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NEW ZEALAND COLONIAL PRIZE FIRING at HOKITIKA, February, 1877.

THE competitors for the Colonial Firing were selected from the several Volunteer Corps (and Armed Constabulary) at the rate of 1 for every 110 efficient Volunteers of the previous year, and apportioned according to the strength of the several districts. These numbers gave—

For Artillery, Cavalry, and Naval Volunteers, armed with the interchangeable Artillery Snider carbine	...	...	...	...	13	Representatives
For Engineers and Rifle Volunteers, armed with the Imperial interchangeable Snider medium rifle	...	...	...	...	27	"
Total	...	...	...	...	40	"

for whom the Government provided free passages to and from Hokitika, and a detention allowance of 10s. a day, from which was deducted the cost of rations while in camp.

In addition to the above 40 representatives (who were termed "Government" men), a similar number of "extra" men (*i.e.*, those who pay their own expenses) were allowed to compete. These all attended with one exception. The sizes of the targets were—200 and 300 yards: 6 x 4; centre, 2 x 2; bull's-eye, 8 inches square. 400, 500, and 600 yards: 6 x 6; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square. Any position was permitted at all ranges. The matches were—

FIRST CARBINE.—Ranges, 400 and 500 yards. Seven shots. Highest possible score, 56 points. Winners of prizes: Range prizes (highest possible score, 28 points): 400 yards, Littlewood, 28 points; 500 yards, Littlewood, 25 points. First prize, Littlewood, 53 points; second prize, Sykes, 48 points; third prize, McLean, 46 points; 4th prize, Cummins, 43 points.

SECOND CARBINE.—Range, 200 yards. Ten shots. Highest possible score 40 points. Winners: First prize, Hill, 34 points. Second prize, Cummins, 33 points; ties, 3 3 3. Third prize, Broughton, 33 points; ties, 3 3 2. Fourth prize, Kettle, 32 points.

THIRD CARBINE.—Range, 300 yards. Ten shots. Highest possible score, 40 points. Winners: First prize, Kettle, 33 points; second prize, McLean, 31 points. Third prize, Strange, 30 points; ties, 3 4. Fourth prize, Kissel, 30 points; ties, 3 2.

FOURTH CARBINE.—Ranges, 400 and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Highest possible score, 84 points. Winners: Range prizes (highest possible score, 28): 300 yards, Bannister, 22 points; 400 yards, Rose, 27 points; 500 yards, Bell, 24 points. First prize, Bell, 67 points; second prize, McLean, 67 points; third prize, Cummins, 66 points; fourth prize, Blake, 64 points.

FIFTH CARBINE.—Ranges, 500, 300, and 200 yards. Seven shots at each range. Highest possible score, 84 points. Winners: Range prizes (highest possible score, 28 points): 500 yards, Roulston, 23 points; 300 yards, Hill, 22 points; 200 yards, Strange, 24 points. First prize, McLean, 67 points; second prize, Hill, 66 points; third prize, Muir, 63 points; fourth prize, Sykes, 62 points.

SIXTH CARBINE.—Ranges, 200, 300, 400, and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Highest possible score, 112 points. Winners: Range prizes (highest possible score, 28 points): 200 yards, Strange, 24 points; 300 yards, Hill, 23 points; 400 yards, Wollers, 27 points; 500 yards, McLean, 25 points. First prize, McLean, 93 points; second prize, Hill, 89 points; third prize, Bell, 87 points; fourth prize, Rose, 87 points.

CARBINE CHAMPIONSHIP.—Decided by the scores made in the previous six matches. Total number of shots, 104. Highest possible score, 416 points. Champion: McLean, 333 points (21 points above an average of centres); second prize, Hill, 321 points; third prize, Sykes, 310 points; fourth prize, Littlewood, 310 points.

MOVING TARGETS (CARBINES).—Range, 200 yards. Targets, 6 x 2; centre, 2 feet across. Targets were constructed of 3-in. x 4-in. boards, and fixed to a truck which was worked to and fro on a temporary tramway; speed, about ordinary walking pace. Time allowed, two minutes. First prize, Blake, 47 points, 19 shots fired; second prize, Muir, 39 points, 16 shots fired; third prize, Rose, 38 points, 18 shots fired; fourth prize, Laing, 37 points, 16 shots fired.

MARKSMEN (CARBINES).—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 foot. Winners: Range prizes (highest possible score, 28 points); 400 yards, McLean, 22 points; 500 yards, Muir, 21 points. First prize, Muir, 39 points; second prize, Peak, 37 points; third prize, Kettle, 36 points.

NORTH AND SOUTH (CARBINES).—Competed for only by the five highest scorers in the North and the five highest in the South in the six championship matches. Ranges, 200, 400, and 500 yards. Seven shots at each range. Highest possible aggregate score, 420 points. Winners: South Island Team, 317 points; North Island Team, 310 points.

FIRST RIFLE.—Ranges, 400, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots at each range. Highest possible score, 84 points. Winners: Range prizes (highest possible score, 28): 400 yards, Partington, 27 points; 500 yards, Brownlow, 26 points; 600 yards, Robinson, 23 points. First prize, Richardson, 70 points; second prize, Partington, 69 points; third prize, Paynter, 69 points; fourth prize, King, 68 points; fifth prize, Keefe, 67 points; sixth prize, Clarke, 66 points; seventh prize, Harding, 66 points; eighth prize, Willcocks, 65 points.

SECOND RIFLE.—Range, 200 yards. Ten shots. Highest possible score, 40 points. Winners: First prize, Partington, 37 points. Second prize, Stonebridge, 36 points; ties, 4 4 4 4 4. Third prize, Parker, 36 points; ties, 4 4 4 4 3. Fourth prize, Keefe, 36 points; ties, 4 3 3 4 4. Fifth prize, Turner, 36 points; ties, 4 3 3 4 3. Sixth prize, Ross, 36 points; ties, 4 3 3. Seventh prize, King, 36 points; ties, 3 4 4. Eighth prize, McIntosh, 36 points; ties, 3 4 2.

THIRD RIFLE.—Range, 300 yards. Ten shots. Highest possible score, 40 points. Winners: First prize, Parker, 32 points; ties, 4. Second prize, Keefe, 32 points; ties, 3 4 3 4. Third prize, Willcocks, 32 points; ties, 3 4 3 2. Fourth prize, Armstrong, 32 points; ties, 2. Fifth prize, Stonebridge, 31 points; ties, 3 4 3. Sixth prize, Paynter, 31 points; ties, 3 3 4 3 4. Seventh prize, Sutton, 31 points; ties, 3 3 4 3 2. Eighth prize, Acheson, 31 points; ties, 3 3 3.