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Report on Colonial Prize Firing.

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THE following Report on the Colonial Prize Firing, 1877, is published for general information.

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REPORT.

Lieut.-Colonel READER to the ACTING UNDER SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE.

SIR,—

Wellington, 26th March, 1877.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to the Hon. the Defence Minister, returns which have just been completed by Mr. Stevens of the Defence Office, showing the result of the different matches which were fired under my superintendence at the Colonial Prize Firing Meeting of 1877, held at Hokitika last month.

From these returns it will be seen that the average shooting throughout is very much higher than it was either last year or the year before, which I attribute, in a measure, to the representatives having this year been provided for the competition with new rifles of a uniform pattern, and first-class arms in every respect. The range, which was situated nine miles from Hokitika, on the Arahura River, was everything that could be desired, and contributed not a little to accurate shooting. Our only drawback was occasional heavy rain, which interrupted the firing, and spoiled the ground for a time.

I cannot speak too highly of the work done by Assistant Armourer Christie, who preceded us to Hokitika by a month to prepare the range. His was a very arduous task, for in addition to having to clear about 400 yards of brushwood and stumps, raise the butts and platforms, he had two bridges to build to enable us to get to the range, one of which had at least 40 feet of span. How he got through so much work in so short a time, doing it so thoroughly and well, was a matter of astonishment not only to myself but to every one connected with the camp.

I was fortunate in having associated with me such officers as Lieut.-Colonel Packe, Major Stapp, Major Noake, Major Baillie, Captain Morrow, and Mr. Spence to assist me in carrying out the duties both on the range and in camp. To them I must attribute the good feeling and content that existed amongst the representatives during the whole time we were in Westland, and the absence of any hitch or unpleasantness during the meeting.

To Mr. Stevens, who acted as Secretary to the meeting, my thanks are due for the able and energetic manner he carried out duties which have become by no means light, and which, to enable him to comply with the perpetual references made to him by representatives as to the state of their scores, kept him employed late at night.

The only suggestion I have to make is, that the mode of marking I adopted, of painting out every shot, should be adhered to at future meetings, as insuring accuracy, rapidity in marking, and general satisfaction to the competitors themselves.

In conclusion, I beg to be permitted to record, on behalf of the representatives, staff, and myself, our grateful appreciation of the kindness and hospitality shown us by the inhabitants of Westland during our stay amongst them.

I have, &c.,

H. E. READER,

Lieut.-Colonel.

The Acting Under Secretary for Defence.

CHOICE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE COLONIAL PRIZE FIRING, 1877.

CARBINE REPRESENTATIVES.

Ranges, 200, 250, 300, and 400 yards. Seven (7) shots at each range. Targets at 200, 250, and 300 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 400 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. The firing took place twice over, and the highest aggregate scorers became the representatives.

RIFLE REPRESENTATIVES.

Ranges, 200, 400, 500, and 600 yards. Seven (7) shots at each range. Targets at 200 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 400, 500, and 600 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. The firing took place twice over, and the highest aggregate scorers became the representatives.

Thirteen Carbine and twenty-seven Rifle Representatives were allowed as "Government" men for the whole colony, and a like number of "Extra" men, apportioned according to the strength of the Volunteer force in the several districts.

Weapons used—Snider Artillery Carbines, and Snider Medium Rifles.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES—CARBINE.

District.	Rank and Name.	Corps.	Score.
Auckland and Waikato	Gunner Rose	Auckland Artillery	160
"	Trooper Walters	Waikato Cavalry	158
Waikato	Lieutenant Rutherford	Te Awamutu Cavalry	149
Taranaki, Patea, and Wanganui	Corporal Littlewood	Alexandra Cavalry	173
Rangitikei and Wellington	Bandsmen Bannister	Wellington Artillery	178
Napier and Opotiki	Gunner Mogridge	Napier Artillery	158
Thames	Private Fagg	Thames Naval	160
Nelson	Sergeant Kissel	Nelson Artillery	160
Canterbury	Sergeant-Major Fox	Christchurch Artillery	174
Oamaru and Southland	Corporal Laing	Oamaru	155
Dunedin	Lieutenant Muir	Dunedin	175
"	Sergeant Kettle	"	163
A.C.	Sergeant Blake	Tauranga	148

RIFLE.

Auckland	Private J. Leigh	Victoria Rifles	155
"	" J. Dore	No. 3	154
"	" A. Yates	"	149
Waikato	Sub-Lieutenant King	No. 1 Waikato Rifles	156
"	Lieutenant J. Mellsop	Forest	154
Taranaki and Wanganui	Private Okey	Taranaki	170
Rangitikei	" W. Johnston	Royal	172
Wellington	" J. McIntosh	City	173
"	" J. Turner	Kaiwarawara	169
Masterton and Tauranga	" J. Keefe	Tauranga	139
Thames	Sub-Lieutenant Brownlow	No. 2 Company	153
"	Private W. Armstrong	"	150
"	Captain Murray	Scottish	149
Nelson	Private Sunley	City	184
Marlborough	" A. Sutton	Spring Creek	166
"	Corporal F. Sutton	"	164
Canterbury	" W. Perrin	No. 5 Company	167
"	Private Parker	City Guards	164
Oamaru	" R. Harding	Oamaru	184
Dunedin	" A. Blackie	No. 1 Clutha	194
"	" J. C. Anderson	"	187
"	Corporal E. R. Smith	No. 1 City Guards Rifles	184
Southland	Sergeant R. Dunlop	Invercargill	181
Westland	Private Stonebridge	1st Westland	172
A.C.	Constable Blake	Ohinemuri	160
"	" Campbell	Taupo	158
"	" Gibbons	Taranaki	157

EXTRA REPRESENTATIVES—CARBINE.

Auckland and Waikato	Private J. McLean	Naval	152
"	Gunner Bell	Artillery	148
Waikato	" Stevens*	Wellington Artillery	165
Taranaki, &c.	Trooper Cummins	Alexandra Cavalry	160
Rangitikei and Wellington	Second Lieutenant McCredie	Artillery	168
Napier, &c.	Gunner Sellers	"	133
Thames	Private Sykes	Naval	158
Nelson	Lieutenant Strange*	Christchurch Artillery	162
Canterbury	Sergeant Hill	"	171
Oamaru, &c.	Gunner Roulston	Artillery	126
Dunedin	Sergeant Peak	"	156
"	Sergeant-Major Broughton*	Rangitikei Cavalry	165

* Selected to fill vacancies.

EXTRA REPRESENTATIVES—RIFLE.

District.	Rank and Name.	Corps.	Score.
Auckland	Private Partington	No. 3 Rifles	143
"	Sergeant Hay	" "	142
"	Corporal Haslett	Victoria Rifles	141
Waiuku	Lieutenant McKenzie*	Waikari	174
"	Corporal Treseder*	No. 1 Otago Rifles	171
Taranaki, &c.	Private Ross	Wanganui	159
Rangitikei	Hon.-Lieutenant J. McDonald	Marton Cadets	164
Wellington	Sergeant McIlvride	Wainuiomata Rifles	164
"	Private Ballinger	City	164
Masterton, &c.	" A. Matthews	Masterton	96
Thames	" Ure Whare	Native	143
"	" Clarke	Scottish	142
"	Sergeant McLeod	" "	141
Nelson	" Crossman	City	181
Marlborough	Lieutenant Paynter*	Stoke (Nelson)	178
"	Private Richardson*	North Dunedin	174
Canterbury	Corporal Campbell	No. 5	159
"	Sergeant Chapman	Engineers	155
Oamaru	" King	Oamaru Rifles	175
Dunedin	Lieutenant McCartney	Portobello	181
"	Sub-Lieutenant Willocks	No 1 Clutha Rifles	180
"	Private Smail	" "	177
Southland	Sergeant Acheson	Riverton	175
Westland	Private Davies	1st Westland	172
A.C.	Constable Foley	Depôt	152
"	" Robinson	" "	151
"	Private Watt*	1st Westland Rifles	170

* Selected to fill vacancies.

FIRST CARBINE MATCH.

Ranges, 400 and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible score, 56.

Prize.	Name.	400 Yards.	500 Yards.	Total.	Winning Scores.			Remarks.
					1876.	1875.	1874.	
1	£6 Littlewood	28	25	53	48	41	39	Winners of Range Prizes. 400 yards, £1 ... Littlewood, 28 500 " £1 ... Littlewood, 25.
2	5 Sykes	24	24	48	44	37	39	
3	3 McLean	25	21	46	43	35	38	
4	2 Cummins	26	17	43	43	...	...

25 Competitors. Average, 35.52.
1876—19 " " 36.42.
1875—15 " " 30.33.
1874—20 " " 30.75.

SECOND CARBINE MATCH.

Range, 200 yards. Ten shots. Targets, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. Ties, shot for shot. Highest possible score, 40.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Ties.	Winning Scores.		Remarks.
				1876.	1875.	
1	£6 Hill	34	...	28	32	Position, 1876, "standing."
2	4 Cummins	33	3, 3, 3	28	32	
3	3 Broughton	33	3, 3, 2	28	30	
4	2 Kettle	32	4, 4	28	...	

25 Competitors. Average, 29.88.
1876—19 " " 25.05.
1875—15 " " 28.13.

THIRD CARBINE MATCH.

Range, 300 yards. Ten shots. Targets, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. Ties, shot for shot. Highest possible score, 40.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Ties.	Winning Scores.		Remarks.	
				1876.	1875.		
1	£6	Kettle	33	...	29	26	
2	4	McLean	31	...	26	25	
3	3	Strange	30	3, 4.	26	25	
4	2	Kissell	30	3, 2.	26	...	

25 Competitors. Average, 25.48.
1876—19 " " 23.94.
1875—15 " " 22.07.

FOURTH CARBINE MATCH.

Ranges, 300, 400, and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 300 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 400 and 500 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible score, 84.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Scores.			Remarks.	
			1876.	1875.	1874.		
1	£6	Bell	67	65	57	59	Winners of Range Prizes.
2	5	McLean	67	61	56	55	300 yards, £1 ... Bannister ... 22.
3	4	Cummins	66	61	54	54	400 " £1 ... Rose ... 27.
4	2	Blake	64	59	...	...	500 " £1 ... Bell ... 24.

25 Competitors. Average, 56.24.
1876—19 " " 50.79.
1875—15 " " 46.20.
1874—20 " " 41.75.

FIFTH CARBINE MATCH.

Ranges, 500, 300, and 200 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 500 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. At 300 and 200 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. Highest possible score, 84.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Score, 1876.	Remarks.	
1	£6	McLean	67	62	Winners of Range Prizes.
2	5	Hill	66	59	500 yards, £1 ... Roulston ... 23.
3	4	Muir	63	56	300 " £1 ... Hill ... 22.
4	2	Sykes	62	54	200 " £1 ... Strange ... 24.

25 Competitors. Average, 55.28.
1876—19 " " 48.63.

SIXTH CARBINE MATCH.

Ranges, 200, 300, 400, and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 200 and 300 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 400 and 500 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible score, 112.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Remarks.	
1	£6	McLean	93	200 yards, £1 ... Rose ... 24.
2	5	Hill	89	300 " £1 ... Hill ... 23.
3	4	Bell	87	400 " £1 ... Walters ... 27.
4	3	Rose	87	500 " £1 ... McLean ... 25.

25 Competitors. Average, 84.84.

CARBINE AGGREGATES.

Showing the result of firing in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Matches, for the purpose of awarding the Carbine Champion Belt. Number of shots, 104. Highest possible score, 416.

No.	Name.	Matches.						Total.	Remarks.
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	McLean	46	29	31	67	67	93	333	Winner of Champion Belt, Gold Medal, and £20.
2	Hill	42	34	29	61	66	89	321	Winner of £15.
3	Sykes	48	32	26	58	62	84	310	„ £10.
4	Littlewood	53	32	23	60	58	84	310	„ £5.

25 Competitors. Average, 286.04.

FIRST EXTRA CARBINE MATCH—(Moving Targets).

Range, 200 yards. Targets (6 x 2; centre, 2 feet across) were of light wood covered with calico, and placed on trucks worked to and fro on a tramway in rear of the markers' butts. Speed, about ordinary walking pace. Time, 2 minutes. One point added for each hit.

Prize.	Name.	Hits.	Score.	Winning Scores.			Remarks.
				1876.	1875.	1874.	
1	£6 Blake	13	43	40	58*	33	* Time, 3 minutes.
2	4 Muir	10	39	34	49	26	
3	3 Rose	10	38	32	48	21	
4	2 Laing	10	37	31	...	...

25 Competitors. Average hits per man, 8.48. Average scores, 28.56.
 1876—19 " " " 6.42. " 22.47.
 *1875—15 " " " 10.13. " 35.60.
 1874—13 " " " 4.08. " 13.84.

SECOND EXTRA CARBINE MATCH—(Marksmen).

Ranges, 400 and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 4 x 2 feet; bull's-eye, 2 x 1 feet. Highest possible score, 56.

Prize.	Name.	Score.		Total.	Winning Score, 1875. 500 Yards only.	Remarks.
		400.	500.			
1	£5 Muir	18	21	39	20	Winners of Range Prizes. 400 yards, £1 ... McLean, 22. 500 „ £1 ... Muir, 21.
2	4 Peak	20	17	37	17	
3	3 Kettle	18	18	36	16	

21 Competitors. Average, 25.64.

THIRD EXTRA CARBINE MATCH—(North v. South).

Between Representatives of the North and South Islands. The five highest aggregate scorers (in the six championship matches) from each Island. Ranges, 200, 400, and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 200 yards, 6 x 4; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 400 and 500 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2, feet square. Highest possible aggregate score, 420.

NORTH.					SOUTH.				
Name.	Ranges.			Total.	Name.	Ranges.			Total.
	200.	400.	500.			200.	400.	500.	
McLean	21	22	22	65	Hill	24	21	23	*68
Littlewood	21	24	20	65	Fox	19	26	20	65
Cummins	24	23	16	63	Strange	24	15	23	62
Sykes	23	23	14	60	Kettle	20	23	18	61
Sellers	21	20	16	57	Muir	23	21	17	61
	110	112	88	310		110	106	101	317

* Winner of Challenge Cup. Majority for South Island, 7 points
 Prizes—North and South Island Challenge Cup and five new Snider Carbines to the winning (South Island) team, and £3 to the highest scorers in each team.

ANALYSIS of the COLONIAL CARBINE MATCHES, 1876, showing the Distribution of the MONEY PRIZES.

District.	Name.	Prizes.			Total per Man.	Total per District.	Total per District, 1876.	Total per District, 1875.
		No. of Prize.	Match.	Value.				
Taranaki and Wanganui	Littlewood ...	400 yds.	1	£1	£13			
		500 " 1 4	1 1 aggregate	1 6 5				
	Cummins ...	4 2 3	1 2 4	£2 4 4	10			
Thames ...	Sykes ...	2 4 3	1 5 aggregate	£5 2 10	£17	£23		
Auckland ...	McLean ...	3 2 2 1	1 3 4 5	£3 4 5 6	£49	£17		
		500 yds. 1 400 yds. 1	6 6 aggregate	1 6 20				
	Rose ...	400 yds. 200 " 4 3	4 6 6 1 extra	£1 1 3 3	8			
	Bell ...	500 yds. 1 3	4 4 6	£1 6 4	11			
Wellington ...	Bannister ...	300 yds.	4	£1	£1	£68	£41	
Waiuku ...	Walters ...	400 yds.	6	1	£1	£1	£58	
Rangitikei ...	Broughton ...	3	2	£3	£3	£1	£16	£48
Nelson ...	Kissel ...	4	3	£2	£2	£3	£3	
Oamaru ...	Roulston ...	500 yds.	5	£1	£1	£2		
		Laing ...	4 1 extra	£2	2			
Christchurch ...	Hill ...	1 300 yds. 2 300 yds. 2 2 3	2 5 5 6 6 aggregate extra	£6 1 5 1 5 15 3	£36	£3		
		Strange ...	3 200 yds.	3 5	£3 1	4		
Dunedin ...	Kettle ...	4 1 3	2 3 2 extra	£2 6 3	£11	£40	£9	
		Muir ...	3 2 500 yds. 1	5 1 extra 2 " 2 "	£4 4 1 5	14		
	Peake ...	2	2 extra	£4	4			
Armed Constabulary ...	Blake ...	4 1	4 1 extra	£2 6	£8	£29		
						£8	£27	£51

FIRST RIFLE MATCH.

Ranges, 400, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible score, 84.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Scores.		Remarks.
			1876.	1875.	
1	£9 Richardson	70	65	69	Winners of Range Prizes. 400 yards, £2 ... Paynter, 27. 500 " £2 ... Brownlow, 26. 600 " £2 ... Robinson, 23.
2	7 Partington	69	64	66	
3	6 Paynter	69	63	65	
4	5 King (Sergeant)	68	63	64	
5	4 Keefe	67	62	63	
6	3 Clarke	66	62	63	
7	2 Harding	66	61	63	
8	1 Willocks	65	61	62	

54 Competitors. Average, 58.28.
1876—43 " " 55.09.
1875—65 " " 53.26.

SECOND RIFLE MATCH.

Range, 200 yards. Ten shots. Targets, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. Ties, shot for shot. Highest possible score, 40.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Scores.		Remarks.
			1876.	1875.	
1	£8 Partington	37	32	37	Ties : 4, 4, 4, 4, 4. 4, 4, 4, 4, 3. 4, 3, 3, 4, 4. 4, 3, 3, 4, 3. 4, 3, 3, 3. 3, 4, 4. 3, 4, 2.
2	7 Stonebridge	36	31	35	
3	6 Parker	36	30	35	
4	4 Keefe	36	30	34	
5	3 Turner	36	30	34	
6	3 Ross	36	30	...	
7	2 King (Sergeant)	36	30	...	
8	1 McIntosh	36	29	...	

54 Competitors. Average, 33.31.
1876—43 " " 26.65.
1875—65 " " 30.18.
Note—Position, 1877, "any;" 1876, "standing;" 1875, "any."

THIRD RIFLE MATCH.

Range, 300 yards. Ten shots. Targets, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. Ties, shot for shot. Highest possible score, 40.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Scores.		Remarks.
			1876.	1875.	
1	£8 Parker	32	32	32	Ties : 4. 3, 4, 3, 4. 3, 4, 3, 2. 2. 3, 4. 3, 3, 4, 3, 4. 3, 3, 4, 3, 2. 3, 3, 3.
2	7 Keefe	32	31	32	
3	6 Willocks	32	31	30	
4	4 Armstrong	32	31	29	
5	3 Stonebridge	31	30	28	
6	3 Paynter	31	30	...	
7	2 Sutton, A.	31	29	...	
8	1 Acheson	31	29	...	

54 Competitors. Average, 28.15.
1876—43 " " 26.02.
1875—65 " " 26.74.

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FOURTH RIFLE MATCH.

Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 200 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 500 and 600 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible score, 84.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Scores.		Remarks.
			1876.	1875.	
1	Richardson	71	69	64	Winners of Range Prizes. 200 yards, £2 ... Ross, 27. 500 " £2 ... Hay, 25. 600 " £2 ... Richardson, 25.
2	Acheson	71	67	63	
3	Paynter	70	65	62	
4	Smith	69	65	61	
5	Haslett	69	64	61	
6	Anderson	68	64	59	
7	Ballinger	68	64	59	
8	Murray	68	63	59	

54 Competitors. Average, 59.65.
1876—43 " " 54.60.
1875—66 " " 51.95.

FIFTH RIFLE MATCH.

Ranges, 600, 500, and 200 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 600 and 500 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. At 200 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. Highest possible score, 84 points.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Scores, 1876.	Remarks.
1	Anderson	69	67	Winners of Range Prizes. 600 yards, £2 ... Hay, 25 500 " £2 ... Ure Whare, 26 200 " £2 ... Willocks, 26
2	Richardson	68	66	
3	Harding	68	66	
4	Hay	66	64	
5	Ure Whare	64	64	
6	Mellsop	62	63	
7	McLeod	62	62	
8	Crossman	62	61	

54 Competitors. Average, 54.19.
1876—43 " " 55.14.

SIXTH RIFLE MATCH.

Ranges, 200, 300, 400, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 200 and 300 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 400, 500, and 600 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible score, 140.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Scores, 1875.	Remarks.
1	Paynter	121	111	Winners of Range Prizes. 200 yards, £2 ... Gibbons, 26. 300 " £2 ... Yates, 25. 400 " £2 ... Ross, 27. 500 " £2 ... Paynter, 26. 600 " £2 ... Willocks, 24.
2	Yates	115	107	
3	Willocks	113	102	
4	Smith	112	101	
5	Gibbons	112	100	
6	Keefe	110	100	
7	Murray	110	100	
8	Ross	109	99	

54 Competitors. Average, 102.15.
1875—65 " " 87.75.

RIFLE AGGREGATES, showing the result of the Firing in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Matches, for the purpose of awarding the Rifle Champion Belt. Number of shots, 118. Highest possible score, 472.

No.	Name.	Matches.						Total.	Remarks.
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	Paynter ...	69	35	31	70	47	121	373	Winner of Champion Belt, Gold Medal, and £40.
2	Richardson ...	70	32	26	71	68	103	370	Winner of N.R.A. Silver Medal and £25.
3	Harding ...	66	34	27	63	68	106	364	Winner of Medal and £12.
4	Acheson ...	62	32	31	71	56	109	361	" " £10.
5	Anderson ...	55	35	29	68	69	105	361	" £8.
6	Willocks ...	65	33	32	59	58	113	360	" £5.

54 Competitors. Average, 323.66.

FIRST EXTRA RIFLE MATCH—(Moving Targets).

Range, 200 yards. Targets (6 x 2 feet; centre, 2 feet across) were of light wood, covered with calico, and placed on trucks worked to and fro on a tramway in rear of the Markers' Butts. Speed, about ordinary walking pace. Time, 2 minutes; one point added for each hit.

Prize.	Name.	Hits.	Score.	Winning Scores.			Remarks.
				1876.	1875.	1874.	
1	£7 Paynter ...	15	60	46	*54	*41	* Time, 5 minutes; weapon, muzzle-loading medium Enfield.
2	6 Okey ...	14	53	45	46	39	
3	4 Dore ...	13	52	42	45	35	
4	3 Foley ...	12	46	39	44	35	
5	2 Sunley ...	11	43	39	43	34	
6	1 Treseder ...	10	39	39	42	34	

54 Competitors. Average hits, 7.70. Scores, 28.70.
 1876—41 " " 7.17. " 25.70.
 1875—66 " " 8.00. " 29.19.
 1874—50 " " 4.04. " 20.38.

SECOND EXTRA RIFLE MATCH—(Marksmen).

Ranges, 700 and 800 yards; seven shots at each range. Targets, 8 x 6 feet; centre, 6 x 4 feet; bull's-eye, 3 x 2 feet. Highest possible score, 56.

Prize.	Name.	Score.		Total.	Winning Scores.				Remarks.
		700.	800.		1876.	1875.			
					800 yards only.	700.	800.	Total.	
1	£7 Chapman ...	21	17	38	20	17	15	32	Winners of Range Prizes. 700 yards, £2 ... Chapman, 21. 800 yards, £2 ... A. Sutton, 24.
2	5 A. Sutton	12	24	36	15	13	18	31	
3	4 Turner ...	19	17	36	14	14	16	30	
4	3 Richardson	13	22	35	12	...	...	...
5	2 Acheson ...	18	16	34	...	...	...	...

44 Competitors. Average, 22.04.

THIRD EXTRA RIFLE MATCH—North v. South.

Between Representatives of the North and South Islands. The ten highest aggregate scorers (in the six championship matches) from each Island. Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 200 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 500 and 600 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible aggregate score, 840 points.

NORTH.					SOUTH.				
Name.	Score.	Scores.		Name.	Score.	Scores.			
		1875.	1874.			1875.	1874.		
Murray ...	66	61	61	Paynter ...	72	64	60		
King (Lieut.) ...	65	56	59	Davis ...	70	58	57		
Partington ...	64	56	58	Richardson ...	70	57	54		
Campbell (A.C.) ...	63	55	55	Willocks ...	69	53	52		
Mellsop ...	62	53	55	Perrin ...	67	50	49		
Gibbons ...	60	52	54	Anderson ...	66	49	46		
Keefe ...	59	47	49	King (Sergt.) ...	66	49	44		
Clark ...	58	50	43	Harding ...	63	45	44		
Yates ...	58	46	40	Acheson ...	58	44	41		
Hay ...	52	45	36	Smith ...	52	40	41		
Totals ...	607	521	510	Totals ...	653	509	488		

Majority for South Island, 46.

1875	"	North	"	12.
1874	"	North	"	22.
1873	"	South	"	25.
1872	"	South	"	19.

Prizes:—North and South Challenge Cup and ten new Snider Rifles to winning (South Island) team. The Challenge Cup to be held by Lieutenant Paynter. Money prizes—Lieutenant Paynter, £5; Captain Murray, £5.

ANALYSIS of the COLONIAL RIFLE MATCHES, 1877, showing the Distribution of the MONEY PRIZES.

District.	Name.	Prizes.			Total per Man.	Total per District.	Total per District, 1876.	Total per District, 1875.
		No. of Prize.	Match.	Value.				
Nelson	Paynter	400 yds.	1	£2	£81	£84	£50	£12
			1	6				
			3	3				
			3	6				
			4	6				
		500 yds.	6	2				
			6	10				
		1st aggregate	40					
		1 extra	7					
		3 extra	5					
	8	5	£1	1				
	5	1 extra	£2	2				
Thames	Brownlow	500 yds.	1	£2	£2	£84	£50	£12
			1	£3				
			3	£4				
			4	£1				
			6	2				
			3 extra	5				
			8					
		500 yds.	5	£2				
			5	4				
			7	5				
	7	5	£2	2				
Dunedin	Richardson	600 yds.	1	£9	£55	£25	£68 10s.	£96
			4	2				
			1	4				
			2	5				
			5	7				
		2nd aggregate	25					
		2 extra	3					
		4						

ANALYSIS of the COLONIAL RIFLE MATCHES, 1877, &c.—*continued.*

District.	Name.	Prizes.			Total per Man.	Total per District.	Total per District, 1876.	Total per District, 1875.
		No. of Prize.	Match.	Value.				
Dunedin— <i>continued.</i>	Willocks ...	8	1	£1	£23	£109	£189	£118
		3	3	6				
		200 yds.	5	2				
		600 yds.	6	2				
		3	6	7				
		6	aggregate	5				
	Smith ...	4	4	£5	10			
		4	6	5				
	Anderson ...	6	4	£3	20			
		1	5	9				
5		aggregate	8					
Treseder ...	6	1 extra	£1	1				
Auckland ...	Partington ...	2	1	£7	£15			
		1	2	8				
	Hay ...	500 yds.	4	£2	9			
		600 yds.	5	2				
	4	5	5	4				
	Haslett ...	5	4		£4			
	Yates ...	300 yds.	6	£2	10			
		2	6	8				
	Dore ...	3	1 extra	£4	4			
	Oamaru ...	King ...	4	1	£5	£7		
7			2	2				
Harding ...		7	1	£2	£20			
		3	5	6				
		3	aggregate	12				
Masterton and Tauranga	Keefe ...	5	1	£4	£18			
		4	2	4				
		2	3	7				
		2	6	3				
		6	6	3				
Westland ...	Stonebridge ...	2	2	£7	£10			
		5	3	3				
Canterbury	Parker ...	3	2	£6	£14			
		1	3	8				
	Chapman...	700 yds.	3 extra	£2	9			
		1	3	7				
Wellington ...	Turner ...	5	2	£3	£7			
		3	2 extra	4				
	McIntosh ...	8	2	£1	1			
	Ballinger ...	7	4	£2	2			
Waiuku ...	Mellsop ...	6	5	£3	£3			
Taranaki and Wanganui	Ross ...	6	2	£3	£8			
		200 yds.	4	2				
		400 yds.	6	2				
		8	6	1				
	Okey ...	2	1 extra	£6	6			
Marlborough	A. Sutton ...	7	3	£2	£9			
		800 yds.	2 extra	2				
		2	"	5				

ANALYSIS of the COLONIAL RIFLE MATCHES, 1877, &c.—*continued.*

District.	Name.	Prizes.			Total per Man.	Total per District.	Total per District, 1876.	Total per District, 1875.
		No. of Prize.	Match.	Value.				
Southland ...	Acheson ...	8	3	£1	£20	£20	£6	
		2	4	7				
		4	aggregate	10				
		5	2 extra	2				
A.C. ...	Robinson ...	600 yds.	1	£2	£2	6	3	
		200 yds.	6	£2				
			5	6				4
		Foley ...	4	1 extra				3
					£11	£15	£158	

STAFF MATCH.

Ranges, 200 and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Targets at 200 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches. At 500 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible score, 56.

Prize.	Name.	Score.	Winning Scores.		Remarks.	
			1876.	1875.		
1	£6	Mr. Spence ...	46	36	46	Winners of Range Prizes. 200 yards, £2 ... Spence, 23. 500 „ £2 ... Dutton, 24.
2	5	Marker Dutton ...	41	36	46	
3	3	Armourer Christie ...	39	33	41	
4	2	Sergeant Bell ...	38	33	41	

9 Competitors. Average, 37.44.
 1876—12 " " 23.66.
 1875—17 " " 33.87.
 1874—13 " " 28.54.

ALL COMERS' MATCH.

Open to all comers. Ranges, 200 and 500 yards. Targets at 200 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. At 500 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Highest possible score, 56. Any weapon.

Prize.	Name.	Weapon.	Score.	Winning Scores, 1876.
1	£6	Murray ...	52	48
2	5	Anderson ...	51	46
3	4	Morrow ...	50	45
4	3	Willocks ...	50	44
5	2	Mellsop ...	49	44
6	1	Armstrong ...	49	43
7	1	Hill ...	48	42
8	1	Cummins ...	48	42
9	1	Kettle ...	48	42