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### Topics of the Week.

A meeting of the executive of the Dominion Rifle Association was held this week, to appoint officers and make other arrangements in connection with the annual prize meeting in September. There were present Lieut.-Col. White, Majors Perley, Tilton, Bond and Blaiklock and Capt. Hood. Lieut.-Col. Mattice, B.M., was appointed chief executive officer, and range officers were chosen as follows: Capt. Manley, 10th R.G.; Capt. W. E. Hodgins, G.G.F.G.; Lieut. E. A. Macnachten, Cobourg Gar. Art.; Major Radiger, Victoria Rifles; Lieut.-Col. Jones, Dufferin Rifles; Lieut. Winter, G.G.F.G., and Capt. Aumont, R.I. The statistics were again confided to the care of Major Walsh, of the 43rd Battalion.

A design for the Lansdowne challenge cup, for D. R. A. team aggregate competition, has been accepted out of the three recently submitted to the association. The following is the makers' description: "An oval bowl, with two handles formed of maple foliage. A panel on each side—one for inscription, the other showing Victory crowning the winner's name with laurels. Other panels in low relief containing ribbons entwined about maples, bearing the names of the provinces forming the Dominion; with rifles and calumets (the pipe of peace), war hatchets, etc. On the pedestal two lions, symbols of courage and fortitude; also shield bearing the Lansdowne arms and the badge of the association." The trophy will be an exceedingly handsome one; it will be of silver, and will cost upwards of four hundred dollars.

Two business meetings in connection with the P. Q. R. A. were called for Wednesday—one of "competitors," the other of "members." Both were fixed to take place during shooting hours; in consequence not a single competitor made his appearance at the place assigned for the competitors' meeting; and at the other scarce half a dozen members were present besides the officers. The business transacted consisted principally of the re-election of the old list of officers. Lt.-Col. McEachern, C.M.G., who presided, expressed exceeding gratification at the success attending the prize meeting, though it was held so far away from the association's home; and he thought it to be a satisfactory state of affairs that the competitors had no complaints to make or grievances to ventilate, and therefore abstained from attending at meetings called. Votes of thanks to the Minister of Militia for the use of the range, and to Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson, Director of Stores, for many personal acts of kindness in connection with the preparations for the matches, were passed.

There has long been a suspicion in the minds of competitors that prizes in the so-called "military matches" of the Provincial and Dominion rifle associations, sometimes found their way to other than those who were the real winners according to the prescribed regulations. This impression will be strengthened by the developments in connection with the P. Q. R. A. volley firing competition this week. A careless mistake by which three prizes were awarded to teams not having earned them, was rectified at the last moment, having been discovered by the merest chance; but the injustice inflicted by the officer who took upon himself to alter the rules, not even informing the competitors of the alteration, is from its nature irremediable. It is to be hoped that for the future the executive of these associations will look more sharply after their officers, and make sure that they administer the regulations as they find them in place of enacting a new set to suit their own convenience.

The last provincial rifle association programme to hand is that for Manitoba, whose annual matches, on the Stony Mountain ranges, commence on Wednesday next. The programme is an exceedingly elaborate one, providing for all kinds of shooting from an any rifle match for ladies' nominees to skirmishing matches on conditions approaching actual service as nearly as possible. Team competitions, for battalions, companies and associations, are very numerous. A revolver match is included in the programme.

In enumerating last week the prizes won by members of our team at Wimbledon this year, we erred in saying that no Canadian secured a place on the prize list in the Prince of Wales' match. Lieut. Smith, of the St. John Rifles, was the thirteenth of the nineteen prize winners. He took £3 with a score of 94, making 29 out of his seven shots at 200 yards and 65 out of fifteen at 600. This week's English mail brings additional prize lists, being the concluding scores of the Wimbledon meeting, and in these we find Canadian names again figuring. In the Wantage match Sergt. Wilson, 33rd, took the 32nd and last prize, £1, with a score of 21; and in the Association Cup match Sergt. Wilson's name again figures, he being 53rd, taking a £2 prize with a score of 65 out of 70 possible—7 shots at 200 and 7 at 500 yards. Sergt. Duncan of the Queen's Own Rifles put in 33 points at 200 yards in the Robin Hood extra series competition, and secured 34th place on the prize list, taking £2.

Noticing the telegraphic match between Halifax and Toronto teams, which took place on Saturday the 4th inst., as an outcome of the MILITIA GAZETTE's suggestion that Halifax was about as likely as any place to make it interesting for the Queen City team, the *Halifax Mail* says that these matches promise to become very popular there. In other cities where the local marksmen have participated in them, we fancy like favourable feeling exists—a presage of increased popular interest in rifle shooting which cannot fail to be productive of highly desirable results. We hope before the season closes to see a grand telegraphic rifle tournament in which each city or town having a team worthy the name will be represented.

General Philip Henry Sheridan, commander of the United States Army, died on Sunday last, after a prolonged illness, from which it had been thought he was recovering lately. Sheridan was born in Somerset, Ohio, in 1831. Having graduated at West Point in 1853, he served in Texas and Oregon until the outbreak of the civil war. During the war, his ability and gallantry gained him rapid promotion, he being created a Major-General just before—in March, 1866—he joined General Grant's army to strike the final blow for Lee's overthrow. In 1869 Sheridan became a Lieutenant-General, and in 1884, on General Sherman's retirement, he succeeded to the command of the U. S. Army. The rank of General had been done away with in the meantime, but early this year it was revived, general Sheridan attaining to that rank only when down with the ailment which on Sunday had its fatal termination in the failure of the action of his heart. Of the deceased the following tribute was lately published: "The statement that General Sheridan fought seventy-five battles and was never defeated implies a wonderful record. But people who know him best can well believe as much. "Eternal vigilance" was practically his motto in the field. One of his staff officers says "he never slept," which may be interpreted as meaning that he left nothing to chance. During a campaign a horse bridled and saddled always stood every night by his tent, ready for his master to mount at any moment. In a word, Sheridan made of war a business into which he put an amount of energy and brains that few men could command."

### The Militia Pastime.

The proposed telegraphic match between the Eighth Royal Rifles and the Toronto Rifle Association is off, it is understood because the Eighth wished to fire it with the Snider—the military rifle—whilst the Association preferred sticking to Martini practice.

A Halifax paper states that the band of the 63rd Rifles would like to have a telegraphic rifle competition with any other band in the Dominion. A challenge from the staff of the 63rd still remains, we believe, without acceptance by any other staff.

#### Halifax Garrison Artillery Win from Toronto.

The Halifax Garrison Artillery having accepted the general challenge of the Toronto Rifle Association for a telegraphic team competition, this took place on Saturday afternoon last, and resulted in a handsome victory for the plucky H. G. A., who scored 674 against 641 for the redoubtable Toronto team. The usual conditions of these matches governed—eight men each side, Martini rifles, seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards. At Toronto variable light and wind interfered with the scoring, whilst at the Bedford range a torrent of rain descended upon the Haligonians, who nevertheless made the high average of 84¼ points per man. They beat Toronto at each range, as will be seen from the scores detailed below:

HALIFAX GARRISON ARTILLERY.				TORONTO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.					
Capt. Harris.....	30	28	34	92	A. D. Cartwright....	30	29	29	88
Sergt. Harris.....	32	30	30	92	Tom Mitchell.....	29	28	29	86
Bomb. Fader.....	27	34	28	89	R. McVittie.....	28	30	25	83
Capt. Adams.....	29	30	29	88	G. M. Donnelly.....	30	23	29	82
Capt. Maxwell.....	32	26	27	85	Walter Macdonald..	28	26	27	81
Lieut. Flowers.....	29	28	24	81	Wm. Harp.....	29	28	24	81
Major Garrison.....	27	17	30	74	Geo. Thompson.....	28	22	26	76
Lieut. Dimock.....	29	27	17	73	A. G. Ronan.....	29	16	18	64
Totals.....	235	220	219	674	Totals.....	231	202	208	641

Remarkably equal shooting has this year been done by the brothers Harris—Captain and Sergeant respectively—who head the list for Halifax. This is the third occasion on which their totals have been the same, and once they were identical at each range; they always shoot with one another if possible.

On Saturday next 11th August, there will probably be a return match between these associations, and if a final match is necessary it will be fired as early as possible.

#### The Eighth Royal Rifles.

The annual matches of the 8th Royal Rifles, Quebec, were fired at the St. Joseph ranges, on Saturday last, and brought together quite a large gathering of local shots, several veteran members of the regiment

on the retired list competing, as well as civilians and visitors from outside corps one of whom Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th Royal Scots, took second place in the open match. The scoring was lowered by the weather being very unfavourable, a strong gale blowing from the east all day, more especially during the morning shooting. A large number of friends of the battalion and others interested visited the ranges during the day, among these being Quebec's popular D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Duchesnay, several officers of sister corps and representatives from the Canadian Cartridge Factory, who seemed to be well satisfied at the result of the firing and the favourable comments of the competitors, the ammunition used being the D. C. issue of 1888. Everything in connection with the matches passed off very smoothly.

The first was for Maiden stakes—7 rounds at 400 yards, the prize winners being: Corpl. C. MacKedie, 24; Ptes. W. Davidson, 24; W. Kennedy, 23; G. H. Parke, 21; Bouchet, 21; Murgatroyd, 19; and J. Clarke, 18.

In the Battalion Match—7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards—the first prize, consisting of the Gilmour cup as well as cash, went to Sergt. Hartley, his and the other prize scores standing thus:

Sgt. R. Hartley, E Co..	27	28	20	75	Sgt.-Major Argue.....	23	26	14	63
Lt.-Col. Miller.....	23	22	27	72	Staff-Sgt. Perrett.....	23	22	16	61
Cpl. A. Douglas, C Co..	30	27	12	69	Pte. Thomson, F Co....	27	19	15	61
Sgt J. Goudie, B Co....	20	22	24	66	Staff-Sgt. Morrison.....	25	23	13	61
Pt. R. Norton, F Co....	28	23	15	66	Corpl. R. Norton, C Co.	20	17	21	58

A company competition—five men a side—took place in connection with this match. C won with 301 points, F making a good second, with 264.

The Billingsley cup went with the first prize in the next match, the Association, at 500 and 600 yards, five rounds. The prize scores were:

Color-Sergt. T. Ross, F Co..	16	20	36	Sergt. J. Goudie, B Co.....	19	12	31
Staff-Sergt. Morrison.....	23	12	35	Corpl. Norton, C Co.....	16	14	30
Pte. Thomson, F Co.....	19	14	33	Sergt. Hartley, E Co.....	17	13	30
Corpl. Hawkins, C Co.....	15	17	32	Corpl. Davidson, D Co.....	11	17	28
Lieut.-Col. Miller.....	17	14	31				

An average of inners in the fourteen shots, seven at 500 and seven at 600, gave Sergt. Goudie the first prize in the All Comers' match, including the Turner and Maxham cups. The winning scores were:

Sergt. Goudie, 8th R. R. .	28	28	56	Cl.-Sgt. Mountain, 8th R.R	24	24	48
Staff-Sgt. Wynne, 5th R.S.	34	21	55	Lt.-Col. Miller, " "	31	17	48
Pte. Parke, 8th R.R.....	25	27	52	Corpl. Norton " "	27	20	47
Pte. Thomson, " ".....	28	22	50	Mr. F. Hawkins.....	24	22	46
Pte. Brown, " ".....	24	24	48	Sergt. Hartley, 8th R.R...	30	16	46

Sergt. Goudie headed the grand aggregate with 153 points, the P. Q. R. A. badge forming a portion of this prize. Col. Miller was a good second with 151. Six of the aggregate leaders became entitled to free transportation to the Provincial matches, these being: Sergt. Goudie, 153; Sergt. Hartley, 151; Pte. Thomson, 144; Col.-Sergt. T. Ross, 136; Corpl. Norton, 135; Corpl. Douglas, 131.

First place in an extra series match, five shots at 500 yards, was taken by Corpl. Douglas with 23 points; and 13 points secured the twenty-seventh and last prize.

The London *Times* reports that experiments at Cape Town in signalling with electric light reflected from the clouds were a complete success. Experiments were also made with a vessel at sea, with the result of flashing a signal fifty miles away.

For some years past the lance, which was considered the weapon *par excellence* of the Russian or Cossack cavalry, has been gradually substituted by the carbine for the majority of the horse regiments in the service of the Czar. Not a little surprise has been lately excited, consequently, in Germany, at the reported intention on the part of the Berlin military authorities, to restore this most ancient type of arm again to favour. Besides the sabre and carbine usually carried by Hussars and Dragoons, it is under consideration to provide them, like Uhlans, with lances, but without pennons, for their better distinction as separate corps. It is also denied, as lately affirmed, that the German cuirassiers are to be deprived of their breast plates or steel corslets.

The late Emperor William only used two swords and one sabre throughout his long fighting career. The first sword was his boyish weapon, carried from 1810 to 1834, the second was a present from the Czar Nicholas, which served him from 1834 to the time of the war with Austria in 1866. On the memorable day of Sadowa the Emperor adopted an infantry sabre, which he wore to the last, and on which he had engraved the names of all his victories in the Austrian and Franco-Prussian campaigns. These historical weapons are to be stored in the Berlin Museum, together with the sabre belonging to the Emperor's father, Frederick William III., which always stood by the side of his writing table in his study.

# THE QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

## A SUCCESSFUL PRIZE MEETING HELD ON THE RIDEAU RANGE.

The Complete Prize Lists—Customary Peculiarities about the Military Matches—The rules summarily set aside by an officer of the Association—Incidents of the meeting.

The annual prize meeting of the Quebec Provincial Rifle Association, held this year at Ottawa in place of Montreal as usual, took place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, on the Rideau range. Twenty-three targets were provided and arrangements had been so carefully made that throughout the entire meeting the firing took place precisely at the time indicated on the competitors' tickets. The total number of entries was close on 160, close on one-third were from Ottawa city, the other Ontario entries numbering 13. The Eighth Royal Rifles of Quebec had as usual a formidable contingent, 12 in number, and the Fifth Royal Scots and Sixth Fusiliers of Montreal had also each that number of representatives. The Prince of Wales' Rifles entered 8; the Victorias 5, and the Montreal Garrison Artillery 4, the entries from Montreal thus showing a falling off nearly proportionate to the increase from Ottawa, which had more than double her usual representation. Of the Quebec province entries from places other than the cities of Montreal and Quebec, the 54th Battalion sent no less than 10, the 60th Battalion 7, and the 53rd 5.

The weather was exceedingly trying, the light being changeable, and a strong and constantly varying wind having to be dealt with during the three days' shooting. Hence the low scores which prevailed. Not a word of complaint about the Snider ammunition was heard, the Quebec manufacture of 1888 giving general satisfaction. None of the mysterious "drop shots" so often chronicled in late years were heard of on this occasion. The marking was good, there being very few shots challenged, and the exceptions proved more satisfactory financially to the association than to the challengers.

Lt.-Col. Mattice, B.M., of Montreal, was the chief executive officer, and the range officers were Major Radiger, Victoria Rifles, Montreal; Capt. Manley, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto; and Lieut. Winter, G.G.F.G., Ottawa. These discharged their duties in a manner eminently satisfactory, viewed from the standpoint of the executive; the competitors also were well satisfied with the manner in which they exercised their authority, except in the case of one range officer, whose unyielding adherence to the strict letter of the law wrought undeserved hardship in at least one instance where a more sympathetic nature would have overlooked an altogether unwitting and trivial breach of the rules through which not only the offenders themselves but their innocent associates on a regimental team were made to suffer the extreme penalty.

Tuesday, 7th August.

The competition opened with the Nursery match, seven shots at 400 yards, firing in which commenced promptly at 9 o'clock on this day. There were about fifty entries, of men who had never won an individual prize at a provincial or Dominion meeting. The score to take first prize was only one short of the 35 possible, and was made by Pte. Parke, of Quebec's crack, corps the 8th Royal Rifles, whose contingent it will be noticed distinguished themselves by the number of first prizes they captured at this meeting. The prize list was as follows:

\$15 Pte. Parke, 8th Rifles.....	34	\$4 Sergt.-Major Findlay, 54th.....	28
10 Bomb. Duffy, M.G.A.....	32	4 Pte. Lough, 43rd.....	27
7 Col.-Sgt. Ferguson, 1st P.W.R.	31	4 Pte. Ward, 43rd.....	27
6 Sergt. Heron, 43rd.....	30	4 Mr. T. C. Slade, Met. R. A.....	27
4 Lt. Cole, 42nd.....	29	4 Pte. Presley, 41st.....	27
4 Pte. Gooding, Guards.....	29	4 Pte. W. E. Walsh, 50th.....	27
4 Pte. D. Cameron, 6th.....	29	4 Pte. Dunson, 8th Royal Rifles...	27
4 Mr. C. S. Scott, Met. R. A ..	28		

The two prizes of \$12 and \$8 offered for association Nursery teams of four men each were taken by the G.G.F.G. with 97 points, and the 54th Battalion with 87. The team entered by the 43rd Battalion had scored 107 points, but one of the four, with 31 points to his credit, was found to have fired with a rifle whose trigger pulled less than six pounds, and his score was therefore disallowed.

The next match to be fired was the Association, open to all members. The ranges were 500 yards, with the Snider, and 600 yards, with the Martini rifle, seven shots at each. The average of the shooting was high, though no brilliant individual scores were made except by the top

man, who was rewarded with a handsome album in addition to the cash prize.

\$25 Sgt. Hartley, 8th R.R.....	64	4 Pte. Hall, 79th.....	55
20 S-Sgt. Wynne, 5th R.S.....	60	4 Lt. R. J. Spearing, 53rd.....	55
15 S-Sgt. T. Mitchell, 10th R.G..	60	4 Pte. H. W. Edwards, 58th.....	55
10 Pte. J. Waters, 6th.....	58	4 Dr. G. Hutchinson, Met. R. A.	55
8 Lt. Cole, 42nd.....	58	4 Sgt. Dewfall, 8th R.R.....	54
5 Pte. G. Lavers, 6th.....	58	4 Sgt. H. Johnson, 85th.....	54
5 Sgt. Dowker, M.G.A.....	56	4 Sgt. A. S. Kimmerly 49th....	54
5 Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	56	4 Corpl. J. Riddle, 6th.....	54
5 S-Sgt. Jamieson, 43rd.....	56	4 Pte. McJanet, 43rd.....	54
5 Sgt. Clarke, 53rd.....	56	4 Pte. J. A. Armstrong, Guards.	53
5 Capt. Macdonald, R.L.....	56	4 Pte. Ward, 13th.....	53
5 Lt.-Col. Macpherson, Guards..	56	4 Capt. E. Waldo, R.L.....	53
5 Pte. A. Thompson 3rd Vics....	56	4 Corpl. E. Pratt, 6th.....	53
5 Sgt. Clarke, 5th R.S.....	55	4 Corpl. Marris, 13th.....	53
5 Pte. T. Scott, 6th.....	55	4 Capt. Jameson, 60th.....	52
4 Capt. Bell, 43rd.....	55	4 Pte. G. Thompson, 12th.....	52
4 S-Sgt. Margetts 13th.....	55	4 Pte. J. P. Nutting, Guards....	52
4 Capt. Lulham, M.G.A.....	55		

The prizes for association teams of five men each were closely contested for, especially the first four, as will be seen from the list which follows. The cup which goes with the first prize is a challenge trophy not to become the property of any association until won twice consecutively; and the Scots, the winners this year, have not yet achieved the double victory.

\$30 and cup, 5th Royal Scots....	263	\$12 6th Fusiliers.....	260
25 Sherbrooke Rifle Ass'n.....	262	10 8th Royals.....	248
18 Toronto Rifle Ass'n.....	260	5 G. G. F. G.....	246

The military matches—in two series, skirmishing and volley firing— took place in the afternoon, from 3.30 to about 5.15. Common sense conditions prevailed, the dress required being no more elaborate than that for the regular matches restricted to militiamen. Fourteen sections of five members each entered, and the firing was done in two lots of seven sections each. The first seven having fired the ten rounds allowed in the skirmishing match, were about to do their volley firing also, when it was discovered that certain of the teams had only brought with them enough ammunition for the skirmishing, thinking that as usual the next sections would be called upon to skirmish before there was any volley firing. They were therefore retired and the remaining seven ordered to the fore. These did their skirmishing first and immediately afterwards their volley firing; and next the first seven were called upon to fire their five volleys. The statistical officer at the butts was not informed of the change in the order of firing, and therefore credited the volleys of the second sections to fire to the first lot, and vice versa. Incorrect prize lists were therefore posted, and it was not until two days afterwards, on Thursday, that the mistake was discovered, and then by the merest accident. A new prize list was issued, and will be found below, together with that for the skirmishing, which was not affected by the blunder:

*Skirmishing*—Five men, ten rounds, between 500 and 200 yards:

\$30 43rd Batt., first team.....	106	\$20 G. G. F. G. second team.....	77
25 6th Fusiliers.....	80	15 5th Royal Scots.....	77

*Volley Firing*—Five men, five rounds each at 300 yards, kneeling:

\$20 8th Battalion.....	50	\$10 5th Royal Scots.....	41
15 G. G. F. G.....	47		

The so-called volley firing was anything but such; in fact the absence of reasonable pause between the commands made it next to impossible for the competitors to get their rifles lined upon the targets between the "present" and the "fire," the result being that the majority of the teams fired man by man just as each was ready. A few sections, trusting for reward according to the regulations of the match, did fire good volleys, having determined, hit or miss, to pull their triggers on the word of command. Had the officer in charge been capable of performing the duties which he had undertaken, or had he even followed to the best of his ability the rules which the official programme proclaimed were to govern the competition, the course taken by those few who obeyed his command to fire before they could reasonably be expected to be ready, and who thereby sacrificed their chances of making good hits, would have been found to be the best paying in the end. But the officer took upon himself to make new rules of his own. The programme said: "For each shot fired out of time, three points will be deducted from the score of that section." In many sections fully fifty per cent. of the shots were fired out of time, for the reasons stated above, and the deductions should in these cases have been between thirty and forty points. Most of the sections had at least one late shot in each volley, this meaning a deduction of fifteen points for the whole. But the officer in charge comes to the conclusion that where the volleys were bad he could not tell whether there were four, three, two or one shots fired out of time, and as he didn't know whether the number of points he should deduct in such instances was 12, 9, 6, or 3 per volley, he would simply call the volley bad, and deduct *one* point. Thus the official list of de-

ductions shows a maximum of *five* points, and a minimum of *one*. There is absolutely nothing in the regulations empowering any officer to make any deduction except three points per shot, and as neither 1 nor 5 is a multiple of three, and the shots were not fired in fractional parts, the deductions are on the face of them absurd; and to divide the prize money on this basis cannot be justified, unless upon the ground that the association found itself in such a position that no other division could be made without having the match fired over again under proper supervision—which was impossible, for lack of time.

We do not wish to be understood to contend that the teams awarded the volley firing prizes were not entitled to them; they may have fired the best volleys, or they may have fired the worst, for all that is officially recorded. But the scores as they stand now are practically those of the targets, without reference to the method of firing, and it is beyond dispute that a grave injustice has been perpetrated upon those who, endeavouring to fire according to rule, relinquished the certainty of a hit for every shot, which they would have scored if, firing at the known distance of 300 yards, they had taken their own time in getting proper aim.

The complete list of hits and deductions could not be obtained for publication in this issue. If later it is obtainable we will be glad to publish it in full, for the information of those who wasted time and money in the match.

The military matches being over the targets were all thrown open for extra series and optional at 500 yards, and the weather being favourable many excellent scores were recorded, notably a possible in the Optional, made by Sergt. Tom Mitchell of the Grenadiers, who fired one ticket for a total of 30, and then no one else being in waiting proceeded with another, scoring seven beautiful bullseyes.

#### Wednesday, 8th August.

This day's firing opened at 9 o'clock with the 200 yards stage of the Active Militia or three range match—at 200, 500 and 600 yards; seven shots at each. The scoring at 200 yards was low, the heavy wind prevailing making it difficult to hold the rifle pointed to the desired spot. At the next range the wind continued troublesome, changing in remarkably short time from strong left to stronger right; and 600 yards completed the havoc made to many promising scores. The Dolan cup being restricted to the militiamen from Quebec province goes to the second on the prize list—Col. Miller of the 8th, the first being an Ontario man. Col. Miller unfortunately missed two shots at 600 yards—one being his last; but in the other five he scored 23. One point more would have given his team first place as well as himself the first individual prize. The battalion team contests—six men each—were exceedingly close, there being only four points between the first and fourth prize winners, the scores in detail being as follows:—

1st. Gov.-Gen. Foot Guards—\$30.				3rd. 13th Battalion.—\$15.					
Pte. Armstrong.....	30	25	23	78	Corp. Marris .....	30	24	25	79
Sergt. McCarthy.....	26	29	22	77	S.-Sgt. Margetts .....	26	31	21	78
Pte. Sutherland.....	31	20	24	75	Sgt. Goodwin.....	30	24	21	75
Lt.-Col. Macpherson..	28	22	20	70	S.-Sgt. Clarke.....	27	23	14	64
Sergt. Reardon.....	28	22	18	68	Capt. Adam.....	27	25	12	64
Corpl. Carroll.....	29	18	10	57	Pte. D. Mitchell.....	29	21	12	62
Totals.....	172	136	117	425	Totals.....	169	148	105	422
2nd. 8th Royal Rifles—\$20.				4th. Fifth Royal Scots.—\$10.					
Lt.-Col. Miller.....	31	28	23	82	Col.-Sgt. Dalrymple..	30	26	25	81
Pte. Thomson.....	29	23	23	75	S.-Sgt. Wynne.....	28	22	22	72
Sgt. Goudie.....	28	29	16	73	Pte. Kambery.....	29	28	15	72
Dewfall.....	27	28	12	67	Capt. Hood.....	25	21	23	69
Corp. Douglas.....	29	21	15	65	" Ibbotson.....	28	22	16	66
Sgt. Hartley.....	25	18	20	63	Piper Clark.....	26	22	13	61
Totals.....	169	147	109	425	Totals.....	166	141	114	421

The Scots also won the Montreal Jubilee Challenge Trophy, to be held for the year by the corps from that city having the highest team aggregate in this match.

The list of individual prize winners was as follows:

\$30 Pte. Hilton, 45th.....	83	\$4 Pte. Sutherland, Guards.....	75
25 and cup Lt. Col. Miller, 8th..	82	4 Pte. A. Thomson, 8th R.R.....	75
20 Pte. Edwards, 58th.....	82	4 Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd.....	75
15 Pte. Hall, 79th.....	81	4 Sergt. Goodwin, 13th.....	75
10 Col.-Sgt. Dalrymple, 5th R.S..	81	4 Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	75
8 Sgt. Kimmerly, 49th.....	80	4 Capt. Trenholme, 58th.....	74
8 S.-Sgt. Mitchell, 10th.....	80	4 Staff-Sergt. W. T. Mason.....	74
5 Corpl. Marris, 13th.....	79	4 Major H. F. Perley, H.Q.S.....	74
5 Pte. G. Thompson, 12th.....	79	4 Pte. Parke, 8th R.R.....	74
5 Lt. S. M. Rogers, 43rd.....	78	4 Lt. Cartwright, 47th.....	73
5 Pte. J. A. Armstrong, Guards..	78	4 Sergt. Goudie, 8th R.R.....	73
5 S.-Sgt. Margetts, 13th.....	78	4 Sergt. Swaine, 14th.....	72
5 Lt. Desbarats, 3rd Vics.....	77	4 Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th R.S....	72
5 Lt. R. J. Spearing, 53rd.....	77	4 Pte. Stanton, 60th.....	72
5 Sgt. McCarthy, Guards.....	77	4 Capt. L. Thomas, 54th.....	72
5 Pte. Lavers, 6th.....	77	4 Sergt. C. H. Clark, 53rd.....	72
5 Pte. A. Thompson, 3rd Vics....	77	4 Corpl. E. Pratt, 6th.....	72
4 Pte. Lough, 43rd.....	75		

Three targets were reserved all this day for the Optional match; and all the regular match targets were thrown open for extra series at 500 and 600 yards respectively for an hour before those ranges of the Active Militia match were fired.

The Merchants' match—a Martini competition at 600 yards—followed the Active Militia, being commenced about four o'clock. Dark clouds gathered about this time and it looked as if the competitors were to have a drenching, but the rain fortunately held off. The wind was still very troublesome, even for the Martini rifle, and this was the apology the competitors had to offer for the prevailing low scores, the following being the prize winning totals for the seven shots allowed:—

\$25 Sergt. Johnson, 85th.....	29	\$4 Pte. Presley, 41st.....	25
20 Pte. Hilton, 45th.....	28	4 Sergt. Sweet, 60th.....	25
15 Capt. Jameson, 60th.....	28	4 Capt. Whitman, 60th.....	25
12 Pte. Wardle, 1st P.W.R.....	28	4 Lt. McDiarmid, 6th Cav.....	25
10 Capt. Hood, 5th R.S.....	27	4 Corpl. Doyle, 43rd.....	25
8 Sgt. Kimmerly, 49th.....	27	4 Sergt. Clark, 13th.....	24
6 Pte. Thompson, 12th.....	27	4 Pte. D. Cameron, 6th.....	24
6 Col.-Sergt. Marks, 6th.....	27	4 Corpl. H. Marris, 13th.....	24
6 Sergt. Swaine, 14th.....	26	4 Capt. Thomas, 54th.....	24
6 Lieut. Spearing, 53rd.....	26	4 Sergt. McCarthy, Guards.....	24
6 Sergt. Dawson, Guards.....	26	4 Mr. Vicat, Richmond R. A.....	24
5 Col.-Sergt. Dalrymple, 5th..	26	4 Col.-Sergt. McCrae, 1st P.W.R..	24
5 Pte. Edwards, 58th.....	26	4 Capt. Macdonald, R.L.....	24
5 Pte. Sutherland, Guards.....	26	4 Capt. Harkom, 54th.....	24
5 Sergt. Clarke, 53rd.....	26	4 Sergt. Goodwin, 13th.....	24
5 Staff-Sergt. Margetts, 13th...	25	4 Corpl. A. Douglas, 8th R.R.....	24
5 Mr. C. S. Scott, Met. R.A....	25	4 Col.-Sergt. A. Menzies, 43rd....	23
4 Pte. D. Mitchell, 13th.....	23	4 Capt. J. A. Adam, 13th.....	23

The targets were next again thrown open for extra series at 600 yards, and at evening gun fire this competition was closed with the following result (five shots; prizes in kind):

Sergt. C. H. Clarke, 53rd.....	22	Pte. A. Thompson, 3rd Vics.....	21
Pte. G. Thompson, 12th.....	22	Colour-Sergt. A. Menzies, 43rd....	21
Pte. T. Pratt, 6th.....	22	Staff-Sergt. Jamieson, 43rd.....	20
Capt. Bell, 43rd.....	22	Sergt. H. Johnson, 85th.....	20
S.-Sergt. Wynne, 5th R. S.....	22	Sergt. W. Swaine, 14th.....	20
Sergt. Goodwin, 13th.....	21	Pte. Edwards, 58th.....	20
Sergt. Marks, 6th.....	21	Capt. Hood, 5th R. S.....	20
Sergt. McCrae, 1st P. W. R.....	21		

#### Thursday, 9th August,

After an hour given up to extra series and optional firing, the Frontier Match—seven shots at 500 yards—was commenced at 10 a.m. The scoring was low, wind again being troublesome:

\$25 Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 10th R.G.	30	\$4 Pte. McAfee, 1st P.W.R.....	27
20 Pte. Armstrong, G.G.F.G.....	29	4 Corpl. J. Riddle, 6th Fus.....	27
15 Sergt. McCarthy, G.G.F.G.....	29	4 Sergt. J. W. Marks, 6th Fus.....	27
12 Sergt. Clarke, 5th R. S.....	29	4 Pte. Davidson, 8th.....	27
10 Pte. Matheson, 79th.....	29	4 Sergt. Sweet, 60th.....	26
8 Pte. Thomson, 8th R. R.....	29	4 Sergt. Goudie, 8th.....	26
8 Pte. Thompson, 3rd Vics.....	29	4 Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	26
5 Staff-Sergt. Newby, G.G.F.G.	28	4 Pte. Stanton, 60th.....	26
6 Capt. Thomas, 54th.....	28	4 Sergt. Brown, 5th.....	26
6 Sergt. Reardon, G.G.F.G.....	28	4 Lieut. Beattie, 60th.....	26
6 Major Perley, H.Q.S.....	28	4 Capt. Waldo, R. L.....	26
5 Pte. J. Waters, 6th.....	28	4 Bomb. Duffy, M.G.A.....	26
5 Capt. Whitman, 60th.....	28	4 Staff-Sergt. Margetts, 13th.....	26
5 Sergt. Crooks, Q. O. R.....	28	4 Dr. G. Hutchinson, Met. R.A....	26
5 Lt.-Cl. Macpherson, G.G.F.G.	28	4 Lieut. Fairweather, G.G.F.G....	26
5 Pte. Edwards, 58th.....	28	4 Pte. Kambery, 5th R. S.....	26
5 Pte. J. P. Nutting, G.G.F.G....	28	4 R. H. Brown, Met. R. A.....	26
4 Sergt. Payne, 53rd.....	27	4 Pte. Keough, 1st P.W.R.....	25

The Martini match, also seven shots at 500 yards, and the last on the programme, was commenced immediately on the conclusion of the Frontier. It was won as follows, nothing less than inners, as will be seen, coming into the prize list.

\$20 Pte. Presley, 41st.....	33	\$5 Tpr. Cooke, P.L.D.G.....	29
15 Sergt. Clarke, 53rd.....	32	4 Pte. Thompson, 3rd Vics.....	29
10 Capt. Hood, 5th R. S.....	32	4 Pte. Higginson, 43rd.....	28
6 Pte. D. Smith, 6th Fus.....	31	4 Pte. McJanet, 43rd.....	28
5 Pte. G. Thompson, 12th.....	31	4 Mr. Vicat, Richmond R. A.....	28
5 Capt. L. Thomas, 54th.....	30	4 Pte. J. Scott, 6th.....	28
5 Sergt. Johnson, 85th.....	30	4 Pte. Davidson, 8th.....	28
5 Sergt. Clarke, 5th R. S.....	29	4 Pte. McAfee, 1st P.W.R.....	28
5 Dr. G. Hutchinson, Met. R. A	29	4 Pte. J. Lavers, 6th.....	28
5 Sergt. Goodwin, 13th.....	29	4 Pte. Sutherland, G.G.F.G.....	28
5 Capt. Adam, 13th.....	29	4 Staff-Sergt. Pink, 43rd.....	28
5 Col.-Sergt. Maillieu, G.G.F.G.	29	4 Pte. J. D. Taylor, 43rd.....	28
5 Col.-Sgt. McCrae, 1st P.W.R.	29		

Firing in the Optional and extra series was continued until one o'clock, the hour fixed for terminating all competitions. The prize lists were then found to stand as follows:



*Optional Match—Snider or Martini—500 yards, 7 shots.*

\$30	Sergt. T. Mitchell, 10th.....	35	\$4	Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th R.S....	32
25	" Goudie, 8th.....	34	4	Pte Hilton, 45th.....	32
20	" Kimmerly, 49th.....	34	4	Sergt. Reardon, G.G.F.G.....	32
15	Capt. McMicking, 44th.....	34	4	Sergt. Crooks, Q.O.R.....	32
10	Pte. D. Mitchell, 13th.....	33	4	Staff-Sergt. Huntingdon, 56th...	31
6	" McMartin, 5th R.S.....	33	4	Mr. W. Cole, Mont. R. A.....	31
5	" Edwards, 58th.....	33	4	Mr. Vicat, Richmond R. A.....	31
5	Sergt. Sweet, 60th.....	33	4	Lt. Cole, 42nd.....	31
5	Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd...	32	4	Pte. Ellis, 43rd.....	31
5	Sergt. W. Marks, 6th Fus....	32	4	Sergt. Hartley, 8th R.R.....	31
5	Capt. Thomas, 54th.....	32	4	Pte. Keough, 1st P.W.R.....	31
5	Staff-Sergt. Marke, 53rd.....	32	4	Corpl. Carroll, G.G.F.G.....	31
5	Sergt. McDonald, 43rd.....	32	4	Lt. Spearing, 53rd.....	31
5	Corp. E. Pratt, 6th Fus.....	32	4	Pte. Presley, 41st.....	30
4	Sergt. Hall, 79th.....	32	4	Pte. G. Thompson, 12th.....	30
4	Capt. Whitman, 60th.....	32	4	Sergt. Margetts, 13th.....	30
4	Lt.-Col. Macpherson, G.G.F.G	32	4	Corpl. Marris, 13th.....	30

*Extra Series—500 yards, 5 shots; Snider. Prizes in kind.*

Corpl. Doyle, 43rd.....	25	Col.-Sergt. Dalrymple, 5th.....	24
Sergt. T. Mitchell, 10th.....	25	Pte. McMartin, 5th.....	24
Lieut. Spearing, 53rd.....	25	Mr. Vicat, Richmond R.A.....	24
Pte. Waters, 6th.....	24	Sergt. J. Fairbairn, 43rd.....	23
Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd.....	24	Sergt. Kimmerly, 49th.....	23
Capt. J. Adam, 13th.....	24	Pte. J. Ward, 6th.....	23
Lt. Beattie, 60th.....	24	Capt. Bell, 43rd.....	23
Sergt. Dewfall, 8th.....	24	J. Roberts, 60th.....	23

**The Aggregates.**

*First Series—Militia*—Including scores in Association, Active Militia, Merchants, and Frontier matches—7 shots with Snider at 200 yards, 21 at 500, and 7 at 600; and 14 shots with Martini at 600; yards. H.p.s., 245.

\$10	Staff-Sergt. Mitchell, 10th... 193	\$4	Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th R.S.... 175
10	Pte. H. W. Edwards, 58th... 191	4	Sergt. H. C. Clarke, 53rd..... 174
10	Staff-Sergt. Margetts, 13th... 184	4	Pte. Kambery, 5th..... 174
6	Pte. Hilton, 45th..... 183	4	Pte. Thompson, 3rd..... 174
5	Pte. Armstrong, Guards.... 183	4	Sergt. Kimmerly, 49th..... 173
5	Pte. Thompson, 12th..... 182	Capt. Thomas, 54th..... 175	
5	Sergt. Hall, 79th..... 180	Lt.-Col. Macpherson, Guards.... 173	
5	Lieut. Spearing, 53rd..... 179	Lt. Rogers, 43rd..... 173	
5	Pte. G. Lavers 6th..... 177	Sergt. W. Goodwin, 13th..... 172	
5	Sergt. McCarthy, Guards.... 177	Sergt. J. W. Marks, 6th..... 172	

Besides the cash prizes indicated, Pte. H. W. Edwards, being first Quebecer in the above aggregate, receives the N. R. A. medal and P. Q. R. A. championship badge. The next Quebecer is Sergt. Hall of the 79th, the seventh on the list, and he receives the D. C. R. A. medal. Such of the above twenty who are eligible to represent Quebec in the London Merchants' Cup contest at the Dominion meeting, will receive free tickets to Ottawa if they attend.

*Second Series—Nursery.*—For the aggregate of scores included in the first series and the Nursery match combined. H. p. s., 280.

\$8	Pte. Parke, 8th R.R..... 188	\$4	Pte. Davidson, 8th R.R..... 169
6	Pte. D. Cameron, 6th Fus.... 183	4	Sergt.-Major Findlay, 54th.... 169
5	Pte. McMartin, 5th R.S.... 177		

*Third Series—Teams.*—For the aggregate scores of matches included in the first series, made by five previously named members of any affiliated association. H. p. s. 1225. The cup to become the property of any association winning it twice.

\$20 and Cup, Toronto R.A.....	868	\$10	Sherbrooke R. A.....	850
15 5th Royal Scots.....	853			

*Governor-General's Medals.*—For the 600 yards aggregate in the Association, Active Militia and Merchants' matches, 7 shots with Snider and 14 with Martini. H. p. s. 105.

1st. Capt. J. Hood, 5th R. S., silver medal.....	76
2nd. Lieut. Spearing, 53rd, bronze medal.....	76

*Lieutenant-Governor's Medal.*—For the best 500 yards aggregate in the Association, Active Militia and Frontier matches—21 shots; h. p. s., 105.

Pte. Thompson, 3rd Vics, silver medal.....	90
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*Martini Aggregate*—Of scores in Association, Merchants' and "Martini" matches—7 shots at 500 yards and 14 at 600. H. p. s. 105.

Pte. Thompson, 12th—M.-H. rifle presented by John Martin & Co.....	87
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The prize lists were promptly closed up and payments made by the treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Martin, in time to enable the numerous competitors from the east to take the afternoon trains for home. The meeting on the whole passed off in an eminently satisfactory manner—all the more creditable to those entrusted with the management from the fact that the removal from Montreal to Ottawa might have been expected to occasion more or less confusion.

**Regimental Notes.****Hamilton.**

The officer commanding F Company has established an excellent precedent in camping his shooting team at the ranges overnight to enable them to commence firing early in the morning. Energy and interest of this kind will not be without its reward when the company competitions take place in the fall.

Major Moore took charge of the monthly regimental parade on the evening of the 2nd, and in place of putting the men through field movements gave them a good tramp. The few men that turned out presented a fair appearance, and being headed by the band in full force attracted considerable attention when going through the city. I noticed three newly appointed officers on parade, viz., Messrs. Pain, Witton and Hobson. Until further orders they will be attached to C, D and G companies respectively.

Before dismissing the parade, Capt. Mewburn, who acted as adjutant, read the following orders:

"The commanding officer has been pleased to make the following promotions, provisionally, in F Co., to date from July 6th: To be sergeant, Pte. Frank P. Healey; to be corporal, Pte. Kenneth Bethune."

The next regimental parade will be on Thursday, September 6th, at 7.45 p.m.

It is rumoured that there will be some changes among some of the senior officers of the battalion before long.

The strength of the parade on the 2nd was about 90—a beautiful showing certainly.

The floor of the new drill hall will be composed of square blocks. The adjoining lot will be laid with the same material. It is to be hoped that the hall will be ready for occupation before the fall manoeuvres come on. **GIRTH.**

**St. John, N.B.**

The target practice of the 62nd Fusiliers commenced last week each company going out separately on alternate days. The limited time on the range at the disposal of officers prevented what might be called anything like a system of instruction in shooting, but the change to 100 yards as the shortest range is certainly a step in the right direction, and I think the authorities might go further next year, and not allow men to shoot at longer distances until they have made a certain percentage at 100 and 200 yards. Under the present system much ammunition is wasted by men who cannot shoot at 100 yards vainly endeavouring to hit the target at 200.

The annual church parade of the 62nd Fusiliers and the St. John Rifle Co. was held on Sunday, 5th inst., the only drawback being the muddy state of the streets, which were almost ankle deep. The battalion assembled at the drill shed in full force (even the regimental dog being present), and under the command of Colonel Blaine were marched off, headed by the bands, in column of half companies. The Roman Catholic party attended service at the Cathedral in charge of Staff-Sergt. Coleman, while the remainder of the force marched to the Mission Church of St. John Baptist. The men alone nearly filled the church. Never has there been a more impressive or thoroughly military service held here than that of last Sunday.

The service was fully choral, the priest of the church, Rev. Mr. Davenport, intoning, and the beautiful ritual of the Church of England was enhanced by special music and hymns, the band taking part and playing with the organ. The special psalms were the 144th and 145th, to Gregorian chants, and the lessons and hymns were also most appropriate for a military service. The processional, by the full surpliced choir, was No. 391 (Onward Christian Soldiers), in which every voice in the church joined. The *Te Deum* was by Morley, the organist of the mission. I wish space allowed a fuller report of the splendid sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Davenport, but suffice it to say that a better sermon was never preached to soldiers. The text was: "He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." The military characters of the Bible were quoted, and instances in the lives of many military men of history related, while the duties of soldiers to their officers and the great Captain of our salvation were unmistakably pointed out. After the conclusion of the service the corps marched through the principal streets of the city to the drill shed, where they were dismissed.

Will the GAZETTE or some of its readers kindly enlighten the militia on some points in the new sword exercise? When do we "carry" and when "slope"? The regulations say the sword is carried at the slope when manoeuvring or on the march, but some authorities say that every time a regiment halts the sword is brought to the "carry." Surely the word manoeuvring includes any necessary halts, and it would seem that the only time "carry" should be used is when the men are at the shoulder and in marching past. **GRENADÉ.**

### A School of Field Gunnery.

(Broad Arrow.)

SOME effort is apparently to be made, with a view of affording Field Artillery any advantages which may be derived from systematic instruction by specially selected officers, under more rigid and uniform conditions and principles than those which have hitherto been held as sufficient. A battery of Field Artillery has been detailed to encamp for three months at Okehampton, for the purpose of facilitating the instruction of three courses of officers, twelve in each course, who will undergo instruction under a staff specially selected for the purpose. The existence of the School of Gunnery at Shoeburyness has exercised but little influence on the training of the Horse and Field artilleryman, although a certain stereotyped syllabus of field gunnery mainly of a practical nature has been included within the scope of each "Long Course." Field gunners have been allowed considerable latitude in the acquisition of their necessary theoretical and practical information, and since the abolition of gunnery instructors the commanding officers of batteries have been held responsible for the annual training of their gunners under the subaltern officers of divisions. In the Prussian Army General von Hindersin established a School of Field Gunnery which produced highly beneficial results. We are not aware that any permanent institution of this nature is in contemplation for the British gunner, but it seems probable that the courses to be carried on at Okehampton are tentative, and that action may result from such data as they may afford. The chief requirement for a School of Field Artillery would be a central site of adequate area and suitable configuration. Even Mr. Bradlaugh with his magnified and multiplied area of waste, wasted and uncultivated lands, would be probably at a loss to furnish the nation with such a valuable range. Several batteries are, we believe, marching from 200 to 300 miles this year to Hay and Okehampton for gun practice returning after an encampment of three weeks duration to their stations. Were any range available in a more central position much unnecessary marching would be avoided. If a School of Gunnery for Field and Horse Artillery were permanently established, a range affording facilities for practising under Service conditions would be an indispensable adjunct. Not only would batteries then be able to carry on service practice under special observation, if considered necessary, but also the wider option would be open of leaving service practice to the discretion of battery commanding officers, supported by officers and non-commissioned officers who had in many instances, probably, undergone a course of instruction at the School of Field Gunnery. The printed orders and rules for gun practice issued of late years have tended to produce more uniformity in the mode of conducting practice, and have undoubtedly conducted to check any waste of ammunition now so generously allotted. Instead of the uniform expenditure of some 200 rounds or less annually, batteries now expend every third year about 700 round at service camps, and the competitive practice has roused in many batteries a healthy emulation, and directed more attention to the all-important art of laying guns with speed and precision. There is, in our opinion, room for the establishment of a School of Field Gunnery. Such a school should, however, be established at the smallest reasonable cost to the nation. No fancy salaries should be paid to senior officers of the staff, which should be kept at minimum of numbers. A due combination of practical and scientific men would find ample scope for their energies if thus employed, and in conducting experiments on guns, ammunition, and *matériel*, they would relieve their *confrères* at Shoeburyness of much arduous work, and thus render possible some reduction in the staff of that establishment.

### Frederick III. of Germany.

NOT the bold Brandenburg, of Prussia's birth:  
Nor yet great Frederick when his fields were won  
And her domain stretched wide beneath the sun;  
Nor William, whose Sedan aroused the earth,  
Was hero, conqueror like the king whose worth  
And woe subdued the world beside his bier.  
Serene he walked with death through year and year  
Slow-measured; bearing torture's deep in dearth  
Of hope—the faithful, steadfast, lofty soul!  
Ah, chant no dirge for him, but lofty psalm!  
While Baltic laves its borders, Rhine doth roll,  
No truer life will seek the empyrean  
Than his whose fame nor realm nor age can span—  
The manliest Emperor, the imperial man!  
—Edna Dean Proctor, in *The American Magazine* for August.

A young German officer rather new to his work was drilling a squad of raw recruits, and gave the word of command, "Lift the right leg!" One of the soldiers by mistake raised his left leg, which of course was close to the light leg of his neighbour. "Hello," exclaimed the officer, "what jackanapes has litted both his legs?"

### Humours of the Services.

King Ludwig of Bavaria, while going around Munich one day, came across a sentry on post who failed to present arms, he being a raw recruit and not knowing his Majesty by sight.

Why don't you present arms? Don't you eat my bread?

"So you are the blankety blank contractor who supplies our regiment with stale bread, are you? If I had you down in some secluded dell I'd pummel your ugly mug out of shape. You ought to be tied up by the thumbs. That's what you need."—*German Joke*.

This recalls the story of a sailor travelling on the cars during the war in uniform and who was accosted by a gentleman who courted acquaintance on the ground that he was the patriot who furnished butter to the Navy. "The——you are," was the unexpected reply as he found himself knocked across the car, "now show us the son of a gun who furnishes the cheese."

"It is low tide," said a Rockland Captain as he picked up the office cat and looking into her eyes found the curtain almost entirely closed. "When it's high tide," he continued, "you will find the curtain almost wide open. It's a sure sign."—*Rockland (Me) Courier Gazette*.

The following scene occurred recently at a camp not a thousand miles from Folkestone: A newly joined subaltern was proceeding to his quarters after mess, and was challenged by a sentry. The first challenge producing no response, the sentry repeated it, when the subaltern said, "Do you know who you are talking to? I'm an officer, and I'll d——d soon let you know it, if you talk to me in that manner."—*Horse Guards Gazette*

Grocer who has lately joined the volunteers, practising in his shop—"Right, left, right, left. Four paces to the rear, march!"—falls down trap-door into the cellar. Grocer's wife, anxiously—"Oh! Jim, are you hurt?" Grocer, savagely, but with dignity—"Go away woman; what do you know about war?"—*English Paper*.

### Gleanings.

The Germans think that in the British Army too much of the instruction and education of the soldier falls to the non-commissioned officers. The Germans rightly consider this system "extremely disadvantageous to the training of the higher officers."

The new German infantry equipment, which was adopted last year, is being rapidly issued to the troops. It is expected that by the end of this month the re-equipment of the German infantry will be completed. The average outlay is estimated at £2 13s. per man, or, in round numbers, £2,650 for each battalion on a war footing.

Somebody threw several stale eggs at Gen. Boulanger when he was exploiting himself at Lille, and M. Rochefort, in an amusing article in his paper on "The Policy of Rotten Eggs," charges M. Ferry with having instigated the outrage. He proposes that M. Ferry and the would be dictator settle their differences on the "field of horror" by flinging rotten eggs at each other at a distance of twenty-five paces.

The Italian troops seem to be dissatisfied with their new magazine rifle. It is found that, despite the simplicity of the repeating mechanism, the new weapon is not suited for rapid or continuous use. The breech is extremely liable to get out of order, and the obturator is defective. Similar complaints, it may be remembered, were heard recently of the new German magazine rifle, but it would seem that the difficulties with the Mauser have been successfully dealt with.

The Krupp works at Essen are reported to have advanced another step towards solution of the question of "protected guns." A new 15em. breech loader has been so constructed within a shield of cast-iron plates that the recoil is almost absolutely destroyed, and 60 shots may be fired in 15 minutes. When exposed, however, to the attack of 12em. and 15em. shell, the shield was found wanting. The system, however, was generally approved, and a new gun and shield are now in the course of construction.

A very interesting match at nine pins was played at McCaffrey's bowling alley between teams of the 5th R. S. and 43rd Batt., during the P. Q. R. A. matches this week, resulting in a victory for the latter by one point, after which the 5th, not being satisfied with their defeat, challenged a mixed team of the G. G. F. G. and 43rd (one of each) to a game and, after a hard and exciting contest, managed to down their opponents by two points. Sergt. W. Brown and Sergt.-Major Allan of the Royal Scots paid great attention to their playing throughout the matches.

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