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Canada was without the proposed representation at Creedmoor this year, and missed a golden opportunity to secure possession of the handsome Hilton trophy, which was won with the low score of 1017, the lowest winning score since 1885. Only three teams competed, and the Massachusetts marksmen, winners for the last four years in succession, were not represented. The weather was against high scoring, being wet and windy. The winning team used the Springfield rifle. The detailed scores of all three teams will be found elsewhere in this issue, together with a report of the chief prize winners at all the matches of the meeting, It is to be regretted that Major Hood was obliged to drop his project of taking a Canadian team to Creedmoor, especially after the courteous response of the National Rifle Association to his request that the matches in general should be thrown open to the Martini rifle. Next season the matter should be taken up in earnest by some of our shooting organizations. Perhaps the Military Rifle League could make the sending of the team part of its programme. The competition for the honour of a place would be decidedly lively.

In the Ottawa correspondence of a leading Toronto paper there recently appeared a criticism of the behaviour of the Ottawa corporation towards the Dominion Rifle Association which must have been amusing reading to the riflemen of Toronto, whose civic authorities not only make no special effort to encourage practice but have taken an active part in the attempt to drive the riflemen off their present range to some spot perhaps ten or fifteen miles beyond the city limits. The criticism was not quite fair, for we feel convinced that were the Ottawa corporation approached properly they would be found not only willing but anxious to assist the Dominion Rifle Association in every possible way. Even now a scheme is on foot, promoted by one of the aldermen, to expropriate for park purposes the site of Rideau range, and thus save to the riflemen the high ground where the 600 yards firing points are situate, and which is being bit by bit taken from them by building encroach-As for Ottawa's leading men, they behave very liberally towards ments. the local rifle organizations, valuable auxiliaries to the Dominion Rifle Association, and if the latter body would make an effort they could no doubt considerably augment their prize list by subscriptions from the business men of the Capital, who realize the advantage derivable by their city as the bulls-eye of the Dominion.

The Treasurer of the Dominion Rifle Association has just had a new experience, a prize duly forwarded to the supposed winner being returned with the intimation that the recipient had not shot in the match. The circumstances appears in detail in our Correspondence, Upon inquiry we learn that the ticket upon which the prize was awarded, bore the competitor's name apparently written by himself, and was filled in and certified in the regular way. Any error, therefore, was the register keeper's, and no vigilance on the part of the staff of the Association could have discovered it. Probably some other competitor made the score, and the register-keeper having two blank tickets thoughtlessly entered it upon the wrong one. It remains now for some competitor who expected his score to take a prize but did not see his name in the list to come forward and claim it, and thus clear up the mystery; the net result of the Association's efforts in this direction being the discovery of a witness who says he knows Capt. McMicking and is positive that he watched that officer fire a score in the revolver match!

# Kind Words from Our Readers.

The MILITIA GAZETTE, "devoted to the interests of the active force of the Dominion," has for upwards of five years striven to the best of its ability to promote those interests. Our aim has been careful and steady, and though the fishtail winds of adversity have helped to make a gap between the results and the "possible" that might have been achieved, the kind words of congratulation constantly greeting us in the business correspondence received, show that we keep well within the inner line and score at least an occasional bullseye. For example, we take the liberty of quoting from three letters received this week, passages which though not intended for publication we have no doubt the writers will excuse us for thus using :—

MONTREAL, 22nd September.

\* \* Allow me to congratulate you upon your splendid and complete report of the D. R. A. matches. It is highly creditable and much appreciated by everyone here, and must be all over the Dominion as well.

F. MASSEY, Lt.-Col., 6th Fusiliers.

LEAMINGTON, ONT., 20th September.

\* \* I am greatly pleased with the MILITIA GAZETTE. Its perusal is a weekly treat to me. It has done splendid service for the Military Rifle League this season. The force should heartily support the paper.

J. R. WILKINSON, Lt.-Col.,

Commanding 21st Essex Fusiliers.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., 20th September. \* \* I have read the MILITIA GAZETTE of the 11th inst. thoroughly, and pronounce it a grand paper, a complete record of the D. R. A. matches and Military Rifle League shooting, and a paper every militiaman should possess. GEO, A. MCMICKING, Capt. 44th Bn.

Such unsolicited testimonials, especially when they come as these do from readers whose praise and goodwill any paper might well court and be proud to secure, have helped materially to encourage the MILITIA GAZETTE in its endeavour to be of real value to its constituency.

#### Correspondence.

# (This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.)

## AN UNCLAIMED PRIZE.

• EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE, —On the 17th inst. I received from Lt.-Col. J Macpherson, treasurer D.R.A., a registered letter containing a prize: it was the 15th prize in the Revolver match, in amount three dollars. The curious part of the business is that I did not fire a single shot in said match, and consequently I could not possibly win a prize therein. The circumstance recalled to me the familiar lines : "Some men are born great; some achieve greatness; while others have greatness thrust upon them." I am half inclined to think the last phrase would be applicable in the present case.

With a full knowledge of the above facts and as a member of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association I could not conscientiously retain a prize I did not win, and accordingly on the 19th inst. I returned to the treasurer the amount sent me, viz., an envelope said to contain three dollars.

Now, sir, I think I am able to offer you a tair explanation of how this mistake occurred. On the first day of the D. R. A. meeting I purchased 21 extra series tickets, that is, 3 in each of the 7 series. I had no chance to fire the revolver tickets and did not hand them in to the register keeper until Wednesday noon, and I had not thereafter an opportunity to fire them. When the match was closed the register keeper said to me that he had left *two* tickets of mine in the secretary's tent. I contended that there should be *three*, but he said that was all he had and thought I must be mistaken. I said nothing further and took the two tickets.

After returning home I saw by the newspapers that my name appeared in the Revolver match as a prize winner. Thinking it was a mistake of the printers I did nothing further in the matter until I received the prize as above stated.

No doubt some person by mistake or designedly has fired on one of my tickets and put on a winning score for me.

GEO. A. MCMICKING, Captain. P. S.—I hope I may have as good a show for the "Queen's" at Bisley next year. G. A. MCM.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Sept. 20, 1860.

# Personal.

It will interest military men not already familiar with the fact to be told that George R. Gray, the famous shot-putter, is an officer of the Canadian Militia, holding a lieutenancy in No. 3 Company of the 35th Battalion. At the Manhattan Athletic Club games on Saturday last he put the 16-lb. shot 46 feet 2 inches, thus beating the world's record by 2 inches.

Lt.-Col. E. G. Prior, M.P., passed through Ottawa this week for British Columbia on his return from England, whither he went in command of the Bisley team. Since the Bisley meeting he has made a tour of the Continent, and while in Berlin was honoured with a position at the saluting point at a grand review of the troops by Emperor William. The Adjutant of the team, Major A. H. Todd, who also spent some time sightseeing after the shooting was over, arrived home in Ottawa last week.

The United Service Gazette, noticing an incident recently much discussed here, says :---"Vice-Admiral Watson and General Sir John Ross are considered to have properly maintained their right of precedence over Cardinal Taschereau at the State dinner given by the Governor-General of Canada, Lord Stanley of Preston, at Quebec, in honour of Prince George of Wales. As holding commissions from the Queen, the gallant officers could not yield precedence to one who is only of Papal rank, notwithstanding that Prince George and his host, though annoyed at the Cardinal's demand to have precedence next to the Prince, were disposed to accede to it."

Col. Marsden, who in July last succeeded Mr. A. P. Humphrey as secretary of the National Rifle Association, has found it necessary to resign owing to unforeseen domestic circumstances. It is probable that Colonel William Mackinnon will succeed him as secretary. Colonel Mackinnon, then Captain Mackinnon, of the Buffs, was one of the members of the Small Arms Committee appointed in 1866, and presided over by the late Colonel Fletcher, to which we owe the Martini-Henry rifle. Col. Mackinnon was afterwards D. A. G. for Musketry in India, and more recently Chief Instructor at Hythe. This year he was chief of the Range Department at Bisley.

"Sir Frederick Middleton and the Canadian Militia" is the topic of the leading article of the *United Service Gazette* last to hand. That paper, after reviewing the evidence in the Bremner fur case, and the

General's parting address, expresses its conviction that he was attacked with undue ferocity for a natural mistake, and adds :--" We think that General Middleton would have better consulted his own dignity by resigning immediately after the report of the Committee, but we can well understand his fear that such a step might appear like a consciousness of wrong-doing on his part. . . . On the question whether Sir Frederick would have done better not to have published any parting address, we think that he rightly decided to issue it, for the bitterest of his assailants and the organs of their party in the press did not stop short of attributing to him actual dishonour. As Sir Frederick observes, to be silent under unmerited censure is often the part of a soldier, and had he merely been charged with indiscretion or having overstepped his powers as a commander in the field, he might have chosen to retire without saying anything in his defence, and to leave it to the justice and generosity of the Canadian people to balance his general services against a single error of judgment."

# **Rifle Competitions.**

A match between the Detroit Rifle Company and the 21st Battalion, Essex Fusiliers, will take place shortly provided the necessary permission to cross into Canada in given the Detroit riflemen.

At the monthly competition of the Montreal Rifle Association at Cote St. Luc on Saturday the spoon winners were :--G. W. Sharpe, 84; G. D. McMartin, 81; E. Desbarats, 80; R. Binmore, 77.

At the weekly shoot of the Ottawa Rifle Club, at Queen's ranges, with Martinis, on Saturday last, the spoon winners were: 1st class, Maj. J. Wright, 90; 2nd class, R. Moodie, 88; 3rd class, C. M. Wiggins, 87.

No. 4 Company of the Governor General's Foot Guards had their annual class firing on Rideau range on Saturday, Lieut. Lambe in command. A liberal prize list had been made up by the officers. The chief scores were: Sergt. Cawdron 54, Sergt. Baken 53, Lieut. Lambe 50, Col.-Sergt. Reardon 46.

The Dominion Police had their annual prize meeting on Rideau range on Monday last, the programme including three rifle matches and an aggregate, and also a revolver match. The aggregate winners were as follows, the ranges included being 200, 400, and 500, and the H. P. S. 210: Constable Brown 174, Constable Chamberlin 152, Inspector O'Leary 149, Constable Morrison 148, Sergeant Slade 141, and Constable Timbers 134.

The second annual prize meeting of the Assiniboia Provincial Rifle Association will be held at Regina on the 24th, 25th and 26th inst. The programme just to hand shows that no less than sixteen competitions, each with a good prize list, are to take place. The book itself is very neatly printed, and reflects no little credit on the *Leader* establishment, whence it issued.

#### THE SIXTY-THIRD BATTALION.

The 63rd Battalion Rifle Association held its annual competition at Bedford range on Thursday last, the 18th inst. There was a small turnout of the battalion, due to the weather, as when the time came to start for the train, though the rain had ceased, the outlook for a disagreeable day seemed unmistakeable. The conditions for shooting were not good during the forenoon, the wind being blustery, but in the afternoon fortune was kinder to the riflemen. Captain Butler's company--No. 4distinguished itself, carrying off not only the silver bugle, but winning the skirmishing match. Companies 3 and 4 tied for the prize, and it would have gone hard with the latter had not one of the No. 3 men missed his last shot. Bandsman Hanson is one of the new shots who did well and promises to do better. In the bugle competition, for company teams of five, No. 4's team were successful. No I held the bugle last year, and its falling into new hands will have a good effect -- that of widening the interest in the competition and letting the other companies feel that no one company has a "mortgage" on the time-honoured trophy. The grand aggregate, D.R.A. silver medal, was won by Private Pickford, No. 3 Co., with 107 points, being followed by Lt.-Col. Walsh and Bandsman Defreytas, with 105 points each. Lieut. James' special prize, for the highest aggregate at 200, 400 and 500 yards, made by a new member, was won by Bandmaster Hanson. Captain Crane offered a very handsome field glass and case for competition among those members of the association who had taken part in the affiliated match at the provincial shooting. Sergeant Daniels and Bandmaster Hanson tied with 93, and shooting off the prize came to the former. The presence of Major Egan, Captain Bishop, Lieutenant James and other members of the battalion, though not shooting, was a pleasant feature of the day. Lieutenant-Colonel Walsh is a thoroughly popular officer, in the best sense, and Captain Corbin by his geniality makes it pleasant for all on the range. He has had charge of it for 20 years, and for the past nine there has not been the slightest accident, and before that time but trivial mishaps. Captain Butler's team were in high feather over their day's

work. On the way down from the range some of the more ardent spirits purchased a broom and binding a piece of cloth around it inscribed thereon the words "63rd, No. 4." This was carried in triumph to the train, and after reaching the city through Lockman street.

FIFTY-FOURTH BATTALION AND RICHMOND COUNTY.

The Richmond County and 54th Battalion Rifle Association held their 20th annual meeting at the Richmond ranges on Thursday, September 18th. The weather was fine and bright with a strong nine o'clock wind.

1st Match.—Nursery stakes ; 200 yards, standing or kneeling ; 7 shots ; open to members having never won a prize of \$2 or upwards :—

\$ 6.00 Bdsm. B. Whalen	13 12
2nd Match 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots :	
\$10 Major L. Thomas 28 26 54 \$ 1.50 Pte. J. McKeage 24 14	38

\$10	Major L. Thomas	28	20	54	<b>\$ 1.50</b> Pte. J. McKeage 24	14	-38
8	Sergt. W. Wentworth	23	27	50	1.50 Pte. C. Bernard 20	16	36
6	Bdsm. A. Witty	<b>2</b> Š	18	46	1.00 Pte. J. M. Lyster 22		
5	Mr. J. T. Thomas	28	16	44	1.00 StfSgt. E. A. Cleveland 26		
4	Pte. M. A. Harvey	20	23	43	1.00 Major E. S. Bernard 14		
3	Mr. H. N. Vicat	26	17	43	1.00 Pte. Jno. S. Lyster 24		
	Serg. T. Jackson				1.00 Stf-Sergt. E.A. Shaw 15	15	30
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3rd Match.—200 and 500 yards, 7 shots :—

\$10	Mr. J. T. Thomas	28	30	58	\$ 1.50 Maj. E. S. Bernard. 26 22 48
- 8	Bdsm. B. Whalen	28	27	55	1.50 Bdsm. A. Witty 25 28 47
6	Lieut. M. H. Healy	29	25	54	1.00 Pte. M. A. Harvey 25 22 47
5	Stf-Sgt. E. A. Cleveland	24	29	53	1.00 Sgt. W. Wentworth 23 22 45
4	Capt. T. L. Brown	22	29	51	1.00 Lt. J. A. Bothwell., 19 25 44
3	Major L. Thomas	30	21	51	1.00 Ptc. W. Andrews 21 23 44
2	Pte. E. M. Lect	24	26	50	1.00 Pte. R. F. Woodburn 25 19 44

Aggregate in Matches 2 and 3.—D. C. R. A. Medal and \$5, Major L. Thomas, 105 ; P. Q. R. A. badge and \$5, Sergt. W. Wentworth, 95 ; \$3, Bandsman A. Witty, 93 ; \$2, Pte. M. A. Harvey, 90.

Nursery aggregate, for the highest scores in matches 1, 2 and 3. \$3, Bandsman B. Whalen, 102; \$2, Pte. L. Swallow, 91; \$1, Pte. W. Andrews, 82.

Team Match.—Open to teams of five non-commissioned officers or men of any company in 54th Battalion or Richmond Field Battery, Staff-Sergeants debarred. Scores in 3rd match to count. No. 4 Company, 54th Batt., won the cup this year, taking it from No. 1 Company, the winners last year, who took it from No. 3 Company, the winners the first year, 1888. Only two teams entered this year :—

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NO. 4 COMPANY TEAM.		NO. I COMPANY TEAM.
200 500		200 500 Ttl.
Bdsm. B. Whalen	7 55	Pte. E. M. Leet 24 26 50
Bdsm. A. Witty 25 2	2 47	Pte. M. A. Harvey 25 22 47
Pte. W. Andrews 21 2	3 44	Sergt. W. Wentworth 23 22 45
Pte. L. Swallow	6 40	Pte. Jas. McKeage 19 21 40
Corp. E. Swallow 18 1	6 34	Pte. C. Bernard 13 16 29
Totals	4 220	Totals

#### THE TWENTY-FIRST ESSEX FUSILIERS.

The 21st annual rifle matches of No. 2 Company, 21st Essex Fusiliers, took place on Friday 12th inst., and passed off with the marked success characteristic of Capt. Ley's skilful management. The day was not good, it being cloudy and dark with a drizzling rain some of the time, making it very difficult for good shooting at the long ranges, although some very good scores were made. The matches were fired at 200, 400 and 500 yards, five shots at each range. For the aggregate at the three ranges there were twenty-five prizes offered, the chief of which were thus taken :- Capt. Ley, 56 ; Pte. J. Henry (O.R.A. Medal), 52; Pte. J. Bradford, 52; Pte. J. Hope, 47; Pte. T. Dresser, 47; Licut. Alderton, 46. Seven prizes were offered for the highest scores at each of three ranges, and they were thus taken: 200 yards-Capt. I.ey, 20 Pte. Nesbitt, 18; Pte. Hope, 17; Lieut. Alderton, 16; Pte. Cascidden 15; Pte. Dresser, 15; Corp. Howey, 15. 400 yards—Pte. Bradford, 24; l ieut. Alderton, 24; Capt. Ley, 23; Pte. J. Henry, 21; Pte. Hope, 19; Ser gt. Hutchinson, 18; Pte. Cascadden, 17. 500 yards Pte. J. Henry, 18; Pie. Bradford, 16; Pte. C. Noble, 15; Pte. Skerritt, 13; Capt. Ley, 13; Sergt. Hutchinson, 12; Pte. B. West, 12.

The company held their annual banquet in the Luck House. The attendance of citizens was not so large as on some former occasions, but the old-time interest and enthusiasm was as lively as ever. After everyone present had fared sumptuously, it was moved by Licut. Col. Wilkinson, seconded by Capt Ley and carried, that Mr. G. F. Cronk occupy the chair during the evening. On taking the chair Mr. Cronk thanked the company for the honour conferred on him in selecting him to preside over this, their 27th annual banquet. He had always made it a point to be present on these occasions and had always enjoyed them. After an

eloquent and entertaining address on the boundless resources of our country, the chairman proposed the toast of the "Governor General and the Dominion of Canada," which was responded to by Mr. J. E. Johnson. Mr. J. McR. Selkirk did full justice to "The Ladies" and "Mine Host and Hostess," and J. F. McKay replied to "The Press"; "but the speech of the evening," says the local paper, "was that delivered by our eloquent and popular Colonel in reply to the toast of the 'Army and Navy.' Colonel Wilkinson fairly surpassed himself on this occasion, delivering one of the most loyal and stirring addresses we have ever had the pleasure of listening to. Short addresses were also made by Aldermen Foster and McDonald. At the conclusion of this part of the programme Mr. J. E. Johnson was called upon to present the prizes to the successful shooters, after which the assembly sang God Save the Queen and dispersed.

# The Creedmoor Meeting.

The eighteenth annual fall meeting of the U. S. National Rifle Association at Creedmoor Range, September 9 to 13, inclusive, while a very successful meeting, did not attract a large number of riflemen for a national gathering. The weather, although not as bad as last year, was quite stormy on several days, and a number of the more important matches were shot in a heavy rainstorm. Capt. J. S. Shepherd, 23rd Regiment, and secretary of the N. R. A., was executive officer, and Gen. C. F. Robbins, Genl. I. R. P., was statistical officer. It was a most harmonious meeting, and there was not a single protest throughout, and the extra accommodations provided for some of the shooters and the arrangements generally were greatly appreciated. On the first day the conditions of wind and light were perfect, and many big scores were run up by the 150 competitors present.

Directors' Match. 5 shots, 200 yards, standing : won by Major George Shorkley, U. S A.; 23 points out of a possible 25.

Judd Match. -200 yards, standing, 7 rounds; 26 prizes. The aggregate of two scores to count for the first five prizes. The winners of the first five prizes, with aggregate scores in order of merit, were A. Dietrich, 67; C. B. Pratt, 66; J. F. Klem, 65; T. J. Dolan, 65; H. Holges, 64. The 26th prize (for one score) was taken with 30 points.

Wimbledon Cup Match. --Distance, 1,000 yards; 30 shots; any rifle within the rules; position, any without artificial rest. Won by Major C. H. Gaus, I. R. P., 3rd Brigade, N.Y.; score 141 out of a possible 150 points, using Remington-Hepburn sporting rifle. He had 19 consecutive bulls eyes, from the 6th to 24th shot. Major Gaus was the winner of the cup in 1889 also.

Wednesday, 10th September.--A cloudy sky and heavy wind were the atmospherical conditions of this day. The light was excellent ; better than if the sun had been shining, but the wind blew across the range from right to left in fitful gusts, so that good marksmanship was out of the question. The principal event was the long-range military match, 15 shots at 800 and 900 yards respectively. Sergt. Frank Stuart, of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, one of the best all-round marksmen in the national guard of the State, and who shot in the 1883 American team at Wimbledon, took first with 61 at 800 and 62 at 900 yards. Among the six prize winners was the Pennsylvania crack, J. J. Mountjoy, the only man who used a Springfield instead of the usual military special rifle.

Thursday, 11th September.—This was another wet and miserable day. In the President's match, Major C. H. Gaus won the mid-range championship of America, scoring 65 in the first stage—200 and 500 yards, 7 shots ; and 41 in the second stage – 600 yards, 10 shots. The championship is awarded for the aggregate of the two stages. Major Gaus used the Remington .50 calibre, and received two points allowance in his score of 106. J. M. Stewart, of Washington, made 105 with the Springfield.

The inter-State long range match, which the Association has been trying to resurrect, did not take place, no entries having been received. It used to be one of the most interesting features of the annual meeting.

Friday, 12th September, was National Guard day. Wind and light were again of the worst description. The first completed was the New York State National Guard Match : Teams of 12 men ; 200 and 500 yards : standing at 200 ; prone at 500 yards ; 5 shots at each distance ; Remington, .50 cal. This match was won by the team of the 23rd Regiment on an aggregate of 487 points out of a possible 600, beating the team of the 7th by 6 points.

First B igade N. V. National Guard Match.—Teams of 12 men each : Remington rifle, 50 calibre : distances, 200 and 500 yards ; 5 shots at each : standing at 200 yards, at 500 prone ; won by the 7th Regiment team with 507 points out of a possible 600, being 58 points ahead of their nearest competitor.

Second Brigade N. Y. National Guard Match.—Same conditions as that of the 1st Brigade : won by the 23rd Regiment on 486 points out of a possible 600. Saturday, 13th September.—The meeting at Creedmoor came to an end amid a downpour of rain, and the men who took part in the Hilton trophy and inter-State matches were thoroughly drenched before they had completed their scores. Taken all in all this meeting was rather more successful than that of last year, but the exceedingly unpropitious weather of the last three days undoubtedly kept large numbers of riflemen from attending and taking part in the matches. Severe showers at intervals all day and strong winds in the morning and early afternoon made the shooting a difficult matter. The darkness in the afternoon interfered seriously with the 600-yard distances

HILTON TROPHY MATCH.

Teams of 12 men each; distances 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each; standing at 200, and any position at 500 and 600 yards; military rifles. This year the trophy goes for the first time to Washington, D.C., the match being won by the team from the District of Columbia militia, on a score of 1,017 points out of a possible 1,260, beating the team from New Jersey 19 points and New York's team 31 points. The scores were as follows :--

### District of Columbia Militia Team.

<b>200</b> yds.	500 yds.	600 yds. 🗌	Fotal.
J. E. Bell	5535545-32	445444530	93
I. M. Pollard	544543429	5545555-34	92
F. L. Graham	4354555 31	2535445-28	ýo
W. L. Cash	555554433	5504455-28	89
J. M. Stewart	4553455-31	5354344-28	89
R. A. O'Brien			85
C H Upperiod	5545535-32	4454444-29	్ర
G. H. Harries	444543428	345454429	83
W. B. Johnstone	455553431	2544534—27	82
W. P. Vale	554554432	530550523	80
R. B. Smythe5345444-29	004054518	5455544—32	79
A. O. Hutterly	554533429	0454054 - 22	78
W. S. Cash	5524K45 25	545344429	77
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Totals 327	351	339	1017
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New Jersey	1 eam.		
Gen. Howard	345445530	553555533	89
Col. Kuser	4555445-32	3554344 - 28	89
Pte Ranson	5445453 - 30	445454531	88
Corpl. Chinn			86
Capt. Ducker	5443543 - 28	444355530	
Capt. Decker	5544544 31	3245445-27	85
S rgt. Lalor	4244553 - 27	4244554-26	84
Col. Van Valen	4344535 - 28	444444 28	83
Pvt. Hartman 4445334-27	553553430	2445524-26	-83
Corpl. Detrich	4254543 27	3334544 — 26	81
Sergt. Neumann	4245524 26	353443426	80
Pvt. Vincent	453334325	4034355-24	78
Lieut. Goesser	4524444-27	0005424-15	72
Totals	341	322	998
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New York	leam.		
Wells, 23rd Regt	4455555 33	5455544-32	97
Pickett, 23rd Regt	445555533		• •
De Forest, 23rd Regt		553555432	94
	4554554-32	5445355- 31	23
Scott, Jr., 23rd Regt	4455554-32	454454430	89
Elliott, 23rd Regt	5555454-33	333.1404 - 21	85
Underwood, 7th Regt445453530	4454453 29	333434424	83
Janssen, 7th Regt	454435530	3352524 - 24	81
Stuart, 69th Regt	455355532	3400454- 20	79
Simmons, 23rd Regt 4444454-29	0444553—25	4434252-24	78
Stokes, 23rd Regt	555544 1 32	5202333-18	76
Stein, 7th Regt	543453226	502454222	74
Kallock, 7th Regt	3404434-22	UK 34000 7	57
Totals	359	285	986
	339	~05	900
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#### OTHER MATCHES.

The leading scores in other matches were as follows :----

Interstate Military Match. -- Teams of 12 men each; distances, 200 and 500 yards; position, at 200 yards standing; at 500 yards prone; military rifle; 10 shots at each distance. Fhis match was won by the team of New York, on an aggregate score of 986 points out of a possible 1,200, beating New Jersey's team 41 points, and the District of Columbia team 48 points.

All Gomers Military Match. Open to everybody. Distance 200 and 500 yards, standing at 200, prone at 500. Five shots at each; military rifles; 26 prizes. F. Stewart, 47; S. B. Wetherald, 47; J. Cowie, 47; A. C. White, 47; last in, 45.

Governor's Match.--7 shots at 500 yards : position, any ; ritle, any military, including specials : 24 prizes, to be won on the aggregate of three scores ; highest possible score 105 points. The first 10 prize winners in order of merit with aggregate score, including allowance, are J. F. Klein, 106 ; F. Stuart, 105 ; A. R. Kuser, 104 ; W. G. Hussey, 104 ; A. Stein, 103 ; W. D. Huddleson, 103 ; J. J. Mountjoy, 103 ; G. Shorkley, 102 ; G. F. Root, 102 ; J. Ranson, 101 ; last score in (24th) 96. It will be noticed that Klein is credited with a point above the "possible." This currents are sult was arrived at by adding the allowance of three points

which he received for using the Remington rifle, to the score of 103 (35, 34, 34) he actually made. Stuart and Shorkley also had 3 points allowance. Kuser, Hussey, Huddleson, Mountjoy, Root and Ranson each had 1 point allowance, using Springfield rifles. For "special military" rifles there was no allowance; Stein used one of these.

The Tiffany Match.— Distance, 200 yards; standing; 5 shots on the American Standard Target; any weight of rifle with any trigger pull; no rest allowed; 33 prizes; the aggregate of three scores to count for all prizes; won by G. Zimmerman with 142 out of 150 points, using Ballard rifle. The next five prize winners were:—J. A Boyken, 137; J. S. Case, 135; H. W Hawes, 134; W. H. Beardsley, 132; A. C. White, 130.

Steward Match.—Distance, 200 yards; 5 shots; position - sitting, kneeling or standing; rifles, the Remington, .50 cal., State model, the United States Springfield, or the Martini-Henry; all prizes to be won on the aggregate of three scores; won by F. L Graham on 73 out of 75 points, using Springfield rifle. The last (9th) prize was taken with 68.

Revolver Match.—30 yards, 5 shots on the American Standard target, reduced for 100 yards; standing, off hand, use of one arm on y allowed; revolver not to exceed  $2\frac{34}{4}$  pounds in weight; maximum length of barrel (exclusive of chamber),  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches; minimum trigger pull, 3 pounds; plain open sights sufficiently strong for service purpoles; 10 prizes; aggregate of three scores to count. The aggregate scores of prize winners are as follows—highest possible score 150 points; ...

	Revolver.	Score.
C. E. Tayntor	M and H	
W. R. Pryor	S and W	121
W. E. Petty	S and W	
W. G. Hussey		
J. G. Newbury	S and W	
C. H. Gaus		
J. J. Mountjoy		
L. C. Bruce.		
T. Lloyd	S and W	101
H. J. Mehard		

The Barney Walther Team Match.—Open to teams of 5 from any rifle club, association, or military organization; distance, 200 yards; 5 shots on the American Standard target; position, standing; any rifle; 3 prizes and a medal to each member of winning team; won by the Zettler Rifle Club, Team No. 1. The aggregate score of each team was:—Zettler Rifle Club, Team No. 1, 199; New York Rifle Club, 182; Zettler Rifle Club, Team No. 2, 179.

#### Regimental and Other News.

For twenty-eight years Sergt. McKim has faithfully served in the University of Toronto in the capacity of janitor and beadle and the high esteem in which he is held was evidenced the other day by a graceful and kind act of the venerable president, Sir Daniel Wilson. At the University fire last winter Sergt. McKim's Crimea medal was among the articles destroyed. All the gold in Toronto could not have bought the medal from the sturdy veteran, and he felt its loss With the fellow-feeling characteristic of him Sir Daniel set deeply. about to make the beadle's heart glad once more, and he took counsel with the military authority of the University, Sir Casimir Gzowski, with the result that an application to the Horse Guards was made, and in due course an exact copy of the lost medal arrived at the University, the expense and trouble having been borne by the president. When McKim received it at the hands of Sir Daniel the other day his usual self-possession forsook him, and his feelings were expressed in looks more than in words. The medal has four clasps, one each for Alma, Inkerman, Balaclava and Sebastopol, and is a solid silver souvenir of Mr. McKim's services to his country as a soldier in the 13th Light Dragoons.

#### The Aldershot Camp.

Aldershot, N.S., Sept. 12.-Brigade Camp, District No. 9, opened here on Tuesday, 9th, for 12 days drill. The staff is composed as follows :- Commandant, Lieut.-Col. Worsley, D.A.G.; Brigade Major, Lieut.-Col. McShane; Musketry Instructor, Lieut.-Col. Irving, B. M. District No. 12; P. M. O., Surgeon-Major Primrose; Supply Officer, Lieut. Col. Chipman, 68th Bn.; Camp Quartermaster, Lieut.-Col. Murray; Brigade Sergeant-Major, Sergt.-Major Lockhart, 63rd ; Camp Quartermaster Sergeant, Sergt. Jordan, K.T.C.; Orderly Room Clerk, Sergt. Bland ; Sergeant Instructor of Musketry, Sergt. Brewer, Infantry School. The following regiments are in camp : --69th Regiment, in command (f Lieut. Col. Starratt; 72nd, Lieut. Col. Spurr; and 78th Highlanders, Major Sutherland There are about 850 officers and men under canvas, They are from Annapolis, Hants, Colchester, and Pictou Counties, and are chiefly young men, perhaps two thirds having not been in camp before. The best of order and good feeling prevails, all seem bent on work, with the legitimate amount of fun and recreation when off duty.

The Halifax Y. M. C. A. are here represented by S. E. Whiston and their secretary, Mr. Theakston. They have a large marquee fitted up and well supplied with reading matter, writing materials and games. These are all free and many of the officers and men avail themselves of the privileges offered. Every evening service is held in the marquee. At the meeting last evening amongst others Col. Spurr spoke. In the course of his remarks he said that he attributed in a large measure the good conduct of the men while in camp to the presence and influence of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The weather up to the present has been moderately fine, warm days, cool nights and some rain, but not enough to interfere with drill. The gun fires at 6 a.m. for the men to rise, and again at 9.30 p.m., which is the signal to retire, if not to bed to their tents. The men are kept pretty busy all day, drill three times, besides keeping their boots black, belts white, and tents clean, and a hundred and one duties that appear necessary in "the life of a soldier."

#### Montreal.

The Royal Scots mustered 250 strong on the Chimp de Mars, Mo. treal, Saturday afternoon last for the annual inspection. The officers on parade were Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, Majors Lyman and Hood, Capt. and Adjt. Lydon, Surgeon Corsan, Assistant-Surgeon Rollo Campbell, Cayts. Rankin, Blaiklock, Ibbotson, Strathy, Gault and Cameron, Licuts. Cantlie, J. S. Ibbotson, Mackie and Sims; Capt. Foulis, Paymaster; and Capt. Foster, Quartermaster. Lieuts. Ibbotson and Sims were in charge of the colours. Col.-Sergt. Pettigrew, with five sergeants and thirty-five men of the Sixth Fusiliers, kept the ground clear. Lieut. Col. Houghton, who was accompanied by Lieut. Clerk as A.D.C., was received with the general salute, after which he made a minute inspection of the corps, not overlooking the Cadets, who also paraded, under Capt. Stuart. In the evening "E" Company were entertained to dinner by Capt. Gault. Twen.y-eight non-commissioned officers and men sat down to the capital spread provided. The guests were Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, Major Hood, Capts. Rankin, Strathy, Cameron and Foulis, Lieut. Ibbotson, Sergt.-Major Nivin and Pipe-Major Mathieson. A very pleasant evening was spent, Lieut.-Col. Houghton taking the opportunity to congratulate the regiment upon its very creditable inspection.

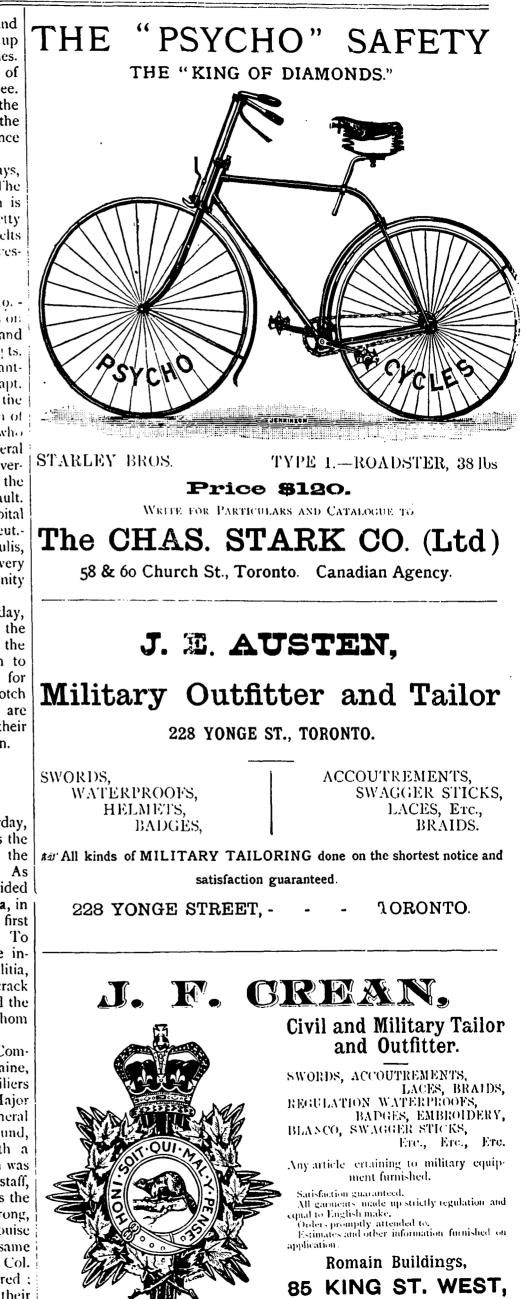
The Highland Cadets are to have an evening in camp, on Friday, October 3rd. The tents will be pitched in the Victoria rink, and the entertainment will comprise a regular programme of games after the "fall in" and general salute and inspection. A tug-of-war, open to four of any battalion, society, police or firemen, on cleats, a race for cadets in uniform, under 16 years, bar-bell exercise, potato race, Scotch reel, fancy march and manual and firing exercise by the cadets, are among the events which they have determined upon to induce their friends and the public to pay them a visit on the evening in question.

# Colours of the St. John City Militia.

#### (St. John Telegraph, 16th August.)

It is probable that the ceremony on the Barrack square yesterday, when his late Majesty's, King George IV., colour was trooped, is the first time a king's colour has ever been trooped in this city, and the stately ceremony witnessed yesterday will not soon be forgotten. As already announced in these columns, the 62nd Fusiliers having decided to "place at rest" the old colours of the 2nd Batt. City Militia, in Trinity Church, the ceremony of trooping was to be performed first and this was to be included in the annual inspection of the corps. To mark the event especially, all retired officers of the Fusiliers were invited to be present, and also the officers of the New Brunswick Militia, particularly the surviving officers of the St. John City Rifles, a crack corp of militia before Confederation, and which battalion had used the above colours after the disbandment of the 2nd Batt Militia, to whom they were presented in 1827.

At sharp 2 o'clock the 62nd Fusiliers and the St. John Rifle Company marched from the drill shed under command of Lt.-Col. Blaine, and were drawn up in line facing north. The colours of the Fusiliers were carried by Lieuts. Parks and McAvity. A few minutes later Major Gordon, of the Royal School of Infantry, acting deputy adjutant general during the absence of Lt.-Col. Maunsell in England, rode on the ground, accompanied by Lieut. Carpenter, R.S.I., and was received with a general salute as he rode down and up the line. The battalion was then told off into guards preparatory to trooping, and the following staff, having ridden upon the grounds, took up their positions to witness the ceremony : Major Armstrong, D. Paymaster ; Lieut.-Col Armstrong, A.D.C., N. B. Artillery; Lieut.-Col. Domville, 8th Princess Louise Cavalry, and Captain Wedderburn and Lieut. Wedderburn of the same regiment. There were also present Surgeon Daniel, Artillery; Col. Cunard, retired : Paymaster Smith, Artillery ; Col. Underhill, retired : Asst. Surgeon Andrews, and others. The band then took up their position on the right of the line and the drums and fifes on the left, im-



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mediately in front of the king's colour, while in rear of the colour were the following retired officers : Col. Sullivan, Captains Hegan, Berton, Farren, Godard, Lovett, C. Campbell and Kaye, formerly of the 62nd; Lieut.-Col. B. L. Peters, formerly Artillery; Lieut. Col. W. M. Jarvis, Lieut. Col. Hurd Peters, N. B. Militia, and the following surviving officers of the St. John City Rifles : Surgeon W. Bayard, Captain H. L. Sturdee, Captain Jas. L. Dunn, Lieut. T. Amos Godsoe, A. H. DeMill, C. P. Clarke, W. H. Thorne, E. Willis and D. S. Stewart, and Rev. G. Lloyd, retired chaplain Queen's Own, Toronto.

The trooping was well performed, the slow march of the bands down the line being finely done. They then marched back in quick time, and then played the right guard to the colour to the tune of the British Grenadiers. Major Sturdee's company furnished the escort, the Feutenants being D. Churchill and W. C. Stirling. After the colour had been saluted and received the escort moved up the line through the ranks in slow time, the bands playing the Grenadiers' March, and the ceremony was over.

After the pay rolls had been called by the inspecting officers, a special escort of 60 men was picked out to escort the colours to the church, and the whole battalion took up the march, the band and drums leading, followed by the retired officers and the above mentioned staff. On arrival in front of Trinity Church, the old colours carried by Lieuts. Lordly and Churchill were placed in front of the church yard, and the whole force then marched past, each company saluting the colours as they passed. After marching back in quarter coloumn under command of Major Fucker, ranks were changed and fours formed, when the rear companies marched through to the front and line was formed, ranks opened, and a general salute given. The escort then marched into the church under command of Capt. Edwards and Lieuts. Lordly and Churchill, the officers, both active and retired, following, headed by the colours, borne by Majors Tucker and McLean, the remainder of the corps waiting outside. The escort lined the centre aisle, turning inwards, and as the clergy and surpliced choir, having met the colours at the west door, proceeded in procession, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the guard presented arms, and the colours were carried to the chancel, the choir taking their seats. The officers and men of the escort being on duty and under arms, kept their bearskins on during the service.

The choir was composed of members of Trinity, St. John the Baptist, and St. Paul's choirs. The clergy present within the chancel were : Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. Fr. Davenport, Rev. J. Gollmer, Rev. R. Simonds, Rev. D. B. Parnther, and Rev. Robt. Merritt.

On reaching the chancel Lieut.-Col. Blaine read the following address of presentation :--

"To Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church : Gentlemen, -- By your permission we come to-day to place at rest, within this sacred edifice, the colours of one of the earliest minitia organizations of this city, originally presented in the year 1827 to the 2nd Battalion St. John City Militia. They have been successfully borne by the various city corps which, under provincial militia laws, were organized in succession to that battalion. The last of these was the St. John City Rifles, under command of Licut-Col. J. V. Thurgar. Finally, upon the death of Col. Thurgar these colours passed into my hands as the officer commanding the corps which under existing Dominion regulations virtually represents the former city battalions. It is by reason of this fact that I am privileged to day to commit them to your custody.

"Of their presentation to the old 2nd Battalion, only a brief record now exists. From it we learn that the colours having been procured by the battalion were presented to it on the 18th of September, 1827, by the then commanding officer, Major Charles Ward. The two officers who respectively received the King's and Regimental colour were Ensign Sneden and Ensign John Wishart, the latter of whom, honoured and honourable in his great age, is present with us to-day at this final ceremony. Major Ward, in handing the colours to the officers, gave expression to his confidence in their loyalty and courage to defend them with their lives, should they ever be unfurled in d fence of the crown and constitution.

"In the mercy of Providence, the occasion never arose for the battalion to give proof of these qualities in the face of the enemy — We doubt not that such duty as its members were called upon to do, they did well, and that had the necessity arisen, this battalion, which numbered in its ranks so many descendants of the New Brunswick loyalists, would in no way have belied the courage, loyalty and endurance of they noble band to which we owe so much in this city and province.

" The colours continued to be used on parades and at inspection down to 1867, when the confederation of the provinces put an end to the provincial militia. It was this king's colour which was carried by the guard of honour and lowered to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the visit to this city in 1860. Under them have served, both with commissions and in the ranks, many representatives of two generations, whose history is in no small degree the history of our city, and though these colours possess no claim to the glory of a battle field, yet, to our predecessors, they were none the less the emblems of loyalty and fidelity to king and country. It seems fitting that we should ask for them a resting place in this church, which, with its many hallowed associations, must ever stand as a memorial of those of our citizens who have gone before."

The address, which was beautifully engrossed on parchment, contained the coat of arms of the 62nd Fusiliers, and was signed, "A. Blaine, Lt-Col. commanding 62nd Batt., St. John, N.B.

The colours were then handed to Rev. Canon Brigstocke, who received them on behalf of the church. They were then placed against the east wall on either side of the Holy Table, but their permanent resting place will be against the west wall on either side of the bust of Her Majesty the Queen.

Rev. Canon Brigstocke then read the formal acceptance, which was as follows :---

"To Lieut-Col. Blaine : Dear Sir, -The rector, church wardens, and vestry of Trinity Church have pleasure in accepting at your hands to-day for she custody the colours of the 2nd St. John City Militia, which you have now presented to us.

"As emblems of patriotism and loyalty to the throne of the empire, we judge them well worthy of being carefully preserved, and shall therefore gladly give them a place within the walls of the church.

"Already many historical associations gather around this sacred edifice, and the colours which we now receive from you will make to them a has py and appropriate addition.

"F. H. J. BRIGSTOCKF, D.D., Rector."

The escort then marched to the front, forming a double line in front of the chancel, with rifles at the shoulder. Hymn No. 275 was sung, after which Rev. Fr. Davenport intoned the special prayers. The prayers were those used only on rare occasions like that of yesterday. The singing of the 98th psalm followed, and then Rev. Canon Brigstocke delivered an address.

Ensign John Wishart, who was among the retired officers present, was one of the ensigns who received the colours in 1827. Mr. Wishart, was 91 years old a few weeks ago.

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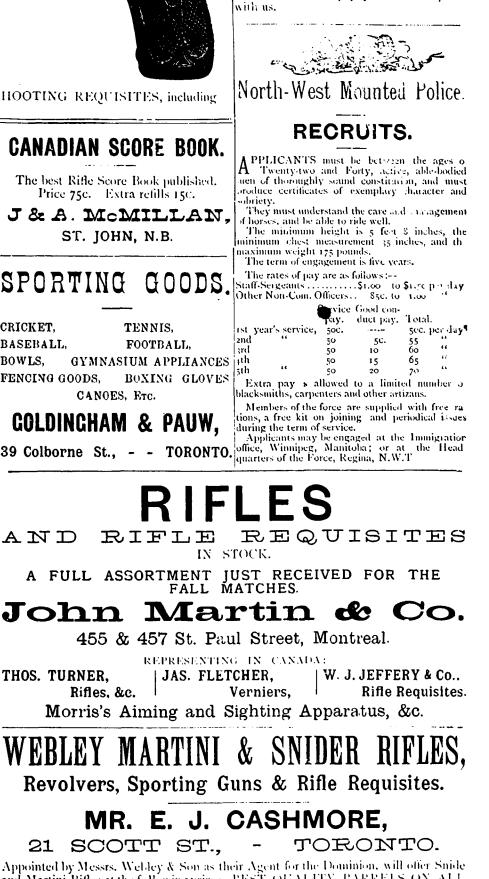
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