliated Associations). Range 500 yards. Rifle as in No. 1. Number of shots, 7.

\$20 Pte. McMartin, 5th R.S.....	34	\$4 Pte. A. McAfee, 1st P.W.R.....	28
15 Capt. W. McDonald, R.L.....	32	4 Staff-Sergt. King, 45th.....	28
12 Major J. Wright, 43rd.....	32	4 Sergt. Hall, 79th.....	28
10 Pte. A. Thomson, Vics.....	31	4 Col.-Sergt. Allan, 5th.....	28
8 Staff-Sergt. McAdam, Vics.....	31	4 Capt. Gray, Gds.....	28
7 Staff-Sergt. T. Mitchell, 10th.....	30	4 Sergt. Lavers, 6th.....	28
6 Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.....	30	4 Corpl. Carroll, Gds.....	27
6 Lieut. Margetts, 13th.....	30	4 Staff-Sergt. Huntingdon, 56th.....	27
6 Pte. C. T. Burns, Vics.....	29	4 Pte. Kambery, 5th.....	27
6 Pte. D. Smith, 5th R.S.....	29	4 Sergt.-Major Wilson.....	27
6 Pte. K. Matthews, 3rd Vics.....	29	4 Sergt. J. Currie, 5th.....	27
5 Staff-Sergt. Pink, 43rd.....	29	4 Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 43rd.....	27
5 Sergt. Horsey, 45th.....	29	4 Pte. F. Langstroth, 62nd.....	27
5 Pte. Morrison, Gds.....	29	4 Sergt. J. Clarke, 5th.....	27
5 Major L. Thomas, 54th.....	29	4 Sergt. J. Riddle, 6th.....	27
5 Sergt. A. D. Crooks, Q.O.R.....	29	4 Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd.....	26
5 Col.-Sergt. Marks, 6th.....	29	4 Staff-Sergt. McVittie, 10th.....	26
4 Lieut. Kincaid, 6th Cav.....	28	4 Capt. Ibbotson, 5th.....	26

Frontier Nursery Match.—Open to members of P. Q. R. A., who have never won a prize over \$5 at any Dominion or Provincial meeting. Competitors will be held responsible for their qualification to enter. Prizes will be awarded by scores in the Frontier match, as claimed by competitors on special ticket provided.

\$15 Corpl. Binmore, Vics.....	28	\$4 Pte. J. Wilson, 6th.....	25
10 Lieut. A. Shaw, Vics.....	27	4 Gr. J. E. Kingman, B Bat.....	24
7 Corpl. D. R. Brown, Gds.....	26	4 Mr. H. A. Johnson, H.R.A.....	24
5 Pte. Armstrong, 5th.....	26	4 Pte. Pope, Vics.....	23
5 Lieut. Davidson, 8th.....	26	4 Staff-Sergt. Cooper, M.G.A.....	23
4 Lieut. McDiarmid, 6th Cav.....	25	4 Lieut. E. J. Chambers, 6th.....	22
4 Br. T. Clements, B Bat.....	25	4 Pte. W. R. Pringle, Vics.....	22
4 Pte. T. W. Dunn, 8th.....	25		

THE MILITARY MATCHES.

The "military" matches were fired in the afternoon of Tuesday. Nine teams entered. In the skirmishing, in which the targets were exposed for fifteen seconds at a time, there was a fair percentage of hits. In the volley firing there was a decided falling off. Some of the targets were not struck at all by some of the volleys, and others received only one or two bullets, it being very exceptional for a target to show three hits at one time. This was due to the fact that the competitors were not given sufficient time to take aim, the command "fire" following ridiculously close upon the "present," and the match being thus made a lottery and a useless waste of time and ammunition. The matches were for teams of five men from any corps affiliated with the association. Snider rifles.

1st Series—Skirmishing.—Distance from about 500 yards to about 200 yards. Number of rounds, 10, size of target, 4 feet x 2 feet 6 inches, divided into three belts—the lower belt, 15 inches deep, scoring 5 points; the centre belt, 10 inches deep, scoring 3 points, the upper belt, 5 inches deep, scoring 2 points,

\$30, Gov. Gen's Foot Guards..... 143	\$20, 43rd Batt..... 114
25, 5th Royal Scots..... 120	15, First team 8th Batt..... 113

Second Series—Volley firing.—To be competed for by the same sections and at the same size targets as first series. Volleys by command of the officer in charge. Distance, 300 yards. Number of rounds, 5. Position, kneeling in single rank.

\$20, Second team 8th Batt..... 48	\$10, 5th Royal Scots..... 29
15, 6th Fusiliers..... 47	

Wednesday, 14th August.

This day's competitions commenced with the Active Militia and Battalion match, for which 134 individuals and seven teams had entered. When the marksmen turned out there was sufficient wind to make high scoring difficult, and this continued until early in the afternoon. The light was good. Notwithstanding the wind the leading scores were much higher than in the same matches last year. Twelve months ago the first prize in the Active Militia match was carried off with 83 points; this year it was 92. In the battalion team match in 1888 the first prize was carried off with a score of 425; this year it was 474. Last year the lowest individual score obtaining a prize in the competition was 72; this year it was 79. In 1888 the lowest of the team scores securing a prize in the battalion match was 421; this year it was 442. The city of Montreal Jubilee Challenge Trophy was also shot for in this match. Twelve months ago it was won by the Fifth Royal Scots with 421 points; this year it was won by the same corps, with a score of 462.

The new Morris tube, as adapted to the nine-pr. gun, was tested. The apparatus has been in use with rifles for some time, but it has only recently been adapted to field guns. By means of this invention, the tube was first tried at 600 yards, but no good work was done, those manipulating the gun being unable to get the proper elevation and windage. At 500 yards, however, the right elevation was obtained and some capital shooting was witnessed.

ACTIVE MILITIA AND BATTALION MATCH.

Individual prizes—Open to the active militia of the Dominion of Canada, the staff and officers who have retired retaining their rank—being members of the P. Q. R. A., by direct contribution or through affiliated associations. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards. Number of shots, 7 at each distance. Rifle, Snider, Government pattern. Position at 200 yards, standing or kneeling; at 500 and 600 yards, any position with head to target:

\$25 & Dolan cup	4 Pte. C. T. Burns, V.R..... 82
Stf.-Sgt. McAdam, 3rd Vics... 92	4 Pte. McMartin, 5th R.S..... 82
20 Stf.-Sgt. A. Pink, 43rd..... 91	4 Pte. Scott, 43rd..... 82
15 Stf.-Sgt. King, 45th..... 90	4 Stf.-Sgt. T. Mitchell, 10th R.G. 82
10 Sgt. A. D. Crooks, Q.O.R..... 88	4 Sgt. J. Riddle, 6th Fusiliers... 80
10 Pte. M. Pope, V.R..... 87	4 Gr. E. Tingman, B Battery.... 80
8 Sgt. J. J. Bell, G.A..... 87	4 Capt. Gray, G.G.F.G..... 80
8 Lt. R. J. Spearing, 53rd..... 86	4 Stf.-Sgt. Corbin, 63rd..... 80
5 Corp. McNaughton, 51st..... 86	4 Gr. T. Pugh, B Battery.... 80
5 Capt. W. McDonald, R.L..... 86	4 Pte. Deuchars, 5th R.S..... 80
5 Stf.-Sgt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A..... 85	4 Sgt. G. Lavers, 6th Fusiliers... 80
5 Capt. McArthur, 6th Cav..... 85	4 Pte. J. H. Ellis, 43rd..... 80
5 Stf.-Sgt. J. B. Mitchel, 45th... 85	4 Sgt. J. Clarke, 5th R.S..... 80
5 Corp. R. Binmore, V.R..... 85	4 Sgt. Horsey, 45th..... 80
5 Pte. J. Waters, 6th Fusiliers... 84	4 Maj. L. Thomas, 54th..... 79
5 Pte. D. R. McCrae, V.R..... 83	4 Lt. H. H. Cole, 42nd..... 79
5 Col.-Sgt. Goudie, 8th R.R..... 83	4 Sergt. D. V. Sweet, 60th..... 79
5 Sgt. Dowker, M.G.A..... 82	4 Pte. W. Hilton, 45th..... 79

Team Prizes.—For the aggregate scores in the above competition, of six previously named officers, non-commissioned officers or men, of any battalion in the Dominion, being affiliated with the P. Q. R. A. These competitors must have been at least six months members of the corps they represent, and be certified as such by their commanding officer.

1ST—FORTY-THIRD BATTALION, \$24.				3RD—SIXTH FUSILIERS, \$12.			
Staff-Sergt. Pink..... 29	34	28	91	Pte. Waters..... 28	30	26	84
Pte. C. S. Scott..... 30	28	24	82	Sergt. Riddle..... 26	27	27	80
Pte. J. D. Taylor..... 26	27	25	78	Sergt. Lavers..... 26	32	22	80
Pte. R. Moodie..... 27	27	21	75	Sergt. Marks..... 29	30	15	74
Lieut. Sutherland..... 27	21	26	74	Pte. T. Scott..... 24	26	21	71
Major Wright..... 27	28	19	74	Pte. Ward..... 22	32	16	70
Totals..... 166	165	143	474	Totals..... 155	177	127	459
2ND—FIFTH ROYAL SCOTS, \$18.				4TH—G. G. F. G., \$9.			
Pte. McMartin..... 29	26	27	82	Capt. Gray..... 28	26	26	80
Sergt. J. Clarke..... 29	29	22	80	Sergt. Cawdron..... 25	25	25	75
Staff-Sergt. Wynne... 30	25	23	78	Corp. Brown..... 28	27	20	75
Col.-Sergt. R. Allan.. 29	28	20	77	Pte. Morrison..... 27	22	22	71
Pte. J. Kambery..... 29	20	24	73	Col. Sergt. Mailleue.. 24	27	20	71
Pte. D. Smith..... 25	25	22	72	Corp. Carroll..... 26	24	20	70
Totals..... 171	153	138	462	Totals..... 158	151	133	442

The Victoria Rifles' team score of 450 points was disallowed because of a mistake in the return handed in on its behalf.

The City of Montreal Jubilee Challenge Trophy was presented by the Corporation or the City of Montreal, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee, to the Montreal Brigade of Active Militia, for annual competition, at the matches of the P. Q. R. A. The trophy is to be held by the commanding officer of the winning battalion for the year, and returned to the association in good order before the 1st of August following. The team of a Montreal corps making the highest score in the above match wins the trophy.

The annual meeting of the members of the council was held at noon in the council tent. Lieut.-Col. Miller presided, and there were also present Lieut.-Col. Martin, Lieut.-Col. Brosseau, Capt. Sims, Capt. McArthur, Major Bond and Capt. Trenholme. Sir A. P. Caron was re-elected president, and Lieut.-Cols. McEachern, Miller, Ouimet and Capt. Trenholme were reappointed vice-presidents. Lieut.-Cols. Brosseau, Rowe, Martin, Major Bond, Capt. Sims, Major Blaiklock and Capt. Busted were re-elected on the elective council, together with Lieut. Spearing, who was appointed in place of Major Moorhouse. In accordance with notice, Major Bond moved the following:—That article VIII. of the constitution be cancelled, and the following substituted:—There shall be a council composed as follows:—1st, eight members to be elected annually at the business meeting; 2nd, one representative member from each affiliated association or corps. The motion was adopted, all the members present regarding the change as desirable. The meeting was then adjourned until the 18th December.

Shortly before 2.30 the officers assembled in the council tent, where Sir Adolphe and Lady Caron, who arrived at that hour, held a reception. Among those present were Major Roy, Lt.-Col. Mattice, Major Lyman, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and Miss Houghton; Lieut.-Col. Brosseau, 85th Battalion; Capt. Ibbotson, 5th Royal Scots; Capt. and Mrs. Hanson, P.W.R.; Capt. and Mrs. Frenette, St. Johns; Lieut. Townsend, Lieut. Stewart, Major Dixon, 86th Battalion; Capt. Desnoyers, 65th Battalion; Major Bond and Mrs. Bond, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Caverhill, Lt.-Col. Turnbull, Col. A. A. Stevenson, Lt.-Col. Massey, Lt.-Col. d'Orsonnens, D.A.G., Captain and Mrs. Sims, Lieut. Winter, Lieut.-Col. Martin, Major Blaiklock, Mr. McDowell, St. Louis; Mr. Townsend, Hamilton; Mrs. and Miss Gascoigne, Miss Judd, Hamilton; Miss Greaves, Miss Lane, Ottawa; Miss Fortier, Sorel, and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stevenson. After the reception the guests were escorted to the butts and were shown the working of the targets, the shooting, of course, being suspended in the meantime. On their return they witnessed the testing of the Morris tube as adapted to the nine-pounder gun, the band of the Victoria Rifles enlivening the proceedings with a selection of lively music. Soon afterwards the rain commenced to come down heavily, and all outdoor enjoyment was over for the day. The guests betook themselves to the Council tent, where they passed the time pleasantly enough until 5 o'clock, when they faced the storm and wended their way to the station in a regular downpour.

The optional and the extra series match at 500 yards were closed on this day, the list of winners being as follows:

OPTIONAL MATCH.

Open to all members of the P.Q.R.A. Range, 500 yards; number of shots, 7; rifle, Snider or Martini:

\$30 Sergt. Dowker, M.G.A..... 34	\$4 Sgt. T. Mitchell, 10th R.G..... 30
25 Lt. Sutherland, 43rd..... 34	4 Sgt. Horsey, 45th..... 29
20 Capt. W. Macdonald, R.L..... 33	4 Sgt. Kennedy, 47th..... 29
15 Stf.-Sgt. Corbin, 63rd..... 33	4 Sgt. J. Clarke, 5th R.S..... 29
10 Pte. Hilton, 45th..... 33	4 Pte. Moodie, 43rd..... 29
6 Stf.-Sgt. Wynne, 5th R.S..... 33	4 Corp. D. McNaughton, 51st... 29
5 Stf.-Sgt. J. B. Mitchell, 45th... 32	4 Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd..... 29
5 Maj. Thomas, 54th..... 31	4 Col.-Sgt. Mailleue, G.G.F.G... 29
5 Sgt. Johnson, 85th..... 31	4 Col.-Sgt. Goudie, 8th R.R..... 28
5 Stf.-Sgt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A..... 31	4 Pte. Deuchars, 5th R. S..... 28
5 Pte. Burns, Vics..... 31	4 Pte. McCrear, Vics..... 28
5 Sgt. Crooks, Q.O.R..... 31	4 Lieut. Kincaid, 6th Cav..... 28
5 Stf.-Sgt. King, 45th..... 30	4 Pte. Armstrong, 5th R. S..... 28
5 Sgt. Lavers, 6th Fus..... 30	4 Pte. McMartin, 5th R.S..... 27
4 Stf.-Sgt. McVittie, 10th R.G... 30	4 Major Jameson, 60th..... 27
4 Pte. T. Pratt, 6th Fus..... 30	4 Lieut. McDiarmid, 6th Cav.... 26
4 Maj. Wright, 43rd..... 30	Twelve 26's counted out.
4 Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd..... 30	

EXTRA SERIES—500 YARDS, 5 SHOTS, SNIDER.

Sergt. Hall, 79th Batt..... 25	Staff-Sergt. J. B. Mitchell, 45th Batt.. 23
Lieut. H. H. Cole, 42nd Batt..... 24	Mr. H. A. Johnson, H.R.A..... 23
Staff-Sgt. E. A. Cleveland, 54th Batt. 24	Pte. W. R. Pringle, Vic. Rifles..... 23
Sergt. A. Pink, 43rd Batt..... 24	Staff-Sergt. McAdam, Vic. Rifles... 23
Gunner J. E. Tingman, B. Batt..... 23	Sergt. Lavers, 6th Fus..... 22
Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd Batt..... 23	Mr. Fairburn, M.R.A..... 22
Sergt. T. Mitchell, T.R.A..... 23	Col.-Sergt. Goudie, 8th Royal Rifles.. 22
Gunner T. Pugh, B Batt..... 23	Sergt. Johnson, 85th Batt..... 22
Pte. Waters, 6th Fus..... 23	Twelve 22's counted out.

Thursday, 15th August.

The second range of the Association match—500 and 600 yards, seven shots, Snider—was fired this day, the first having been fired yesterday afternoon.

\$20 Corpl. A. S. Boyd, 53rd..... 60	\$4 Pte. Morrison, G.G.P.G..... 52
15 Sergt. J. J. Beli, M.G.A..... 60	4 S. Fairbairn, M.R.A..... 52
10 Sergt. A. D. Crooks, Q.O.R... 59	4 Sergt. G. Lavers, 6th..... 52
8 Pte. McMartin, 5th..... 59	4 Sergt. H. Morgan, 8th..... 52
8 S.-Sergt. J. S. Huntingdon, 56th 58	4 Staff-Sergt. Pink, 43rd..... 52
5 Lieut. Margetts, 13th..... 56	4 Corpl. R. Binmore, Vics..... 51
5 Pte. J. Waters, 6th..... 56	4 Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, G.G.F.G.. 51
5 Col.-Sergt. Goudie, 8th..... 56	4 Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.... 51
5 Sergt. Horsey, 45th..... 56	4 Lieut. McDiarmid, 6th Cav..... 51
5 Pte. Holtby, 43rd..... 54	4 Sergt. J. Riddle, 6th..... 51
5 Capt. Gray, G.G.F.G..... 54	4 Staff-Sergt. Corbin, 63rd..... 51
5 Sergt. A. S. Kennedy, 47th.... 54	4 Sergt. H. Johnson, 85th..... 51
5 Pte. D. Currie, 5th..... 53	4 Pte. M. Harvey, 54th..... 51
5 Staff-Sergt. C. H. Clarke, 53rd. 53	4 Lieut. A. Shaw, Vics..... 51
5 Capt. W. Macdonald, R.L..... 52	4 Corpl. McNaughton, 51st..... 51
4 Staff-Sergt. T. Mitchell, 10th.. 52	4 Sergt. Sweet, 60th..... 50
4 Sergt. A. Douglas, 8th..... 52	4 Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th..... 50
4 Pte. W. Hilton, 45th..... 52	

Team Prizes.—For the aggregate scores of five previously named members of any affiliated rifle association

Challenge cup and \$30, Victoria Rifle Club, Hamilton..... 253	\$12 Toronto Rifle Association..... 248
\$25 Montreal Rifle Association.... 250	10 Eighth Royal Rifles..... 238
18 Sixth Fusiliers..... 249	5 Fifth Royal Scots..... 236

MERCHANTS' MATCH.

Open to all members of the P.Q.R.A. Range 600 yards. No. of shots, 7. Rifle, Snider.

\$20 Pte. M. Pope, Vics..... 28	\$4 Sergt. Horsey, 45th..... 24
15 M. Harvey, 54th..... 27	4 Pte. W. Hilton, 45th..... 24
12 Corpl. E. Pratt, 6th..... 27	4 Pte. D. Smith, 5th..... 24
10 Sergt. H. Johnson, 85th..... 27	4 Dr. Dickson, H.R.A..... 24
8 Pte. J. Waters, 6th..... 26	4 Major Jameson, 60th..... 24
7 Pte. J. Water, 6th..... 26	4 Staff-Sergt. Corbin, 63rd..... 24
6 Staff-Sergt. McVittie, 10th R.G. 26	4 Sergt. Hall, 79th..... 23
6 Pte. J. Wilson, 6th..... 26	4 Staff-Sergt. Pink, 43rd..... 23
6 Gr. T. Pugh, B Bat..... 26	4 Sergt. H. Morgan, 8th..... 23
6 Pte. Mathewson, 79th..... 26	4 Sergt. Dewfall, 8th..... 23
6 Sergt. J. Riddle, 6th..... 26	4 Pte. Deuchars, 5th..... 23
5 Major J. Wright, 43rd..... 26	4 Pte. Murgatroyd, 8th..... 23
5 Staff-Sergt. Clarke, 53rd..... 26	4 Pte. J. Fraser, 8th..... 23
5 Staff-Sergt. McAdam..... 25	4 Pte. T. Scott, 6th..... 23
5 Capt. Ibbotson, 5th..... 25	4 Mr. H. A. Johnson, H.R.A..... 22
5 Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 45th..... 25	4 Sergt. Bell, M.G.A..... 21
5 Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.... 25	4 Staff-Sergt. R. G. Mountain, 8th. 22
4 Pte. Scott, 43rd..... 24	4 Pte. H. O. Edwards, 58th..... 22

MARTINI-HENRY MATCH.

Open to members of the P.Q.R.A.; rifle, Martini-Henry; range, 600 yards; number of shots, 7.

\$20 Major C. B. Jameson, 60th.... 32	\$5 Major J. Wright, 43rd..... 26
15 Staff-Sergt. T. Mitchell, 10th.. 31	4 Pte. Morrison, G.G.F.G..... 26
10 Corpl. E. Pratt, 6th..... 31	4 Pte. J. Ward, 6th..... 26
6 Corpl. Byrd, 53rd..... 30	4 Pte. J. H. Ellis, 43rd..... 26
5 Pte. J. D. Tayler, 43rd..... 30	4 Staff-Sergt. King, 45th..... 26
5 Sergt. Hall, 69th..... 30	4 Capt. Macdonald, R.L..... 26
5 Capt. McArthur, 6th Cav..... 28	4 Pioneer T. Pratt, 6th..... 25
5 Pte. D. Smith, 5th..... 28	4 Staff-Sergt. McAdam, Vics..... 25
5 Col.-Sergt. Goudie, 8th..... 28	4 Mr. H. A. Johnson, H.R.A..... 24
5 Pte. J. Kambery, 8th..... 27	4 Corpl. Brown, G.G.F.G..... 24
5 Sergt. A. Kimmerley, 47th.... 27	4 Lieut. Margetts, 13th..... 24
5 Pte. Deuchars, 5th..... 27	4 Col. Miller, 8th..... 24
5 Dr. J. A. Dixon, H.R.A..... 26	

EXTRA SERIES, 600 YARDS, 5 SHOTS, SNIDER OR MARTINI.

Pte. C. S. Scott, 43rd..... 25	Staff-Sergt. A. Pink, 43rd..... 22
J. K. Fairbairn, M.R.A..... 24	Gr. T. Pugh, B Battery..... 22
Lieut. Spearing, 53rd..... 24	Staff-Sergt. King, 45th..... 22
Capt. W. Macdonald, R.L..... 22	Lieut. Kincaid..... 22
Staff-Sergt. Corbin, 63rd..... 22	Sergt. Johnson, 85th..... 22
Bt'y Sergt.-Major Wilson, M.G.A.. 22	Corp. E. Pratt, 6th Fus..... 21
Pte. D. Currie, 5th R.S..... 22	Pte. J. Waters, 6th Fus..... 21
R. Miller, M.R.A..... 22	Pte. W. Langstroth, 63rd..... 21
Corp. McNaughton, 5th R.S..... 22	

AGGREGATE MATCH.

Open to all members, except that the National and D.C.R.A., the Governor-General and Lt.-Governor's Medals and Champion Badge are restricted to active militia of Province of Quebec.

First Series—Militia.—For the aggregate scores in Matches, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

\$10 Staff-Sergt. Pink, 43rd..... 195	\$5 Sergt. Horsey, 45th..... 189
N.R.A. Medal and P.Q.R.A. Badge and \$10 Pte. McMartin, 5th R.S. 195	5 Staff-Sergt. King, 45th..... 187
D.C.R.A. Medal and \$10 Staff-Sergt. McAdam, Vics..... 192	5 Pte. Pope, Vics..... 186
\$6 Staff-Sergt. Ogg, 1st B.F.A.... 181	4 Sergt. J. Riddle, 6th Fus..... 184
5 Sergt. J. J. Bell, M.G.A..... 190	4 Capt. W. Macdonald, R.L..... 183
5 Pte. J. Waters, 6th Fus..... 189	4 Sergt. H. Johnson, 85th..... 181
5 Sergt. A. Crooks, Q.O.R..... 189	4 Staff-Sergt. Huntingdon, 56th... 181
	4 Staff-Sergt. T. Mitchell, R.G.... 180

Such of the above as are eligible to shoot on the Quebec provincial team, receive free tickets to Ottawa. So do these three, being also in the first twenty: Corp. McNaughton, 51st, 179; Sergt. Lavers, 6th Fus., 179; Sergt. Goudie, 8th R.R., 178.

Second Series—Nursery. A—Individual.—For the aggregate scores in matches 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

\$8 Pte. Pope. Victoria Rifles..... 217
6 Corp. Binmore..... 203
5 Gunner T. Pugh, B Battery..... 199
4 Pte. M. Harvey, 54th Batt..... 189
4 Gunner Tingman, B Battery..... 179

B—Teams.—For the aggregate scores in matches 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, of five previously named members of any affiliated association.

1st. Victoria Rifles, Martin Nursery Challenge Shield and \$15.		2nd. B Battery, \$10.	
Major Stark..... 157	Lieut. Carter..... 143	Sergt. W. Prevost..... 140	Bomb. Clements..... 177
Pte. Pope..... 217	Corp. Binmore..... 203	Gr. T. Pugh..... 199	Gunner W. Pugh..... 164
Pte. Pringle..... 150		Gunner Tingman..... 179	
Total..... 870		Total..... 859	

Third Series—Teams.—For the aggregate scores in matches 2, 4, 5 and 6, of five previously named members of any affiliated association. [The correct scores in this match could not be obtained in time for publication in this issue.]

Fourth Series—The Governor-General's Medals—For the best aggregate in matches 4, 5 and 6, at 600 yards.

Silver Medal. Staff-Sergt. McAdam, Vics..... 77
Bronze Medal. Pte Waters, 6th Fus..... 77

Fifth Series—The Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal—For the best aggregate in matches 2, 4 and 5, at 500 yards.

Pte. McMartin, 5th R.S..... 91

Guards Rifle Association.

The annual prize meeting of the Guards Rifle Association was held on the Rideau Range on Saturday last, 10th August. The day opened well. There being but little wind and the light good, high scoring was expected on all hands. Towards noon, however, a troublesome fishtail wind came up from the rear, making good shooting more difficult. The first match fired was the "Maiden," five shots at 400 yards, open to Guardsmen who had never won a prize in any rifle competition (company matches excepted). The chief scores were: Pte. Saunders, No. 1, 20; Pte. Anderson, No. 2, 18; Corp. Hagan, No. 6, 18; Pte. Bynghall, No. 6, 18; Pte. Staples, No. 6, 17.

Match No. 2, the "Nursery."—5 shots at 500 yards. Open to Guardsmen who have never won a prize of \$5 or over (company matches excepted). Sergt. Watts, No. 1 19; Pte. Morse, No. 2 18; Corp. Kirk, No. 5 17; Pte. White, No. 3 17; Sergt McCrae, No. 3 Co., 16.

Match No. 3, the "Regimental."—5 shots each at 400 and 500 yds. Open to all members of the regiment. Team prizes to be competed for by company teams of three. Any number of teams from each company. Team prizes:

1st, No. 4 Co..... 110
2nd, No. 2 Co. (1st team)..... 110
3rd, No. 1 Co. (2nd team)..... 104
4th, No. 2 Co. (3rd team)..... 98

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

Capt. Thompson, No. 1..... 42	Sergt. Mailleue, No. 2..... 35
Pte. Holbrook, " 1..... 39	Pte. Morse, " 2..... 35
Corpl. Brown, " 2..... 39	Pte. Saunders, " 1..... 34
Pte. White, " 3..... 39	Staff-Sgt. Cawdron, " 4..... 34
Sergt. Short, " 2..... 39	Pte. Wiltshire, " 2..... 34
Sergt. Reardon, " 4..... 38	Pte. Esdale, " 5..... 34
Corpl. Carroll, " 4..... 38	Staff-Sgt. McCarthy, " 5..... 34
Capt. Gray, " 2..... 36	Pte. Mullen, " 1..... 33
Pte. Elmitt, " 2..... 36	Corpl. Hagan, " 6..... 33
Pte. Nutting, " 1..... 36	Pte. Gooding, " 1..... 33

ALL COMERS' MATCH.

200 (standing), 500 and 600 yards, seven shots, Snider rifles.

Team Prizes.

1ST TEAM 43RD, \$12.		OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB, \$8.	
Major Wright..... 81	Lt.-Col. Anderson..... 80	Col.-Sergt. Boville..... 77	T. C. Slade..... 70
Lieut. Sutherland..... 76	Pte. Hutcheson..... 72	W. E. Cooke..... 68	F. W. Smith..... 67
Lieut. O'Grady..... 50		Capt. Cox..... 58	
Total..... 359		Total..... 340	

2ND TEAM 43RD, \$6,		2ND TEAM G.G.F.G., \$4.	
Pte. Scott	70	Sergt. Reardon	78
Staff-Sergt. A. Pink	69	Pte. Nutting	66
Pte. Taylor	68	Pte. Elmitt	66
Pte. Ellis	66	Corpl. Brown	58
Pte. Moodie	64	Pte. Morrison	54
Total	337	Total	322

Individual Prizes.

Major Wright, 43rd	26 31 24—81	Pte. Burns, Vics	24 30 21—75
Lt.-Col. Anderson, 43rd	24 30 25—80	Pte. Hutcheson, 43rd	23 30 19—72
Sgt. Reardon, Gds	24 33 21—78	Lieut. Desbarats, Vics	22 19 30—71
Col.-Sgt. Boville, 43rd	25 27 25—77	Pte. Perkins, 43rd	28 20 23—71
Lieut. Sutherland, 4rd	26 28 22—76	H. LeB. Ross	24 26 21—7
R. H. Brown	19 30 26—75	Pte. Pope, Vics	21 30 20—7

GRAND AGGREGATE.

Dufferin Medal—Sergt. Reardon, No. 4 Co	116
D.R.A. " " Sergt Short, No. 2 Co	109
O. R. A. " " Corpl. Carroll, No. 4 Co	106
P.Q.R.A. Badge—Capt. Gray, No. 2 Co	105

JUNIOR AGGREGATE.

Gauthier Medal and \$4—Pte. White, No. 3 Co	119
3—Pte. Elmitt, No. 2 Co	117
2—Pte. Morse, No. 2 Co	117
1—Pte. Wiltshire, No. 2 Co	115

EXTRA SERIES, 500 YARDS, 5 SHOTS.

Capt. Cox	24	Pte. Hutcheson, 43rd	21
R. N. Slater	24	Corp. Brown, Gds	21
Pte. Moodie, 43rd	24	Sergt. Reardon, 43rd	21
Pte. Burns, Vics	24	Lt.-Col. Anderson, 43rd	21
Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd	24	R. H. Brown	21
Pte. Morse, Gds	23	Sergt. Short, Gds	21
Pte. Elmitt, Gds	23	Mr. McMartin	21
Pte. Nutting, Gds	22	Sergt. Colman, Gds	21
Lt. Sutherland, 43rd	22	C. McDiarmid	21
Pte. Saunders, Gds	22	W. H. Middleton	21
Staff-Sergt. Mason, 43rd	22	F. W. Smith	20
Pte. Scott, 43rd	21	Pte. Esdale, Gds	20
Col.-Sergt. Boville, 43rd	21	Corp. Carroll, Gds	20

EXTRA SERIES, 600 YARDS, 5 SHOTS.

Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd	25	Lieut. O'Grady, 43rd	20
C. McDiarmid	23	Lt.-Col. Anderson, 43rd	19
Major Wright, 43rd	23	Staff-Sergt. Dawson, Gds	19
R. N. Slater	21	Pte. Morrison, Gds	19
Pte. Nutting, Gds	20	Pte. Scott, 43rd	19
Sergt. Short, Gds	20	Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, Gds	19
Pte. Burns, Vics	20	Trooper Cooke, P.L.D.G.	19
Pte. Ellis, 43rd	20	Pte. K. Matthews, Vics	18

The meeting was a most successful one throughout, although, owing to the wind in the afternoon, the scoring was not so high as it would otherwise have been. At the competitors' meeting, held on the range, it was unanimously decided to elect Capt. Gray, of No. 2 Co., team captain for the Provincial and Dominion meetings.

VICTORIA RIFLES VS. 43RD BATTALION.

On Saturday, 10th inst., the third match between these teams took place, the Ottawa men being victors, as on the two previous occasions. This time the Vics team came to Ottawa. They were met at the station by a deputation from the 43rd, and escorted to the Russell, their headquarters while in Ottawa. The match was fired with Snider rifles at 200 yards (kneeling), 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each. The peculiar fishtail wind made it a hard day for firing, and, no doubt, gave an advantage to the Ottawa men, who were better acquainted with the eccentricities of Rideau Range. The 43rd won handsomely, the following being the detailed score:

43RD BATTALION.		VICTORIA RIFLES.	
Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson	32 30 25—87	Pte Burns	27 30 21—78
Major J. Wright	29 31 24—84	Pte. Pope	28 30 20—78
Staff-Sergt A. Pink	32 24 27—83	Lieut. Desbarats	25 19 30—74
Col.-Sergt. T. C. Boville	29 27 25—81	Pte. Thomson	29 28 16—73
Lieut. E. D. Sutherland	28 28 22—78	Staff-Sergt. Wilson	23 25 22—70
Pte. J. D. Taylor	27 26 24—77	Pte. Cooke	25 28 17—70
Pte. C. S. Scott	28 26 23—77	Pte. Pringle	25 17 26—68
Pte. J. E. Hutcheson	25 30 19—74	Pte. Matthews	28 18 18—64
Pte. R. Moodie	28 22 22—72	Lieut. Shaw	24 16 21—61
Lieut. J. W. deC. O'Grady	28 10 20—58	Pte. McCrae	23 15 17—55
Totals	286 254 231 771	Totals	257 226 208 691

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The regular spoon competition of this Club on Saturday, 10th August, was with Snider rifles at 200 (standing), 500 and 600 yards.

Major J. Wright 1st sp	26 31 24—81	J. E. Hutcheson	23 30 19—72
Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson	25 30 25—80	H. LeB. Ross (3rd sp.)	24 26 21—71
Col.-Sgt. Boville 2nd sp	25 27 25—77	C. S. Scott	21 26 23—70
Lieut. E. D. Sutherland	26 28 22—76	C. McDiarmid	25 24 21—70
R. H. Brown	19 30 25—75	T. C. Slade	24 27 19—70
M. Rolfe	26 23 25—74	A. Pink	18 24 27—69

Ontario Artillery Association.

The following is the prize list decided upon by the Executive Committee at a meeting held in Toronto on the 6th instant:

Royal Military College—Cup, value \$50. To the gentleman cadet obtaining the highest marks in:

Laying on Instructional Target	25 max. marks.
Knotting, Splicing, etc.	25 " "
Drills, Gun, Gyn, Machines, etc.	25 " "
Application of Materiel, Skids, etc.	25 " "
Smartness in all duties	25 " "

"A" Battery, Regiment Canadian Artillery—Firing 9 pr. M.L.R.:

1st Prize	\$7
2nd "	6
3rd "	5
Total	\$18

Cobourg Garrison Battery—Firing 40 pr. B.L.R.:

1st Prize	\$5
2nd "	4

64 pr. M.L.R.:

1st Prize	\$5
2nd "	4
Total	\$18

Field Batteries—Firing 9 pr. M.L.R. Aggregate scores:

1st Prize, Gzowski Cup and	\$20
2nd "	15
3rd "	10
Total	\$45

Individual scores at general competition:

1st Prize	\$10
2nd "	8
3rd "	6
4th "	5
5th "	4
Total	\$33

General Efficiency—To the field battery obtaining the highest number of points:

1st Prize, Oliver Mowat Cup and	\$30
2nd "	25
3rd "	20
Total	\$75

Officers' firing competitions—To the officer making the highest score. Open to members of the association only: Cup, value \$100.

Driving competitions—To the two most efficient drivers in each field battery, \$10. Total, \$100.

Short course efficiency prize—To N.C.O. and gunner from any Ontario battery obtaining highest decimal at R.S.A., Kingston. N.C.O., \$7, gunner, \$5. Total, \$12.

Captain Zalinski read a paper at the Royal United Service Institution, London, recently, on his torpedo-throwers and methods of using them.

A committee has been appointed by the British Admiralty to inquire into the best means for the employment of the Naval Volunteers in circumstances of war or of national emergency.

A return game of cricket was played at Victoria, B.C., on the 27th July, between elevens of H. M. S. Champion and of "C" Battery respectively. In the two innings the Battery made 77 and 160, total 237; against 44 and 37, total 81, for their opponents. In "C" Battery the highest scorers were, in the first innings, Major Peters 20, Sergt. Proctor 15 (not out) and Sergt. Kennedy 17; and in the second innings Gr. Hall, 16; Br. Kirkby, 15; Gr. Webber (not out), 38; Sergt. Kennedy, 21; Gr. Mackenzie, 24.

The nailless horseshoe, tried at Woolwich with transport horses, is attached by a steel band which passes below the coronet from one extremity of the heel to the other. This bar is kept in position by a steel pillar which runs from the centre of the shoe up the centre of the hoof. In addition there are three short studs—one in the centre of the shoe, the others near the heel and on each side of it. It can be put on by any one who has once seen the process, in about half the time required with the cold-shoe system, which is an improvement as regards time on the ordinary process with nails. It diminishes or puts an end to cutting, and is particularly suited to brittle hoofs or hoofs with sand cracks. It costs as little, weighs as little, and lasts as long as the ordinary shoe; and is not sucked off on heavy ground.

The N.R.A. and its Work.

(Volunteer Service Gazette.)

At length after thirty successful annual meetings, the National Rifle Association is obliged—for reasons which we all know and deplore, but which need no longer be dwelt upon—to quit its old and beloved shooting ground, and to prepare to pitch its tents in a place which has, no doubt, its advantages, but which will never have quite the charm—to the older shooting men, at any rate—which was possessed by the beautiful common from which they are now exiled. "Wimbledon" as we have known it for twenty-nine years may have had its drawbacks, though we have never been able to see exactly what they were; but at any rate, it has been at Wimbledon, and through the National Rifle Association, that the art of modern rifle shooting has been brought to its present state of perfection in this country—a perfection which no foreign nation has ever attempted even to rival. We are quite aware that there are plenty of people ready to tell us our system is all wrong—that the Germans, the French or even the Italian Soldiers shoot better for military purposes than either our Regulars or Volunteers. We do not agree with this view. We believe that the art of hitting a given mark with a rifle bullet at short and long ranges, is now understood and practised in the United Kingdom and the Colonies and Dependencies, as it is endorsed and practised nowhere else in the world, except in the United States, whose military marksmen will be ready to admit that they are our own pupils, though they may have equalled their instructors. And we further believe that, upon this art of hitting a given mark must ultimately depend all military rifle shooting, and that perfection in the art can only be reached by constant competitive practice, in which the relative value of all shots is measured as accurately as possible.

Assuming our view to be true, let us try to show, as briefly as may be, how the National Rifle Association has performed the task which it took upon itself twenty-nine years ago, of teaching the art of rifle shooting to the nation. The association began its operations in a very modest way. It was formed at the end of 1859 by a small knot of volunteer officers, who had gone through a short course at the Hythe School of Musketry, then under the direction of two enthusiasts, Colonel (afterwards General) Hay and Colonel Wilford. The volunteers were being drilled and organized all over Great Britain, and were keen to learn the use of the rifle. The idea of a great annual prize meeting seems to have been based upon the Swiss *Tirs Fédéraux*, the details of targets, etc., being taken from the Hythe model. The scheme was warmly taken up by the late Prince Consort, and before actual work had been begun the Queen had offered that great prize which bears her name, and to the existence of which the continued success of the association is to a great extent due. But the whole original plan of operations was widely different from that which now exists. It was thought that the prizes would be provided by voluntary contributions, and apparently that entrance fees, at any rate so far as the volunteer competitions were concerned, would be needless. The volunteers were to shoot for the Queen's prize and for a certain number of rifles, and there were to be a few all-comers' prizes, and a special contest for breech-loaders, then just coming into notice. We need not go closely into the history of the great changes which took place in the first few years of the existence of the association. It may suffice to say that it was soon discovered that the public would not contribute prizes to any appreciable extent, but that the volunteer competitors would readily do so in the shape of entrance fees. It was by the courage—we might almost say the wise audacity—of the council in recognizing this fact at very early date, and issuing long strings of prizes on the faith that they would be provided for by the entrance fees, that the success of the association was assured. There was, indeed, for a few years a strong belief that it was necessary to encourage shooting with the match rifle, a weapon which could only be successfully used by men of considerable means. But before long the volunteer's weapon—first the Enfield, then the Snider, and now the Martini-Henry—has, as it was right that it should do, taken the foremost place in the Wimbledon prize lists. The result of all this has been that the N. R. A. meetings have for a long series of years given the law to all competitive rifle meetings, not only among the volunteers but in the regular army; that every county association, every battalion of regulars and volunteers models its regulations upon those of the N.R.A., and what is more, that there is no battalion of regulars or volunteers which has not its shooting club, of which one great object is to train men to compete in the N. R. A. competitions.

In doing this, the National Rifle Association has done, in our opinion, a very great piece of work. If it had not been for Wimbledon, we have no hesitation in saying that not only would the volunteer force have probably died out twenty years ago, but that the shooting of the regular infantry would have been far, indeed, inferior to what it is now. Some of our volunteer officers who were attached to battalions of the regular army, even so late as 1870, can bear testimony to the disfavour

with which "Musketry" was looked upon by both officers and men. The Hythe system, good as it was, would never have been developed in the regular army save by the introduction of competitive practice and regimental rifle clubs, both of which owe their existence distinctly to the National Rifle Association. To have effected all this is credit enough; but the N.R.A. may also fairly claim to have played a very prominent part in the introduction of breech-loaders into the British army, and we only wish we could say that it had done as much for the weapon of the future—the magazine rifle. But the want of space at Wimbledon, and a certain inexplicable prejudice against taking the element of time into consideration in rifle shooting, has militated against this. Nevertheless we affirm that to the National Rifle Association is due the present high standard of military rifle shooting in England—a standard which, we believe, is not even approached in any Continental country.

The general commanding the district which includes Portsmouth (England) was appealed to by the Lord's Day Observance Association to stop the Sunday playing of the military bands. He replied that nothing would induce him to order a band to play on Sunday, but as it was all done voluntarily and afforded great pleasure to many people who couldn't get it on week days, nothing would induce him to stop it.

The vote by the French Chamber of Deputies, agreeing to the Senate's amendments to the army bill, compelling seminarists to undergo a year's military service, and making clerical reserves perform infirmary services during time of war, is a result of a recent decision of the German War Office that all priests are liable to hospital duty in time of war. It is considered doubtful by military men if the same measures can become law in Austria and Italy.

A curious and spasmodic effort of Turkish activity is just now attracting some attention in India. Quite recently some Turkish troops assembled in Fao, an island in the Persian Gulf commanding the entrance to Shat-el-Arab, as the Tigris and Euphrates are called after their union, and began to erect fortifications there. No one can explain why this is being done, and the presence of the Turks is as surprising as if they had dropped from the clouds.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* is responsible for the following story: "One of our admirals, who shall be nameless, was so severely hit the other day by a pencil caricature in a local print in the town where he is stationed, that he applied to the admiralty to prosecute the editor. Needless to say the admiralty refused to become advertiser in general to the provincial press, and advised the admiral to proceed on his own initiative. They are at present waiting in a state of amused expectancy to see what action he will take."

Special Announcement.

We have made arrangements with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," which will enable all our subscribers to obtain a copy of that valuable work free by sending their address (enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) to DR. B. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURGH FALLS, VT. This book is now recognized as standard authority upon all diseases of the horse, as its phenomenal sale attests, over four million copies having been sold in the past ten years, a sale never before reached by any publication in the same period of time. We feel confident that our patrons will appreciate the work, and be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity of obtaining a valuable book. It is necessary that you mention this paper in sending for the "Treatise." This offer will remain open for only a short time.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Prize Meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association will be held on the Rideau Rifle Ranges, commencing on

MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER.

The Prize Lists include

Seven Thousand Dollars in Cash,

— BESIDES —

Handsome and Valuable Trophies, Cups, Medals and Badges.

Entries close on the 28th of August.

For Programmes and any further information, apply to,

S. LEONARD SHANNON, Lieut.,

Acting Secretary D.C.R.A. Ottawa.

ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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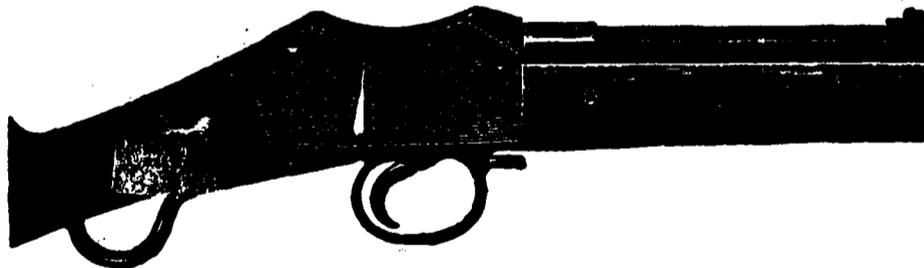
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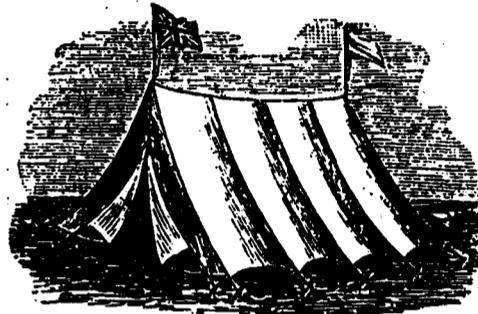
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