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HIS EXCELLENCY.

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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILITIA AND VOLUNTEERS.

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SIR,— Militia and Volunteer Office, Wellington, 1st July, 1872.
I have the honor to forward this my report upon the state of the Militia and Volunteers during the past year.

Since my last annual report, all the Militia districts which were then called out for training and exercise, as well as three of those for actual service, have been released, leaving the following still out for actual service:—

Hamilton	Patea
Cambridge	Wairoa (Hawke's Bay)
Alexandra	Poverty Bay
White Cliffs	Opotiki
New Plymouth	Tauranga.
Cape Egmont	

In pursuance of your instructions, that the settlers in these frontier districts should be as little harassed with unnecessary drill as possible, one uniform system has been adopted—viz., to parade the first and second classes only once a quarter, when they have four hours' drill, for which they are paid. This system enables the men to become more proficient, and renders the duty less irksome than the monthly parades as heretofore.

The annexed return marked A shows the number who are armed, and are liable for service. During my tour of inspection, I had an opportunity of seeing the companies of Militia in nearly all these districts, and I think it my duty especially to bring to your notice the superior state of the Militia in the Province of Taranaki, where the settlers have been so long under training, and where such a good spirit exists throughout the whole community. This may be accounted for by the fact of nearly all the inhabitants being permanent residents in that Province, most of whom have suffered more or less during the late wars, whilst in the newer districts—such as Patea, Waikato, &c.—many men have no fixed interest in the place, but are constantly moving about in search of work. These latter naturally take but little interest in drill, and seek every opportunity of avoiding it. The permanent settlers, however, of these districts are beginning to form Volunteer Corps, when they will have a better opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of their duties, and affording mutual protection in their settlements.

With regard to the districts which have been released from training and exercise, an impression prevailed that an immediate decrease in the strength of the Volunteers of the North Island would take place. Such, however, is not the case, as will be seen by Table B. I have omitted to mention that Taranaki furnished from the Militia two representatives to the Colonial Prize Firing, one of whom (Humphries) won five prizes, and shot steadily throughout.

VOLUNTEERS.

In order to render my report more intelligible, I have kept the Adult and Cadet Corps distinct, and will treat of each separately. On the 31st March, 1871, the strength was—

	Adults.	Cadets.
North Island	3,725	177
South Island	2,190	546
	5,915	723

Of this number, 4,880 earned capitation. By the 31st May, 1871, these numbers had increased to—

	Adults.	Cadets.
North Island	4,226	657
South Island	2,141	609
	6,367	1,266

On these numbers were based the estimates for capitation of 1871-72. On 31st March, 1872, the strength was—

	Adults.	Cadets.
North Island	4,038	1,004
South Island	2,004	439
	6,042	1,443

Thus showing a decrease of 325 adults, but an increase of 177 Cadets, between the 31st May, 1871, and 31st March, 1872.

Having again visited almost every district in both Islands since November, I will endeavour to report upon their state.

PROVINCE OF AUCKLAND.

On 1st April, 1871, the Volunteers in this Province consisted of 1,837 enrolled members, which,

by the 31st of March, 1872, had increased to 2,182, of whom 1,983 earned capitation money this year. They are divided amongst the following districts:—

Auckland	...	...	...	...	...	917
Wairoa and Waiuku	...	...	...	...	...	496
Waikato	...	...	...	...	...	99
Poverty Bay	...	...	...	...	...	71
Bay of Plenty	...	...	...	...	...	130
Thames	...	...	...	...	...	469
						2,182

Auckland District.

The Auckland District comprises four Cavalry, one Artillery, one Engineer, ten Rifle, and two Naval Corps, which I inspected in January and February.

The Auckland Rifle Brigade is composed of four companies, which drilled as a battalion, performing some manœuvres steadily.

The Engineers, Nos. 1 and 5 Companies, Scottish, Hobson, Onehunga, and Otahuhu Companies all drilled creditably as separate companies, but special praise is due to the Engineers and Onehunga Rifles. I am here led to remark that if the separate corps in the centres of population were formed into battalions, it would be most beneficial. The officers and non-commissioned officers would have opportunities of receiving special instructions when the men did not assemble for drill, which would afford them a more intimate knowledge of their duties, and give them more confidence on parade.

The Auckland Artillery still maintain the reputation they have hitherto had for their zeal and attention.

I regret to say that the Auckland Troop of Cavalry have by no means improved since last year; their muster at my inspection was small, and their drill indifferent.

There is also much room for improvement in the Prince Alfred Troop.

The Otahuhu Troop were in better order than last year.

Owing to a misconception of orders, the Howick Troop did not parade on the day appointed, but some of them attended the Brigade Field Day at Epsom.

The muster of the Naval Companies was meagre, but there is much difficulty in assembling the members of these corps together at one time, as so many are employed in the coasting trade.

After inspecting each corps separately, a Brigade Field Day was held at Epsom Racecourse, at which nearly all the corps were represented. The weather was unusually hot, but the men turned out cheerfully, and performed several manœuvres satisfactorily. A battalion of Cadets was also formed, which moved steadily with the adult Volunteers.

Since last year a good range has been handed over to the Volunteers by the Provincial Government, which has tended to encourage rifle practice throughout the district.

Wairoa and Waiuku.

Since my last report these two districts have been amalgamated, and now comprise two Cavalry and nine Rifle corps. The Waiuku Troop are a most efficient corps, and still continue to attend most regularly to their duties. Their application to be allowed to attend two parades on each of six consecutive days was granted, and has been productive of good results, which were conspicuous at my last inspection.

The Drury Light Horse are a newly raised corps, and have made very fair progress since their enrolment.

The Rifle corps have all been supplied with uniforms, and show a marked improvement in their drill since last year.

Notwithstanding the release of the Militia, the Volunteers of this district have not decreased in numbers; but on the contrary, in Waiuku, nearly all the adult population have joined their ranks. There has also been an increased interest shown in rifle practice, and two representatives were furnished for the Colonial Prize Firing.

Waikato.

There were only two Volunteer corps in this district when I visited it,—the Waikato Rifles and the Te Awamutu Cavalry. The former are quite a new corps and have not had the opportunity of making much progress as yet; they, however, furnished two representatives for Colonial Firing. The Cavalry are a well-mounted, efficient body of men, and have had a special training of six consecutive days twice in the year under a well-qualified instructor. Since my visit to this district, another Cavalry corps has been formed at Cambridge, which is composed of several *bonâ fide* settlers, and promises to be a success.

Poverty Bay.

There are two corps in this district, one of Cavalry and a company of Rifles, who mustered well at my inspection. The former have been for some time greatly in need of a competent instructor, but are well mounted, and will soon become effective if they only attend drills regularly under their new Drill Instructor. The latter are armed with the Snider rifle, and appeared desirous of learning their work.

Bay of Plenty.

At Tauranga there are two corps. The Cavalry troop drilled fairly; and the company of Rifles, which is chiefly composed of old Military Settlers, have made good progress; one half of their number attended class-firing this year. I had no opportunity of visiting Opotiki.

Thames.

This district comprises one Engineer, one Naval, and five Rifle corps, amounting to four hundred and sixty-nine men.

A very marked improvement has taken place since last year, and I must make special mention of the Scottish Company, who are a well-drilled smart corps, and must have displayed unusual zeal to have reached their present state of efficiency in the short time they have been formed. The Naval corps is composed of young and active men; they drilled well, and also made good practice with their howitzers. A considerable interest has been manifested in class-firing this year, as will be seen in another part of my report, and five representatives went to the Colonial Prize Firing, one of whom (Hoskin) was the third highest aggregate scorer for the Champion Belt.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.

There is only one corps of Volunteers in New Plymouth, which is newly raised, but making good progress. It is mostly composed of young men, who have already acquired considerable knowledge of their duties in the Militia.

Patea.

This district is partly in each of the Provinces of Taranaki and Wellington. The Carlyle Light Horse and Patea Rifles are only small corps, composed of settlers who can ill afford the time necessary to make themselves efficient, and do not evince much interest in their duties. The Wairoa Light Horse and Rifles are more zealous, have provided themselves with uniforms, and appear anxious to learn their drills.

PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON.

On 31st of March, 1871, the Volunteers (including Cadets) of this Province numbered 1,702, of whom 1,434 earned capitation; and on the 31st March, 1872, there were 1,581 enrolled adult members, of whom 1,382 were efficient. They are divided amongst the following districts:—

Patea	...	...	...	...	...	45
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	...	247
Rangitikei	...	...	...	...	...	390
Wellington and Hutt	...	...	...	...	...	627
Greytown	...	...	...	...	...	130
Masterton	...	...	...	...	...	142
						1,581

Wanganui.

The Aramoho, Alexandra, and Wanganui Cavalry Corps paraded together for my inspection in May, and showed they had derived some benefit from the instruction imparted by their new Drill Instructor. It is very difficult to collect the members of these corps at any specified time, as they are composed of settlers in the country, who reside a long way from each other. The Veterans and Wanganui Rifles drilled well together; the latter is a new corps, and deserves great credit for the advancement they have already made. Several of its members attended class-firing, two being representatives at the Colonial Prize Firing. The Wanganui Cavalry also furnished two competitors out of the whole number (7) allowed for the Colony, for the Cavalry Colonial Prize Firing; and one of these, Sergeant Cummins, had the honor of winning the first Cavalry Champion Belt that has been shot for in the Colony.

Rangitikei.

This district contains four troops of Cavalry and six Rifle companies, which, on 31st March, 1872, amounted to 390 men. The same good spirit which I mentioned in last year's report continues to be exhibited in this district.

The Cavalry are all well mounted and display much interest in their work, whilst the Rifle companies are equally zealous.

Many of the corps have provided themselves with new clothing, and amongst the number the Turakina Rifles, whom I had occasion to except from the general good report of this district last year, but who are now improved. The Manawatu Rangers is a new corps, and is progressing satisfactorily. I was glad to observe that the release of the Militia in this district has been no detriment to the Volunteer movement, but has rather increased the *esprit* which has existed for so many years.

The Victoria Troop sent one representative to compete for the Cavalry Champion Belt.

Wellington.

In March, 1872, this district comprised one Artillery and thirteen Rifle corps, amounting to 627 men. The Wellington Artillery still maintain the good state of efficiency which I reported last year. They worked their guns well, and made good shot and shell practice. The attendance of members of corps at parade is very good, which has resulted in a large proportion of efficient. This remark is especially applicable to country corps, where members seldom absent themselves, although they are much scattered.

The Porirua Company sent three representatives to the Colonial Prize Firing, the Pauatahanui and Wellington Companies one each. Corporal Carter, of Pauatahanui Rifles, was second on the list for the Champion Belt, besides winning several prizes.

The arms are kept in good order, and nearly all the corps have provided themselves with Nelson cloth for their uniform.

A new corps of Scottish Rifles has been formed in the Town of Wellington, which promises to be a good one.

Masterton.

In this district are one Cavalry and two Rifle corps. I regret to say that I was unable to inspect

these corps on the day appointed, 17th of June, owing to the heavy and continuous rain; but the Adjutant of the district reports that they are still deserving of the good report I made of them last year. The Carterton Company furnished two representatives to the Colonial Prize Firing.

Greytown.

In this district are one Cavalry troop and two Rifle companies, consisting of 130 men.

The Greytown Troop are well mounted, and turned out for inspection in a very creditable manner. The Greytown Rifles were better than last year, and the Featherston Company very attentive.

PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY.

This Province contains one Cavalry, one Artillery, and two Rifle corps, amounting to 214 men.

The Wairoa Rifles drilled fairly. In consequence of their exposed position, they have been armed with Snider rifles; and special prizes were set apart for competition between this corps and Poverty Bay Rifles, who are similarly armed.

The Hawke's Bay Cavalry mustered well at inspection, but require more consecutive training; they have, however, no other instructor than their own officers. I regret to be unable to report improvement in the Artillery corps since last year; but they also labour under the disadvantage of having no thoroughly qualified instructor.

The Napier Rifles are in very fair order. A large proportion of them attended class-firing with good results; and they furnished one representative to the Colonial Prize Firing.

PROVINCE OF NELSON.

During the last year the Artillery corps has been disbanded, leaving only two companies of Rifles in the Province—one in the town, and the other at Waimea,—amounting to 82 men. As mentioned in my report of last year, the Volunteer movement has been declining for some time in this Province, the numbers gradually being reduced to the present strength.

The City Rifles are now composed of young men who have lately joined, and appear desirous of restoring the company to its former state. I am led to believe that there is some chance of reorganizing this corps, as several of its present members were originally Cadets.

The Waimea Company is small, but improving.

PROVINCE OF MARLBOROUGH.

In this Province there were 158 Volunteers on 31st March, 1872, of which number 105 qualified for capitation. They are very much scattered, and difficult to collect together for parades. I was not able to inspect this district, as I left it to the end of my tour, and the weather was too broken.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

On the 31st March, 1872, this Province comprized one Cavalry, three Artillery, two Engineer, and nine Rifle corps, amounting to 566 men, of whom 386 earned capitation.

The Christchurch, Lyttelton, and Timaru Artillery, all worked their guns well, and made good practice. I inspected most of the other corps separately; but I regret to say that they did not generally muster in such numbers as I should have wished. This may be attributed to the inclemency of the weather, and the want of interest displayed by the general public in the Volunteer movement. It is to be hoped, however, that the meeting of the representatives at the Colonial Prize Firing from the various parts of the Colony, recently held at Christchurch, will tend to resuscitate the feeling of interest which was once shown by the people of this Province in the Volunteers, and add to their zeal and energy. There were eight representatives at the above-named meeting, of whom two competed for Cavalry championship. A small number attended class-firing; but the want of a range near the town is much felt.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.

On 31st March, 1871, this Province (including Southland) contained 1,080 adult Volunteers, of whom 701 earned capitation.

On the 31st March, 1872, there were 1,008 enrolled, of whom 827 were efficient.

There are at present two Artillery, fifteen Rifle, and two Naval corps, all of which I inspected, except those at Southland, which place I could not visit, in consequence of my being obliged to return to Christchurch for the prize firing by a certain day.

On the whole, I found the several corps improved since last year, especially those in the outlying districts, which all mustered well, except the Waikouaiti Company.

The Dunedin Artillery and Naval corps made good practice.

I had an opportunity of seeing over 300 men of the town corps at battalion drill, when they performed several movements very creditably, considering the few opportunities they have for assembling for this purpose. It would be a very great advantage if the officers and non-commissioned officers were compelled to attend a course of spring drills under the Adjutant, as the whole working of the battalion depends upon their knowledge of their duties. The class-firing throughout this Province has been very general, the particulars of which are given in another portion of my report. Much credit is due to Major Atkinson and the staff sergeants of this district for their untiring zeal in the performance of this important duty. Good results are shown by the large proportion of prizes carried off by the Otago representatives at the Colonial Prize Firing.

For six years the Champion Belt of the Colony has been won by this Province, and this year Captain Wales, the champion of 1871, was again successful, and having had the honor of winning the belt two years consecutively, it now becomes his own property. This fact speaks volumes for the interest displayed in rifle practice by the Volunteers of this Province, and more especially by Captain Wales himself, as the Champion Belt has hitherto never been won by the same person more than once.

The fourth and fifth highest scorers in the competition for the championship also belong to this Province—viz., Sergeant Taylor and Lieutenant Muir.

No less than seventeen representatives were furnished for the Colonial Prize Firing from Otago, who won forty prizes, representing half the money offered for competition.

During my inspection the town corps frequently expressed a hope that the Government would assist them in providing a drill-shed to enable them to attend parades in bad weather, and at night, when the best musters can be obtained during the winter months.

COUNTY OF WESTLAND.

In this district are three Rifle corps, comprising 190 members, of whom 146 qualified for capitation. They are in very fair order, and are much interested in rifle practice. Half their efficient members attended class-firing with very good results, and three representatives were furnished to the Colonial Prize Firing out of five who had qualified.

CADETS.

I am pleased to be able to report that a satisfactory improvement has taken place throughout the Colony amongst the Cadets, and particularly in the North Island, where they have increased from 177 on 1st April, 1871, to 1,004 on 31st March, 1872; the total increase in the Colony during that period being about 720.

These figures do not include a large number of boys now undergoing a course of preliminary training in the various schools, who are not old enough to join the ranks of Cadet corps.

On reference to Table C, it will be seen that the principal increase has been in Auckland, where, prior to the Colonial Prize Firing of 1871, not a single corps existed. There are now 454 Cadets, and at my late inspection I found they had made very great progress.

When visiting several of the schools throughout the Colony, the masters expressed themselves much gratified with the beneficial results of the training of the boys, which imparted habits of obedience and discipline not previously attained. This is especially apparent in the town schools, where larger numbers are under training, and consequently greater emulation exists.

I may here observe that the great interest displayed by the masters of the several schools in which corps are formed, has, in a very great measure, been conducive to the success attending the Cadet movement.

Great patience and energy is required in teaching boys their drill, when so many changes necessarily take place in Cadet corps, and the progress developed reflects the more credit on their instructors.

These remarks, however, are scarcely applicable to Nelson or Christchurch, where, on reference to Table C, it will be seen that the numbers are small in proportion to the population, and have even decreased during the last year more than in other parts of the Colony.

In addition to the corps in connection with schools, there are several attached to adult Volunteer corps, which are making fair progress, but greater difficulty is experienced in enforcing regular attendance than with school corps.

This is not surprising, as the officers of the adult corps cannot be expected to have the same direct influence over the boys as their schoolmasters, and, moreover, owing to their various employments, it is more difficult to arrange times of meeting that are equally suitable to all.

A reference to Table C will show the numbers enrolled, the increase and decrease in the several districts, and the numbers who have earned capitation during the past year.

The annual allowance of 20s. is scarcely sufficient to pay for the clothing, yet, with very few exceptions, I found nearly all the Cadets provided with uniforms.

In my last report I mentioned that the number of drills for the qualification of Cadets for capitation was not sufficient, but the number of drills attended by boys in town corps is generally very much in excess of the compulsory number required by the regulations.

The few lads composing the country corps have neither the time nor opportunity to attend as regularly as those in the towns, and consequently cannot be expected to show the same proficiency and smartness. As a rule, however, they are particularly eager to become good shots; and it is worthy of remark that the Rangitikei District, which is only represented by sixty-four Cadets, won more money prizes at the recent competition than any other in the Colony, and, moreover, had the honor of possessing the winner of the Cadet Champion Belt amongst their number (*vide* Tables 27 and 28). Since last year, 800 muzzle-loading carbines have been received from England, and distributed throughout the Colony, which has greatly tended to increase the enthusiasm of the Cadets.

As this number was not sufficient to complete the arming of all, a *pro rata* distribution took place, and the carbines were issued in the several districts to those boys who showed the most attention to their drill, producing a spirit of emulation for the possession of these arms. Special instructions have been issued to Commanding Officers of districts to pay particular attention to setting-up drill before arms are placed in the boys' hands, in order that their carriage and physical condition may be generally improved.

I may here observe that, on visiting the High School at Dunedin, I found the boys had the advantage of a gymnasium, fitted up with all kinds of appliances necessary for gymnastics, and also had the services of a very efficient instructor. The boys were very expert in many of their exercises, and it must be of the greatest possible benefit to them. The Head Master informed me that the whole expenses were borne by the school, and expressed a hope that the Government would assist to remunerate the instructor.

Without doubt such a course of gymnastics would be most beneficial to all Cadets, but it could only be carried out in the larger towns.

PRIZE FIRING.

The prizes offered by the General Government for 1872 were divided into three Classes, viz. :—

Colonial Prizes.

- (1.) By representatives from the Militia, adult Volunteer corps (except Cavalry), and the Armed Constabulary; (2.) By representatives from Cavalry Volunteers and the mounted portion of the Armed Constabulary; (3.) By all comers.

General Prizes.

To be competed for by the under-mentioned Forces in their own Districts, viz. :—

- (1.) By Cavalry Volunteers; (2.) By Artillery Volunteers (Ordnance); (3.) By Cadet Volunteers; (4.) By the Armed Constabulary (under regulations issued by Commissioner.)

District Prizes.

To be competed for by Militia and Volunteers, in their own Districts.

It was found expedient to have the Cavalry and Infantry competitors quite distinct, as the two branches are armed with a different class of weapon; and this year, for the first time, a championship for Cavalry was instituted, in addition to that of Infantry.

INFANTRY COLONIAL PRIZES.

The representatives from the various districts were selected—

- (1.) By the several corps selecting their own company representatives in proportion to their strength; (2.) By the company representatives competing in two stages for choice of representatives at Colonial Prize Firing.

In proportion to the strength of Militia and Volunteers, the North Island was allowed 39 representatives, South 21, Armed Constabulary 3,—making a total of 63.

In some districts no competitors made the requisite number of points to become representatives, whilst in others there was an excess of qualified men. These were permitted to fill the vacancies.

Thus, whilst Otago was allowed 11, and sent 17, Auckland was allowed 8, but only sent 1. Finally the North Island furnished 23 representatives; South Island, 31; Armed Constabulary, 4.

By Table 1 it will be seen that 315 men were selected from the several companies to compete for choice of Colonial representatives, and the average of points obtained was 30 per cent. higher than in any previous year. The meeting took place in April, at Christchurch. A reference to Tables 1 to 23 will show the results of the firing for prizes.

The Championship was decided by the highest aggregate score made in eight matches (*vide* attached Table No. 11). Captain Wales, City Guards Company, Otago Rifle Volunteers, the Champion of 1871, again carried off the Champion Belt, which he now is entitled to retain permanently, having won it two years consecutively. This was the first Champion Belt presented to the New Zealand Volunteers for competition, and has been won as follows :—

1861	...	Lieutenant Brighton	...	...	Auckland.
1862	...	Volunteer Hoult	...	...	Nelson.
1863	...	Volunteer Morse	...	...	Nelson.
1864	...	Lieutenant Owen	...	...	Wanganui.
1865	...	No competition.			
1866	...	Corporal Christie	...	...	Otago.
1867	...	Corporal Chisholm	...	...	Otago.
1868	...	Sergeant Taylor	...	...	Otago.
1869	...	No competition.			
1870	...	Lieutenant Goldie	...	...	Otago.
1871	...	Captain Wales	...	...	Otago.
1872	...	Captain Wales	...	...	Otago.

The Annual Match between the North and South Islands resulted, after a keen contest, in a victory for the South by 19 points (*vide* Table 13).

The Challenge Cup, which is held by the highest scorer of the winning team, is now in possession of Volunteer Cowie, of Otago, and eight of the ten Snider rifles presented to the winning team were also won by Otago representatives.

An extra match was instituted this year for all the representatives who had become marksmen in the class-firing of the preceding year, when 47 out of 63 representatives competed, proving conclusively by this large proportion the great advantage to be derived from a steady course of class-firing. The winner of 1st prize in this match was Volunteer Fenton, of the Thames (*vide* Table 12).

There were also two matches for All Comers, with any description of rifle, the first at 100 and 200 yards, the second at 500 and 600 yards. The 1st prize in first match was won by Volunteer Cowie, of Otago, with a medium Enfield rifle. The 1st prize in second match was won by Mr. McKerrel, of the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers, with an Ingram rifle. This gentleman was travelling through the Colony at the time of the meeting, and was one of the Scottish team that competed for the International Enfield Trophy at Wimbledon, in 1868.

I think it worthy of note that, on reference to Table 23, it will be seen that Humphries, of the Taranaki Militia, was only 2 points behind Mr. McKerrel, having fired the match with a Martini-Henry; and Kelly, Armed Constabulary, tied Humphries (after allowance of points) with a Medium Enfield rifle.

Table 14 is an analysis of the Colonial Prize Firing, showing the division of the money prizes, by which it appears that the Province of Otago won nearly half the amount offered for competition by Infantry representatives.

CAVALRY COLONIAL PRIZES.

In proportion to their strength, five representatives were allowed for Cavalry Volunteers, and one from the mounted portion of the Armed Constabulary, to compete for the Cavalry Championship and other prizes. These representatives were selected by a competition on the ranges of the several corps, at which 182 men attended, and of this number 18 attained the minimum number of points (*vide* Table No. 15). One extra man attended the meeting at Christchurch, at his own expense, thus making a total of seven competitors. The Cavalry Championship was decided by the highest aggregate score in four matches (*vide* Table 21).

The Cavalry Champion Belt was won by Sergeant Cummins of the Wanganui Cavalry Volunteers, after a close contest amongst the four highest scorers.

On the whole the shooting at the Colonial Prize Firing was very good indeed, showing an improvement on many of the matches of last year.

We were fortunate in being able to secure a good range within a few miles of the town, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the Government by Major Cracroft Wilson, C.B.

Lieut.-Colonels Packe and Cargill, with Majors Stapp and Atkinson, attended the meeting, and rendered every possible assistance during the firing.

All matters under dispute were referred to them, and I have much reason to be thankful for the ready assistance which they invariably afforded me.

I cannot conclude this report of the Colonial Prize Firing without bringing to your notice the invaluable services rendered by Mr. Stevens. The great care and attention in the performance of his duties were conspicuous throughout, and formed the subject of remark from all the representatives.

In the annual report of Colonel Cargill, he strongly recommends that the representatives shall for the future be encamped during the Colonial Prize Firing, and that the corps in the vicinity of the meeting shall be invited to attend, and all have an opportunity of being instructed in camp duties. I think the suggestion is worthy of consideration, but the success would in a great measure depend upon the number of Volunteers who were sufficiently near the place of meeting to be able to join the camp. It is doubtful, however, whether the representatives themselves would be willing to participate in many of the duties connected with camp life, such as guards, picquets, &c., as they would be competing in matches during the day, and night work in addition would necessarily tend to deteriorate their shooting.

I am of opinion that putting the representatives under canvas would be advantageous in many ways, and be less expensive than giving them detention money.

GENERAL PRIZES.

Cavalry.

A sum of £100 was set apart for a series of twenty prizes to be competed for by the Cavalry Volunteers throughout the Colony, each corps firing on its own range. For these prizes 182 competed, the highest scorer being Volunteer Huntley, of Canterbury. By reference to Tables 24 to 26 it will be seen that the Rangitikei District won nearly half the prizes, the highest average score being made by Waiuku.

The firing may be considered good, when the imperfect state of the breech-loading carbines now on issue is taken into consideration.

Artillery.

Prizes were apportioned to the several Artillery corps as last year, and were competed for in their several districts.

Cadets.

Last year several Cadet representatives attended at the place nominated for Colonial Prize Firing, but it was found inadvisable to continue this system, as the boys were in many instances compelled to be absent from their homes for too long a time. It was therefore arranged that each corps should compete for the prizes in its own district.

There were three sets of prizes,—1st, for boys under 14 years old; 2nd, for boys above 14 years old; 3rd, for boys between 12 and 17 years of age.

The Cadet Championship was decided by the highest aggregate scorer in the 1st and 3rd, or 2nd and 3rd sets respectively. The winner of the Cadet Champion Belt was Lieut. Slight, Masterton Cadets, Rangitikei, who made 38 points in 2nd set; 55 points in 3rd set; making a total of 93 points out of a possible maximum of 100, which is an extraordinary score for a lad of his age (*vide* Table 27).

There were 601 competitors in the two sets provided for the boys according to their respective ages, and of this number 161 again competed for the prizes set apart for Cadets of all ages.

The attached Tables 27, 28, 29, show the scores of the prize winners in each set, the distribution of the prizes, and the total number of competitors in each district, with their scores and averages. On the whole the firing may be considered very good.

The highest aggregate scorer amongst the boys under 14 years of age was Cadet Ellerm, of the Hutt, age 13, who made 83 points out of a possible 100 (*vide* Table 27).

The arms on issue to Cadets are of a mixed description, of which 800 are muzzle-loading carbines lately from England; the remainder being made up of short and medium Enfield rifles and old-pattern carbines.

DISTRICT PRIZES.

In addition to the Armed Constabulary sending representatives to the Colonial Prize Firing at Christchurch, a sum of £150 was set apart for competition by that force with Snider rifles, in lieu of taking part in the District Prize Firing.

The districts were arranged nearly the same as last year, the amount of prizes for each being apportioned in the same ratio as the number of representatives for the Colonial matches.

Table 32 shows the number of competitors, with their scores and averages in each district, as well as the average score for the last five years.

The number of competitors was 1,388, showing an apparent reduction in the number since last year. This is not really the case; as, owing to the release of many Militia districts in the North Island, few of that force competed; and, again, the Cavalry Volunteers fired for special prizes instead of these.

In order that the best shots in each district might not be able to carry off all the prizes, the regulations this year provided that the Colonial Representatives should not be permitted to fire for District Prizes at all; and, again, two sets of prizes were formed, competitors being allowed to enter for one only.

CLASS FIRING.

Table E shows the result of the class-firing, by which it will be seen that a more general interest has been evinced throughout the Colony in this important duty.

In the North Island several corps in the districts of Auckland, Waikato, Wanganui, Tauranga, and Thames, have attended a course for the first time; the total number being 622, representing twenty-four corps, against 324, representing ten corps last year. By reference to Table E, it will be seen that a considerable improvement has taken place in the final classification. The Thames shows the greatest number in North Island attending the course, as also an improvement in final classification. Out of 264, only 56 remained in 3rd class, whilst 99 reached 1st class, of whom 58 became marksmen.

In the South Island, although the number attending has slightly decreased, yet the number of marksmen and 1st class shots is greater than last year. Almost the entire number, however, are in Otago, which Province continues to show a great improvement. By reference to Table E, it will be seen that out of 611 attending class-firing, only 75 remained in the 3rd class, whilst 377 reached the 1st class, of whom 224 gained marksmen's badges.

The Adjutant reports that, in the Dunedin Battalion, six members made more points in the first two classes than the highest scorer last year,—Captain Jamieson, of the Scottish Rifles, being the best battalion shot, with 119 points, in the 2nd and 1st classes.

The East Taieri Company is again the best shooting company in the Colony; thirty-six of its members, out of a strength of forty, have attended a course of class-firing; the whole number passed into the 1st class, and thirty-three became marksmen. This is the more creditable, as the course is not compulsory.

ARMS.

The breech-loading carbines on issue to the Cavalry are in a very bad state generally, as reported last year. Five hundred Snider carbines have been ordered from England, but have not yet arrived. The Enfield rifles on issue to the Infantry corps, with few exceptions, are in indifferent order, having been in use for a long time. The grooving of the barrels is becoming much worn, and this will increase with shooting until the arms are altogether unserviceable. I think it my duty to call your particular attention to this matter, as the manufacture of Enfield rifles and ammunition is decreasing in England, and if our present stock of arms is not gradually replaced by others, the expenditure necessary for re-arming the force will at some future time be very great.

CLOTHING.

All corps are now provided with uniforms. A large proportion of those in the North Island have adopted the Nelson cloth, whilst others have preferred to supply themselves with cloth purchased with their capitation allowance from private firms. I believe that the Mosgiel cloth, which is manufactured in Otago, is likely to be used by many of the corps in that Province. The Cadets, with few exceptions, are supplied with blue or red serge suits, but the present amount of capitation is not sufficient to provide uniforms without the assistance of the parents of the boys.

TARGETS.

The want of targets has been much felt in many districts. A supply has been ordered from England, which has not yet arrived. Some targets for immediate use were manufactured in the Colony, but after trial they have been found far inferior to those made in England.

CAPITATION.

Table D shows the number of adult Volunteers enrolled on 31st March, 1872, also the number who became efficient during the Volunteer year ending at that date, to be—

				Enrolled.	Efficients.	Percentage.
North Island	...	...	...	4,038	3,584	88
South Island	...	...	...	2,004	1,517	75
				6,042	5,101	

Table C shows the number of Cadets enrolled, and efficiencies for the same period, to be—

				Enrolled.	Efficients.	Percentage.
North Island	...	...	...	1,004	866	86
South Island	...	...	...	439	356	81
				1,443	1,222	

Thus in the Colony 81 per cent. of adult Volunteers, and 83 per cent. of Cadets, earned capitation allowance during the past year, which shows an increase over preceding years.

I think an alteration in the qualification for an efficient volunteer might be made in the Regulations, which would tend to increase the general efficiency of the force, and in many instances be an advantage to the members of it.

The circumstances of corps situated in towns and outlying districts, are so widely different that it is almost impossible to make the same regulations apply with equal fairness to all.

In some districts the men have to go considerable distances to parade on the appointed day of the month for inspection, although they feel convinced that the weather is too wet to allow of any drill taking place on that day; and again, in other districts, the Adjutant cannot by any possibility attend all the monthly inspection parades. One corps, the Waiuku Cavalry Volunteers, obtained permission to attend drill for six consecutive days, at some season most convenient to the majority of them, drilling twice on each of those days, and then meeting once a quarter for inspection.

I inspected them shortly after this training, and found them more efficient in their manœuvres than last year, and more satisfied than under the regular system.

It has been suggested by the Adjutant of the Otago District that one-half of the capitation allowance should be given to those members who attend the present required number of drills, and the balance apportioned for a certain number of extra drills, or for class-firing. This might be arranged if the drills were more consecutive than at present, but there are many good volunteers in the country districts of the North Island who could not afford the time necessary even for class-firing, owing to the long distances they live from the head-quarters of their corps.

I have much pleasure in again bringing to your notice the zeal and attention which has been displayed by the members of the staff throughout the Colony.

I have, &c.,

PHILIP HARRINGTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Inspector of Militia and Volunteers.

The Hon. D. McLean, Wellington.

TABLES REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING REPORT.

Table A.

RETURN showing the Strength (all ranks) of the NEW ZEALAND MILITIA called out for Actual Service on 31st March, 1872.

DISTRICT.	1871-72.				1870-71.			
	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
Waikato (three districts) ...	265*	...	56	321	254	161	89	504
Taranaki	250	289	229	768	269	304	245	818
Patea	96	88	36	220	67	49	36	152
Wairoa (Hawke's Bay) ...	17†	35	13	65	17	38	15	70
Poverty Bay	30	58	27	115	49	29	13	91
Opotiki	25	24	22	71	25	28	26	79
Tauranga	19	20	...	39	28	48	37	113
Total	702	514	383	1,599	709	657	461	1,827

* 1st and 2nd Class. † Training and Exercise.

Table B.

RETURN showing Strength of the NEW ZEALAND VOLUNTEER FORCE on 31st March, 1872.

DISTRICTS.	Cavalry.	Artillery.	Engineers.	Rifle.	Naval.	Total.	STRENGTH ON 31st MARCH, 1871.					
							Cavalry.	Artillery.	Engineers.	Rifle.	Naval.	Total.
Auckland	115	57	63	584	98	917	140	55	46	366	106	713
Wairoa and Waiuku ...	77	...	...	419	...	496	48	...	...	461	...	509
Waikato	61	...	...	38	...	99	70	...	...	...	...	70
Poverty Bay	32	...	...	39	...	71	38	...	...	...	...	38
Bay of Plenty	82	...	...	48	...	130	85	...	...	...	...	85
Thames	...	...	42	343	84	469	...	...	51	284	87	422
Taranaki	...	...	...	31	...	31	38	...	...	30	...	68
Patea	34	...	...	41	...	75	23	...	...	40	...	63
Wanganui	87	...	...	160	...	247	99	...	...	138	...	237
Rangitikei	157	...	...	233	...	390	184	...	...	162	...	346
Wellington	...	57	...	570	...	627	...	65	...	600	...	665
Greytown	39	...	...	91	...	130	33	...	...	103	...	136
Masterton	35	...	...	107	...	142	35	...	...	106	...	141
Napier	53	48	...	65	...	166	41	59	...	73	...	173
Wairoa	...	...	...	48	...	48	...	...	...	59	...	59
North Island	772	162	105	2,817	182	4,038	834	179	97	2,422	193	3,725
Nelson	...	...	...	82	...	82	...	27	...	110	...	137
Marlborough	...	...	...	158	...	158	...	...	...	188	...	188
Canterbury	59	162	102	243	...	566	60	157	92	310	...	619
Westland	...	...	...	190	...	190	...	...	...	216	...	216
Otago and Southland ...	...	109	...	749	150	1,008	...	61	...	787	182	1,030
South Island	59	271	102	1,422	150	2,004	60	245	92	1,611	182	2,190
All New Zealand	831	433	207	4,239	332	6,042	824	424	189	4,033	375	5,915

Table C.
RETURN showing the Strength and Number of Efficient in the CADET VOLUNTEERS, together with the Amount of Capitation drawn in 1871 and 1872.

DISTRICT.	1872.					1871.					REMARKS.
	Strength on 31st March, 1872.	Efficients.			Capitation paid. (Rate, 20s.) £ s. d.	Strength on 31st March, 1871.	Efficients.			Capitation paid. (Rate, 25s.) £ s. d.	
		Full Rate.	Half Rate.	Total.			Full Rate.	Half Rate.	Total.		
Auckland	454	310	95	405	357 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	{ Average Efficient. 1871 ... 87 1872 ... 86
Waikato and Waikau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Poverty Bay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bay of Plenty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Thames	99	96	3	99	97 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	
Taranaki	43	...	37	37	18 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	
Wanganui	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rangitikei	64	60	...	60	60 0 0	39	29	...	29	18 2 6	
Wellington	229	170	42	212	191 0 0	138	41	84	125	103 15 0	
Greytown	21	15	...	15	15 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	
Masterton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Napier	37	38	...	38	38 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	
North Island	1,004	689	177	866	777 10 0	177	70	84	154	121 17 6	
Nelson	104	32	7	39	35 10 0	155	20	59	79	61 17 6	{ Average Efficient. 1871 ... 75 1872 ... 81
Marlborough	40	41	...	41	41 0 0	53	31	...	31	38 15 0	
Canterbury	63	41	5	46	48 5 0	111	84	17	101	131 0 0	
Otago	...	...	...	...	...	227	180	19	199	236 17 6	
Southland	232	230	...	230	230 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	
Westland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
South Island	439	344	12	356	354 15 0	546	315	95	410	468 10 0	
New Zealand	1,443	1,033	189	1,222	1,132 5 0	723	385	179	564	590 7 6	

Table D.
STATEMENT showing the Numbers of VOLUNTEERS on the Rolls; the Numbers who drew Capitation, and the Amounts, in 1871 and 1872.

PROVINCE.	ADULT VOLUNTEERS, 1872. (Rate, £2 10s., and £2.)			ADULTS AND CADETS, 1871. (Rate, £3 and £2 10s.)		
	Numbers on Roll.	Numbers who drew Capitation.	Amount.	Numbers on Roll.	Numbers who drew Capitation.	Amount.
Auckland	2,182	1,983	£ s. d. 3,967 5 0	1,767	1,280	£ s. d. 3,216 10 0
Taranaki	61	37	78 0 0	131	...	90 0 0
Wellington	1,581	1,382	2,871 5 0	1,702	1,434	3,077 17 6
Hawke's Bay	214	182	391 5 0	232	168	352 17 6
North Island	4,038	3,584	7,307 15 0	3,832	2,882	6,737 5 0
Nelson	82	53	99 0 0	292	187	360 17 6
Marlborough	158	105	205 0 0	241	78	218 15 0
Canterbury	566	386	803 15 0	730	616	1,441 10 0
Otago and Southland	1,008	827	1,630 5 0	1,257	928	1,941 2 6
Westland	190	146	284 0 0	216	189	200 0 0
South Island	2,004	1,517	3,022 0 0	2,736	1,998	4,162 5 0
All New Zealand	6,042	5,101	10,329 15 0	6,568	4,880	10,899 10 0

Percentage of Efficient.

	1872.	1871.
North Island	88	75
South Island	75	73
All New Zealand	81	74

Table E.
RETURN showing the Numbers of VOLUNTEERS who have passed through CLASS FIRING, with their final Classification.

DISTRICT.	1871-72.							1870-71.						
	Strength on 31st March, 1872.	Nos. passed Class Firing.		Final Classification.			Marksmen.	Strength on 31st March, 1871.	Nos. passed Class Firing.		Final Classification.			Marksmen.
		Corps.	Men.	3rd.	2nd.	1st.			Corps.	Men.	3rd.	2nd.	1st.	
Auckland	917	9	198	58	77	63	30	713	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wairoa and Waiuku	496	...	...	...	...	...	...	509	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waikato	99	1	23	13	6	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taranaki	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	131	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea	75	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui	247	2	45	8	11	26	17	237	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangitikei	390	...	...	...	...	...	...	385	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wellington	627	3	35	11	9	15	11	803	2	...	...	...	...	...
Greytown	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	136	...	...	...	...	...	...
Masterton	142	...	...	...	...	...	...	141	...	...	...	...	...	...
Napier and Wairoa	214	1	33	12	8	13	9	232	2	68	31	28	9	5
Poverty Bay	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bay of Plenty	130	1	24	12	10	2	2	85	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thames	469	7	264	56	109	99	58	422	6	256	64	66	126	23
North Island	4,038	24	622	170	230	222	131	3,832	10	324	95	94	135	28
Nelson	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	292	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marlborough	158	...	...	...	...	...	...	241	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canterbury	566	3	52	22	16	14	11	730	10	151	39	99	13	7
Otago and	1,008	20	611	75	159	377	224	1,141	15	524	94	130	300	209
Southland								116	2	97	15	50	32	...
Westland	190	3	75	8	19	48	27	216	3	74	10	8	56	43
South Island	2,004	26	738	105	194	439	262	2,736	30	846	158	287	401	259
All New Zealand	6,042	50	1,360	275	424	661	393	6,568	40	1,170	253	381	536	287

Table 1.

Result of the Competition for choice of COLONIAL REPRESENTATIVES, 1872, divided into two Stages, namely:—1st, 200 and 300 yards, five shots at each; no Competitor eligible to fire in 2nd Stage who did not score 30 points and upwards. 2nd Stage (same as in 1870 and 1871), 400, 500, and 600 yards, five shots at each. Minimum score, 40 points.

DISTRICTS.	2ND STAGE.				Number of Colo- nial Represen- tives authorized.	Number of Representatives qualified.	RESULTS, 1871.				RESULTS, 1870.				REMARKS.	
	Number fired in 2nd Stage.	Total Scores.	Average.	No. of Com- pany Re- presentatives.			No. of Re- presentatives chosen.	Total Scores.	Average.	No. of Com- pany Re- presentatives.	No. of Re- presentatives chosen.	Total Scores.	Average.			
Auckland	40	9	283	31.44	8	1	37	6	1,049	28.35	18	3	494	27.44	No return, 1870. No return, 1870. 1870 averages not given. No return showing total scores.	
Waikato and Waikau	20	2	86	43.00	3	2	19	2	541	28.47	16	3	422	26.37		
Waikato	3	3	109	36.33	3	2	45	3	1,117	24.82	25	3	668	26.72		
Thames	31	9	325	36.11	4	5	23	1	391	17.00	7	1	142	20.28		
Tauranga and Opotiki	5	1	31	31.00	2	2	36	1	940	26.11	40	1	1,017	25.43		
Taranaki	28	3	114	38.00	3	3	34	2	927	27.26	26	3	629	24.19		
Wanganui and Patea	10	4	161	40.25	3	3	30	3	642	21.40	3	1	...	...		
Rangitikei	11	5	98	19.60	2	...	42	5	1,263	30.07	49	4	...	...		
Hutt	12	3	79	26.33	2	...	17	1	381	22.41	18	3	559	31.50		
Wellington	23	7	275	39.28	4	5	26	2	618	23.77	39	3	935	23.90		
Greytown and Masterton	15	2	83	41.50	2	2	309	26	7,869	25.46	238	22	5,679	23.86		
Napier, Waikato, and Poverty Bay	4	4	153	43.25	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No return, 1870. No return, 1870. 1870 averages not given. No return showing total scores.	
North Island	202	52	1,797	34.56	39	23	...	2	7,869	25.46	238	22	5,679	23.86		
Nelson	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	11	3	406	36.90		
Marlborough	9	9	305	33.88	2	3	13	3	385	29.62	13	...	354	27.23		
Canterbury	28	9	361	40.11	5	6	34	2	906	23.50	20	3	596	29.80		
Otago and Southland	58	33	1,317	39.99	11	17	57	12	1,999	35.07	57	12	2,070	36.31		
Westland	13	9	385	42.77	2	5	15	3	456	30.40	11	2	349	31.72		
South Island	113	60	2,368	39.48	21	31	119	22	3,746	31.48	112	20	3,775	33.70		
Armed Constabulary	...	11	359	32.64	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		No return, 1870. No return, 1870. 1870 averages not given. No return showing total scores.
All New Zealand	315	123	4,524	36.78	63	58	428	48	11,615	27.14	350	42	9,454	27.01		

Table 2.
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR COLONIAL PRIZES.

DISTRICT.	RANK AND NAME.	CORPS.	SCORE.	REMARKS.
Auckland ...	Capt. A. Morrow ...	Rifle Brigade ...	40	Representative, 1870-71.
Waiuku and Wairoa }	Capt. E. Hamlin ...	Waiuku Rifle Volunteers ...	43	
Waikato ...	Vol. W. Moore ...	Wairoa Rifle Volunteers ...	43	
Waikato ...	Ensign McDonald ...	Waikato Rifle Volunteers ...	43	
" ...	Vol. Coleman ...	" ...	41	
Thames ...	Vol. J. Hoskin ...	No. 2 Co. Hauraki Rifle Volunteers ...	45	
" ...	Vol. J. F. Fenton ...	Rangers Rifle Volunteers ...	44	
" ...	Vol. J. J. Payne ...	No 1 Co. Hauraki Rifle Volunteers ...	43	
" ...	Vol. G. Partington ...	Thames Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	42	
Tauranga and Opotiki }	...	...	...	None qualified.
Taranaki ...	Private W. Humphries ...	Militia ...	40	
" ...	Ensign G. N. Curtis ...	" ...	40	
Wanganui and Patca }	Vol. W. H. Churton ...	Wanganui Rifle Volunteers ...	46	
" ...	Vol. A. Duncan ...	Campbelltown Volunteers ...	42	
" ...	Lieut. J. W. Liddell ...	Wanganui Volunteers ...	41	Representative, 1870.
Rangitikei ...	...	...	...	None qualified.
Hutt ...	...	...	...	None qualified.
Wellington ...	Vol. Geo. Gordon ...	Porirua Rifle Volunteers ...	44	
" ...	Lieut. F. Greer ...	" ...	43	
" ...	Vol. S. Greer ...	" ...	43	Representative, 1871.
" ...	Corpl. G. Carter ...	Pauatahanui Rifle Volunteers ...	41	
Greytown and Masterton }	Corpl. J. Bassett ...	Carterton Rifle Volunteers ...	43	
" ...	Vol. J. Oates ...	" ...	40	
Napier, Wairoa, and Poverty Bay }	Ensign J. Close ...	Napier Rifle Volunteers ...	45	
Nelson ...	...	...	...	None qualified.
Marlborough ...	Vol. Thos. Philpotts ...	Picton Company Rifle Volunteers ...	45	Representative, 1869.
" ...	Vol. W. Soper ...	Spring Creek Co. Rifle Volunteers ...	41	
Canterbury ...	Sergeant Innes ...	No. 1 Company Engineer Volunteers ...	44	Representative, 1869.
" ...	Sergeant Cameron ...	No. 9 Company Rifle Volunteers ...	44	
" ...	Capt. F. Pavitt ...	No. 2 Company Engineer Volunteers ...	42	
" ...	Lieut. Gulliver ...	No. 2 Company Rifle Volunteers ...	42	
" ...	Private Paton ...	City Guards Volunteers ...	41	Representative, 1870.
Otago and Southland }	Capt. N. Y. A. Wales ...	No. 1 Company Rifle Volunteers ...	...	{ Champion, 1871; and Representative, 1868-69.
" ...	Vol. J. W. Dixon ...	Port Chalmers Naval Volunteers ...	54	
" ...	Sergt. T. H. Blatch ...	West Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	50	
" ...	Vol. Jas. Key ...	Waikari Rifle Volunteers ...	50	Representative, 1868.
" ...	Sergt. D. Buchanan ...	West Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	49	Representative, 1870.
" ...	Vol. Jas. Brown ...	East Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	46	
" ...	Sergt. Robert Wilson ...	Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	45	Representative, 1870.
" ...	Vol. F. Henderson ...	Riverton Rifle Volunteers ...	44	Representative, 1870.
" ...	Vol. Wm. Cowie ...	Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	44	Representative, 1869.
" ...	Gunner D. Reid ...	Dunedin Artillery Volunteers ...	44	Representative, 1871.
" ...	Vol. P. McLaren ...	South District Rifle Volunteers ...	44	
Westland ...	Col.-Sergt. Chamberlain ...	Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	52	Representative, 1871.
" ...	Vol. L. Skene ...	1st Westland Rifle Volunteers ...	51	
A. C. Representatives	Ft. Constbl. W. Todd ...	Armed Constabulary ...	50	
" ...	" J. Kelly ...	" ...	49	
" ...	" E. Harrison ...	" ...	47	
EXTRA QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES.				
A. Constabulary ...	Ft. Constable J. Wiley ...	Armed Constabulary ...	40	
Thames ...	Sergeant J. Snodgrass ...	Thames Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	40	
Wellington ...	Volunteer D. Gray ...	No. 1 Company Rifle Volunteers ...	40	Representative, 1871.
Marlborough ...	Volunteer E. Sutton ...	Spring Creek Company Rifle Volunteers ...	40	
Canterbury ...	Gunner Fox ...	Christchurch Artillery Volunteers ...	40	
Otago ...	Captain A. McFarland ...	Dunedin Artillery Volunteers ...	44	Representative, 1868-69.
" ...	Volunteer R. Lean ...	Port Chalmers Naval Volunteers ...	43	
" ...	Lieut. L. Marshall ...	Waikari Rifle Volunteers ...	42	
" ...	Volunteer D. Christie ...	East Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	41	{ Champion, 1866; Representative, 1868, 1871.
" ...	Sergeant W. Taylor ...	Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	40	{ Representative, 1866; Champion, 1868; Representative, 1871.
" ...	Lieut. S. Muir ...	Dunedin Artillery Volunteers ...	40	
Westland ...	Vol. W. C. Shepherd ...	Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	47	
" ...	Sergeant Jenkins ...	Totara Rifle Volunteers ...	43	Did not attend.
" ...	Volunteer G. W. Moss ...	Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	42	{ Did not attend. Representative, 1869.

Table 3.

FIRST MATCH.—Judging Distance Prizes.

Six Prizes, value £34. Distance, not exceeding 600 yards. Number of shots, 5. Targets, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet. Position, any. Highest possible score, 20.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Won by	Marks.	Remarks.
1	£10	Philpotts	19	Ties at 17 ... { Wales, 4. Buchanan, 2. Gulliver, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4. Ties at 16 ... { Humphries, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3. Blatch, 2.
2	8	Wales	17	
3	6	Buchanan	17	
4	5	Gulliver	16	
5	3	Humphries	16	
6	2	Blatch	16	

Number of Competitors, 56. Average, 10·96.

Table 4.

SECOND MATCH.—Skirmishing Prizes.

Eight Prizes, value £50. Target, 6 x 2 feet. Centre, 2 feet across Target. Time, 10 minutes.

THE Competitors fell in at about 250 yards opposite their respective targets. The bugle then sounded to commence firing, when each man fired as many shots as possible for 60 seconds. They then retired for 50 seconds, firing again for another 60, advancing for 70 seconds, firing again for 60 seconds, retiring for 40 seconds, firing for 60 seconds, advancing for 80 seconds, and firing for two minutes, thus completing the ten minutes.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Won by	Marks.	Remarks.
1	£12	Hoskin	69	
2	9	Brown	67	
3	8	Reid	66	
4	7	Cowie	64	
5	5	Muir	64	
6	4	Innes	63	
7	3	Carter	61	
8	2	Wales	60	

Number of Competitors, 56. Average, 44·73.

Table 5.

THIRD MATCH.—Five Prizes, value £25.

Distance, 200 yards. Number of shots, 5. Position, standing. No trial shot. Targets, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches. Ties, shot for shot.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Score.	Remarks.
1	£10	McLaren	17	Ties ... { Cameron, 4, 3. Christie, 4, 0. Cowie, 3.
2	6	Paton	16	
3	4	Cameron	15	
4	3	Christie	15	
5	2	Cowie	15	

Number of Competitors, 56. Average, 12·23.

Table 6.

FOURTH MATCH.—Five Prizes, value £25.

Distance, 300 yards. Number of shots, 5. Position, any. No trial shot. Targets, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches. Ties, shot for shot.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Score.	Remarks.
1	£10	Dixon	16	Ties at 16 points { Dixon, 3, 3. Brown, 3, 2. Wales, 2. Ties at 15 points { Blatch, 4. Fenton, 3.
2	6	Brown	16	
3	4	Wales	16	
4	3	Blatch	15	
5	2	Fenton	15	

Number of Competitors, 56. Average, 12·07.

Table 7.

FIFTH MATCH.—Ten Prizes, value £100.

Distances—400, 500, and 600 yards. Number of shots, 7 at each range. Position, any. No trial shot.
Targets, 6 x 6; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Score.	Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Score.
1	£20	Muir	66	6	£7	McFarlane ...	60
2	16	Christie	64	7	6	Gordon	59
3	14	Gray	62	8	5	Humphries ...	59
4	12	Kelly	62	9	5	Bassett	59
5	10	Moore	62	10	5	Wales	59

Number of Competitors, 56. Average, 51.

Table 8.

SIXTH MATCH, Rapidity.—Six Prizes, value £34.

Distance, 200 yards. Time, 5 minutes. No trial shot. Weapon, medium Enfield. Target, 6 x 2 feet; centre, 2 feet across Target.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Points.	Hits.	Total Score.	Remarks.
1	£10	Wales	48	17	65	
2	8	Taylor	46	16	62	
3	6	Cowie	45	16	61	
4	5	Duncan	45	15	60	
5	3	Gray	44	15	59	
6	2	Fenton	44	15	59	

Number of Competitors, 56. Average, 39·21.

Table 9.

SEVENTH MATCH.—Eight Prizes, value £50.

Distances—200, 500, and 600 yards. Number of shots, 7 at each range. Position, any. Targets.—At 200 yards, 6 x 4; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches. At 500 and 600 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Marks.	Remarks.
1	£12	Coleman	64	
2	9	Soper	63	
3	8	Humphries	63	
4	7	Lean	62	
5	5	Gray	62	
6	4	Bassett	62	
7	3	McFarland	61	
8	2	Wilson	61	

Number of Competitors, 56. Average, 52·48.

Table 10.

EIGHTH MATCH, Running.—Eight Prizes, value £50.

Distance, 200 yards. Time, 5 minutes. No trial shot. Weapon, medium Enfield. Target, 6 x 2; centre, 2 feet across Target. After every two shots Competitor to carry his rifle, &c., round a post 50 yards off.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Points.	Hits.	Total.	Remarks.
1	£12	Carter	38	13	51	
2	9	Marshall	29	10	39	
3	8	Christie	28	10	38	
4	7	Buchanan	28	10	38	
5	5	Churton	27	10	37	
6	4	Duncan	27	9	36	
7	3	Curtis	26	10	36	
8	2	Taylor	26	9	35	

Number of Competitors, 56. Average, 26·70.

Table 11.

ANALYSIS of the FIRING for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Sets COLONIAL PRIZES, showing the Total Scores made, for the purpose of awarding the Champion Belt and Gold Medal.

RANK AND NAME.	MATCHES AND SCORES.									REMARKS.
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	Total.	
Captain Wales	17	60	12	16	59	65	59	32	320	
Corporal Carter	14	61	13	12	52	57	54	51	314	
Private Hoskin	11	69	13	14	55	55	56	33	306	
Sergeant Taylor	15	49	15	12	56	62	57	35	301	
Lieutenant Muir	12	64	13	13	66	52	46	34	300	
Private Gray	11	54	12	11	62	59	62	27	298	
Private Cowie	14	64	15	11	55	60	57	21	297	
Private Humphries	16	54	13	12	59	58	63	15	290	
Private Philpotts	19	49	13	13	57	49	56	34	290	
Sergeant Blatch	16	54	12	15	55	48	57	28	285	
Private Partington	12	60	10	11	53	58	48	31	283	
Sergeant Buchanan	17	51	10	14	52	38	60	38	280	
Private Churton	14	52	12	14	50	46	54	37	279	
Foot Constable Kelly	14	49	13	12	62	45	58	23	276	
Sergeant Wilson	13	52	8	13	48	45	61	35	275	
Private Fenton	14	46	11	15	43	59	53	33	274	
Private Brown	11	67	15	16	52	35	51	27	274	
Sergeant Innes	14	63	12	13	49	59	42	22	274	
Lieutenant Marshall	12	41	13	14	51	58	45	39	273	
Gunner Reid	11	66	13	12	53	41	54	18	268	
Private Duncan	9	46	12	11	44	60	50	36	268	
Color-Sergeant Chamberlain	9	52	14	9	52	54	55	22	267	
Captain McFarland	11	41	13	13	60	43	61	25	267	
Private Christie	11	38	15	14	64	32	55	38	267	
Private Soper	4	52	9	12	50	47	63	23	260	
Lieutenant Gulliver	16	50	14	11	53	37	51	24	258	
Gunner Fox	8	57	12	11	44	54	48	24	258	
Private Paton	14	44	16	13	44	42	51	32	256	
Sergeant Cameron	11	53	15	14	43	40	49	31	256	
Ensign McDonald	7	48	13	14	48	37	60	27	254	
Private Moore	6	36	11	11	62	44	49	35	254	
Private S. Greer	8	54	13	6	55	40	51	26	253	
Foot Constable Todd	6	48	13	13	39	51	48	35	253	
Corporal Bassett	9	22	15	12	59	46	62	24	249	
Private Key	11	53	11	12	52	46	56	7	248	
Private Dixon	10	31	11	16	56	38	55	31	248	
Private Gordon	13	44	10	11	59	24	52	34	247	
Private Henderson	13	45	8	12	43	42	50	33	246	
Private McLaren	12	28	17	13	53	53	48	21	245	
Captain Morrow	10	44	13	9	47	44	55	21	243	
Foot Constable Harrison	9	40	12	9	54	33	53	32	242	
Ensign Close	6	42	14	8	45	47	51	29	242	
Private Shepherd	7	44	14	11	51	48	41	23	239	
Captain Hamlin	13	34	11	9	50	51	58	11	237	
Ensign Curtis	7	29	10	13	44	45	49	36	233	
Private Coleman	11	30	10	15	26	44	64	31	231	
Private Oates	6	47	13	15	49	39	40	15	224	
Private Lean	6	34	8	11	50	37	62	15	223	
Captain Pavitt	9	42	12	12	44	30	40	26	215	
Lieutenant Liddell	12	17	11	14	56	29	57	18	214	
Lieutenant F. Greer	12	29	4	10	51	34	50	22	212	
Lieutenant Sutton	8	41	13	9	43	26	46	24	210	
Lieutenant Payne	7	40	13	10	45	46	34	7	202	
Foot Constable Wiley	6	38	6	11	45	32	43	20	201	
Private Skene	13	6	14	11	41	43	49	20	197	
Private Snodgrass	7	29	5	8	43	38	40	4	174	

1. Captain Wales, winner of the Champion Belt, Gold Medal, and £50.
2. Corporal Carter, winner of N.R.A. Silver Medal and £35.
3. Private Hoskin, winner of Silver Medal and £30.
4. Sergeant Taylor, winner of Silver Medal and £25.
5. Lieutenant Muir, winner of Silver Medal and £20.

Table 12.

TENTH MATCH, Marksmen.—Three Prizes, value £20.

Ranges, 700 and 800 yards. Number of shots, 5 at each range. Position, any. Trial shot allowed. Targets, 8 x 6 feet; centre, 6 x 4 feet; bull's-eye, 3 x 2 feet.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Score.	Remarks.
1	£10	Fenton	26	
2	6	Christie	23	
3	4	Blatch	21	

Number of Competitors, 24. Average, 17.78. 23 retired. Total, 47.

Table 13.

NINTH MATCH.—Between Representatives of North and South Islands. The ten men on each side who made the highest aggregate scores in the foregoing eight matches.

Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots at each range. Position, any. No trial shot allowed. Highest possible score, 84. Targets.—At 200 yards, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet; bull's-eye, 8 inches. At 500 and 600 yards, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet.

NORTH ISLAND.					SOUTH ISLAND.				
Rank and Name.	Score.			Total.	Rank and Name.	Score.			Total.
	200 yards.	500 yards.	600 yards.			200 yards.	500 yards.	600 yards.	
Private Humphries ...	23	23	17	63	Private Cowie ...	26	21	17	64
Private Churton ...	24	19	15	58	Sergeant Buchanan ...	25	23	16	64
Corporal Carter ...	21	17	18	56	Lieutenant Muir ...	23	17	21	61
Private Duncan ...	21	19	14	54	Sergeant Blatch ...	23	21	16	60
Private Gray ...	22	19	13	54	Captain Wales ...	21	21	16	58
Foot Constable Kelly ...	20	17	15	52	Sergeant Taylor ...	22	18	15	55
Ensign McDonald ...	20	17	14	51	Sergeant Wilson ...	21	17	14	52
Private Hoskins ...	21	20	10	51	Private Philpotts ...	20	17	10	47
Private Fenton ...	20	24	5	49	Sergeant Innes ...	21	15	10	46
Private Partington ...	21	3	19	43	Private Brown ...	20	13	10	43
Total ...	...	...	...	531	Total ...	...	...	...	550

PRIZES.—North and South Island Challenge Cup, and ten new Snider Rifles, to winning (South Island) team. The Challenge Cup to be held by Private Cowie (being highest scorer in winning team) until the next competition.

MONEY PRIZES.—Private Cowie, £5; Private Humphries, £5, being highest scorers in each team.

Table 14.

ANALYSIS of the COLONIAL PRIZE FIRING, showing the Division of the Money Prizes.

DISTRICT.	NAME.	PRIZES.			TOTAL PER MAN.	TOTAL PER DISTRICT.	REMARKS.
		No. of Prize.	Match.	Value.			
Auckland ...	Moore ...	5th	5th	10	10	10	And Silver Medal.
Waikato ...	Coleman ...	1st	7th	12	12	12	
Thames ...	Hoskin ...	1st	2nd	12	...	...	
	" ...	3rd	Aggregate	30	42	...	
	Fenton ...	5th	4th	2	...	...	
	" ...	6th	6th	2	...	...	
	" ...	1st	10th	10	14	...	
	Payne ...	4th	All comers	2	2	58	
Tauranga, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Napier, Wairoa, and Poverty Bay ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Masterton & Greytown	Bassett ...	9th	5th	5	...	...	And N.R.A. Silver Medal.
	" ...	6th	7th	4	...	...	
	" ...	8th	All comers	1	10	10	
Wellington ...	Carter ...	7th	2nd	3	...	...	
	" ...	1st	8th	12	...	...	
	" ...	2nd	Aggregate	35	50	...	
	Gray ...	3rd	5th	14	...	...	
	" ...	5th	6th	3	...	...	
	" ...	5th	7th	5	22	...	
	Gordon ...	7th	5th	6	6	78	
Hutt ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rangitikei ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wanganui, &c. ...	Churton ...	5th	8th	5	...	...	
	" ...	4th	All comers	2	7	...	
	Duncan ...	3rd	6th	6	...	...	
	" ...	6th	8th	4	...	...	
	" ...	2nd	All comers	5	15	...	
Carried forward ...	...	...	...	...	...	£190	

Table 14—continued.
ANALYSIS of the COLONIAL PRIZE FIRING, &c.—continued.

DISTRICT.	NAME.	PRIZES.			TOTAL PER MAN.	TOTAL PER DISTRICT.	REMARKS.
		No. of Prize.	Match.	Value.			
Brought forward				£	£	£	
Taranaki	Humphries ...	5th	1st	3	...	190	
	" ...	8th	5th	5	...	...	
	" ...	3rd	7th	8	...	...	
	" ...	1st	9th	5	...	...	
	" ...	2nd	All comers	5	...	...	
					26	...	
	Curtis ...	7th	8th	3	3	...	
						29	
TOTAL, NORTH ISLAND ...		...	...	...	...	219	
Nelson	Philpotts ...	1st	1st	10	10	...	
Marlborough ...	Soper ...	2nd	7th	9	9	...	
						19	
Canterbury	Gulliver ...	4th	1st	5	5	...	
	Innes ...	6th	2nd	4	4	...	
	Cameron ...	3rd	3rd	4	4	...	
	Paton ...	2nd	3rd	6	6	...	
						19	
Otago and Southland	Wales ...	2nd	1st	8	...	...	Winner of Champion Belt and Gold Medal.
	" ...	8th	2nd	2	...	...	
	" ...	3rd	4th	4	...	...	
	" ...	10th	5th	5	...	...	
	" ...	1st	6th	10	...	...	
	" ...	1st	Aggregate	50	...	...	
					79	...	
	Taylor ...	2nd	6th	8	...	...	And Silver Medal.
	" ...	8th	8th	2	...	...	
	" ...	4th	Aggregate	25	...	...	
	" ...	5th	All comers	2	...	...	
					37	...	
	Muir ...	5th	2nd	5	...	...	And Silver Medal.
	" ...	1st	5th	20	...	...	
	" ...	5th	Aggregate	20	...	...	
					45	...	
	Cowie ...	4th	2nd	7	...	...	
	" ...	5th	3rd	2	...	...	
	" ...	4th	6th	5	...	...	
	" ...	1st	9th	5	...	...	
	" ...	1st	All comers	8	...	...	
					27	...	
	Blatch ...	6th	1st	2	...	...	
	" ...	4th	4th	3	...	...	
	" ...	3rd	10th	4	...	...	
	" ...	6th	All comers	1	...	...	
					10	...	
	Buchanan ...	3rd	1st	6	...	...	
	" ...	4th	8th	7	...	...	
					13	...	
	Wilson ...	8th	7th	2	...	2	
					...	...	
	Brown ...	2nd	2nd	9	...	...	
	" ...	2nd	4th	6	...	...	
					15	...	
	Marshall ...	2nd	8th	9	9	...	
					...	...	
	Reid ...	3rd	2nd	8	8	...	
					...	...	
	McFarland ...	6th	5th	7	...	...	
	" ...	7th	7th	3	...	...	
					10	...	
	Christie ...	4th	3rd	3	...	...	
	" ...	2nd	5th	16	...	...	
	" ...	3rd	8th	8	...	...	
	" ...	2nd	10th	6	...	...	
					33	...	
	Dixon ...	1st	4th	10	10	...	
					...	...	
	McLaren ...	1st	3rd	10	10	...	
					...	...	
Carried forward ...		...	...	...	...	£38	

Table 14—continued.
ANALYSIS of the COLONIAL PRIZE FIRING, &c.—continued.

DISTRICT.	NAME.	PRIZES.			TOTAL PER MAN.	TOTAL PER DISTRICT.	REMARKS.
		No. of Prize.	Match.	Value.			
Brought forward	...	...	...	£ ...	£ ...	£ 38	
Otago and Southland	Lean ...	4th	7th	7	7	...	
—continued	Key ...	6th	All comers	1	...	...	
	" ...	5th	All comers	1	...	...	
					2	...	
Westland ...	...	...	...	...	...	317	
SOUTH ISLAND	...	...	...	...	...	355	
Armed Constabulary	Kelly ...	4th	5th	12	...	...	
	" ...	3rd	All comers	3	...	...	
					15	...	
London Scottish Rifle Volunteers.	McKerrell ...	3rd	All comers	3	...	15	
	" ...	1st	All comers	8	...	...	
					11	...	
Cavalry Representative	Cummins ...	7th	All comers	1	1	...	
Canterbury Rifle Vols.	Thomson ...	9th	All comers	1	1	...	
Cavalry Representative	Lockett ...	10th	All comers	1	1	...	
						14	
						£29	
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	£603	

Table 15.

CAVALRY.—COLONIAL PRIZES, 1872.

Result of the Competition for choice of Representatives for the Colonial Prize Firing, 1872.

District.	Number of Competitors.	No. of Representatives Qualified.	Total Scores.	Average.	Remarks.
Auckland ...	19	1	523	27·05	Return received only showing those who qualified.
Waiuku, &c. ...	15	2	520	34·66	
Waikato ...	22	1	697	31·68	
Rangitikei ...	47	5	1,502	31·96	
Wanganui ...	26	3	739	28·42	
Patea ...	13	...	326	25·07	
Greytown ...	5	...	135	27·00	
Masterton ...	6	...	228	38·00	
Napier ...	4	...	121	30·25	
Tauranga ...	20	...	511	25·55	
Canterbury ...	5	2	193	38·60	
Armed Constabulary ...	...	4	...	...	
	182	18	5,495	30·19	

NOTE.—The five highest scorers in the Colony were the Representatives; also one Representative from the Armed Constabulary. There were also twelve extra Representatives qualified to attend Colonial Prize Firing at Christchurch, at their own expense, having made the minimum number of points required (45).

Table 16.

CAVALRY.—COLONIAL REPRESENTATIVES.

District.	Rank and Name.	Corps.	Score.	Remarks.
Canterbury ...	Trooper Cohn ...	Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers	52	{ Infantry Representative, 1871.
Rangitikei ...	Sergeant M. Reid ...	Victoria Cavalry Volunteers	49	
Wanganui ...	Tp. Sergt.-Maj. E. Lockett	Wanganui Cavalry Volunteers	49	
Canterbury ...	Trooper Judge ...	Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers	49	
Wanganui ...	Sergt. T. D. Cummins...	Wanganui Cavalry Volunteers	48	
	Mtd. Const. F. Arden...	Armed Constabulary	50	

Table 16—continued.

EXTRA QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES.

District.	Rank and Name.	Corps.	Score.	Remarks.
Rangitikei	Inspector Tuke ...	Armed Constabulary ...	51	Did not attend.
	Corporal T. Fraser ...	Alfred Troop Cavalry Volunteers ...	48	"
Waikato	Trooper Long ...	Te Awamutu Cavalry Volunteers ...	48	"
	Mtd. Constbl. E. Olson ...	Armed Constabulary ...	47	"
Auckland	Captain C. Smith ...	Prince Alfred Troop Cavalry Volunteers ...	47	"
Waiuku	Cornet S. Barriball ...	Waiuku Cavalry Volunteers ...	47	"
Rangitikei	Trooper N. Birch ...	Victoria Cavalry Volunteers ...	46	"
	Mtd. Constbl. T. Gilpin ...	Armed Constabulary ...	46	"
Waiuku	Lieut. J. T. Mellsop ...	Waiuku Cavalry Volunteers ...	46	"
Wanganui	Sergeant J. Thurston ...	Aramoho Cavalry Volunteers ...	46	Attended at Christchurch.
Rangitikei	Trooper D. Ferguson ...	Alfred Cavalry Volunteers ...	45	Did not attend.
Rangitikei	Trumpeter H. Signal ...	Victoria Cavalry Volunteers ...	45	"

Table 17.

COLONIAL PRIZES FOR CAVALRY.

FIRST MATCH.—Skirmishing Prizes (same as for Infantry). Two Prizes, value £8.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Won by.	Points.	Hits.	Total.	Remarks.
1	£5	Lockett ...	67	24	91	
2	3	Cummins... ..	56	22	78	

Number of Competitors, 7. Average, 65·71.

Table 18.

SECOND MATCH.—Two Prizes, value £8.

Distance, 100 yards. 5 shots. Position, standing. No trial shot allowed. Target, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 2 feet.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Won by.	Score.	Remarks.
1	£5	Judge ...	17	
2	3	Cummins... ..	16	

Number of Competitors, 7. Average, 14·00.

Table 19.

THIRD MATCH, Rapidity.—Two Prizes, value £8. Same as Rapidity Match for Infantry, except weapon, which was Terry's Breech-loading Carbine.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Won by.	Points.	Hits.	Total.	Remarks.
1	£5	Reid ...	52	21	73	
2	3	Cummins... ..	52	20	72	

Number of Competitors, 7. Average, 54·57.

Table 20.

FOURTH MATCH.—Two Prizes, value £11.

Ranges—150, 200, and 250 yards. Seven shots at each range. No trial shot allowed. Position—standing at 150 yards; any position at the other ranges.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Won by.	Score.	Remarks.
1	£7	Judge ...	65	
2	4	Cohn ...	63	

Number of Competitors, 7. Average, 54·57.

Table 21.

ANALYSIS of the Firing for the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Matches Cavalry Prizes, showing the Total Scores made for the purpose of awarding the Cavalry Champion Belt, and Gold and Silver Medal.

RANK AND NAME.	SCORE.				GRAND TOTAL.
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	
Sergeant Cummins	78	16	72	60	226
Sergeant-Major Lockett	91	13	63	48	215
Trooper Judge	72	17	56	65	210
Sergeant Reid	70	12	73	48	203
Sergeant Thurston	63	12	45	54	174
Trooper Cohn	31	15	44	63	153
Mounted Constable Arden	55	13	29	44	141

First Prize, the Cavalry Champion Belt, Gold and Silver Medal, and £20.—Sergeant Cummins.

Second Prize, £10.—Sergeant-Major Lockett.

Third Prize, £5.—Trooper Judge.

Table 22.

ALL COMERS First Match.—Ten Prizes, value £25.

Ranges, 100 and 200 yards. Number of shots, 5. Position—100 yards, standing; 200 yards, any. No trial shot.

Targets, 6 x 4; centre, 2 feet; bull's eye, 8 inches.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Corps.	Score.	Weapon.
1	£8	Cowie	Representative	37	Medium Enfield.
2	5	Duncan	Representative	37	Ingram.
3	3	McKerrell	London Scottish Rifle Volunteers	36	Ingram.
4	2	Payne	Representative	35	Medium Enfield.
5	2	Taylor	Representative	35	Medium Enfield.
6	1	Key	Representative	35	Medium Enfield.
7	1	Cummins	Cavalry Representative	35	Whitworth.
8	1	Bassett	Representative	35	Medium Enfield.
9	1	Thomson	Canterbury Rifle Volunteers	35	Henry.
10	1	Lockett	Cavalry Representative	35	Whitworth.

Number of Competitors, 63. Average, 31.20.

Table 23.

ALL COMERS Second Match.—Six Prizes, value £20.

Ranges, 500 and 600 yards. Number of shots, 5. Position, any. No trial shot. Targets, 6 x 6; centre, 4 feet; bull's eye, 2 feet. Large bore rifles to receive 2 points at 500 yards, and 3 at 600 yards.

Order of Merit.	Prize.	Name.	Corps.	Score.	Weapon.
1	£8	McKerrell	London Scottish Rifle Volunteers	38	Ingram.
2	5	Humphries	Representative	36	Martini-Henry.
3	3	Kelly	Representative	36*	Medium Enfield.
4	2	Churton	Representative	35	Ingram.
5	1	Key	Representative	35*	Medium Enfield.
6	1	Blatch	Representative	35*	Medium Enfield.

* Five points added to scores.

Number of Competitors, 49. Average, 22.14.

Table 24.

GENERAL PRIZES FOR CAVALRY.

Each Corps fired in its own District. Ranges—150, 200, and 250 yards. Five shots at each. Position—150 yards, standing; 200 and 250 yards, any. Targets, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 x 2 feet; bull's eye, 2 x 1 foot. Ties decided by Wimbledon Regulations as laid down in General Rules. Twenty Prizes, value £100.

Canterbury, 1st,	£10—Bandsman Huntley, Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry	...	16	19	15—50.	
Waiuku, 2nd,	9—Cornet Barriball, Waiuku Troop	...	19	14	16—49.	
Rangitikei, 3rd,	8—Sergeant Lethbridge, Turakina Cavalry	...	20	18	11—49.	
Waikato, 4th,	7—Corporal Walters, Te Awamutu Cavalry	...	14	19	14—47.	
Auckland, 5th,	7—Trooper Thomas, Prince Alfred Troop	...	18	14	14—46	3 outers.
Waiuku, 6th,	6—Trooper Barriball, Waiuku Troop	...	18	14	14—46	4 outers.
Masterton, 7th,	6—Trooper Kibblewhite, Wairarapa Cavalry	...	15	12	18—45.	
Rangitikei, 8th,	6—Corporal Signal, Victoria Troop	...	16	15	14—45.	
Auckland, 9th,	5—Lieutenant May, Auckland Troop	...	18	17	10—45.	
Rangitikei, 10th,	5—Corporal Fraser, Alfred Troop	...	18	11	15—44.	
Auckland, 11th,	5—Corporal Kelly, Auckland Troop	...	12	18	14—44.	
Rangitikei, 12th,	4—Farrier Stedman, Turakina Cavalry	...	14	16	14—44.	
Rangitikei, 13th,	4—Sergeant McKenzie, Alfred Troop	...	17	15	12—44.	
Wanganui, 14th,	3—Trooper Walker, Aramohe Troop	...	15	15	13—43.	
Waikato, 15th,	3—Major Jackson, Te Awamutu Cavalry	...	14	17	12—43.	
Rangitikei, 16th,	3—Trooper Allsworth, Alfred Troop	...	17	15	11—43.	
Rangitikei, 17th,	3—Trooper Monck, Lady Bowen Troop	...	18	14	11—43.	
Masterton, 18th,	2—Trooper Drummond, Wairarapa Cavalry	...	11	15	16—42.	
Rangitikei, 19th,	2—Sergeant Bremer, Victoria Troop	...	14	14	14—42.	
Rangitikei, 20th,	2—Trooper Lowrie, Turakina Cavalry	...	16	12	14—42.	

Table 25.
CAVALRY GENERAL PRIZES.
Return showing the Distribution of Prizes.

District.	Number of Prizes.	Amount.	Remarks.
		£ s. d.	
Auckland	3	17 0 0	
Wairoa and Waiuku	2	15 0 0	
Waikato	2	10 0 0	
Patea and Wanganui	1	3 0 0	
Rangitikei	9	37 0 0	
Greytown and Masterton	2	8 0 0	
Napier and Poverty Bay	...	...	
Tauranga and Opotiki	...	...	
North Island	19	90 0 0	
Canterbury	1	10 0 0	
South Island	1	10 0 0	
All New Zealand	20	100 0 0	

Table 26.
CAVALRY PRIZES.
Total Scores and Average in each District.

District.	Number of Competitors.	Total Scores.	Average.	Remarks.
Auckland	37	928	25·08	
Wairoa and Waiuku	33	1,029	31·18	
Waikato	22	709	32·23	
Patea and Wanganui	15	424	28·27	
Rangitikei	51	1,523	29·86	
Greytown and Masterton	17	606	35·65	
Napier and Poverty Bay	5	160	32·00	
Tauranga and Opotiki	26	651	25·04	
North Island	206	6,030	29·27	
Canterbury	7	252	36·00	
South Island	7	252	36·00	
All New Zealand	213	6,282	29·49	

Table 27.
CADET PRIZES.
Each Corps fired in its own District.
FIRST SET.—20 Prizes, value £25. For Cadets under 14 years of age. Ranges, 100 and 150 yards; five shots at each range. Position, any. Targets, 6 x 4 feet; centre, 4 x 2 feet; bull's eye, 2 x 1 foot. No Cadet qualified to fire in the 3rd Set unless he obtained a minimum score of 20 points.

Prize.	Amount.	Name.	District.	100 yds.	150 yds.	Total.	Remarks.	Ties.
	£ s. d.							
1	3 0 0	Cadet Partington	Auckland	19	19	38		
2	2 10 0	" Johnston	Rangitikei	20	17	37		
3	2 10 0	" Gilchrist	Canterbury	19	17	36		
4	2 0 0	" Ellison	Napier	17	18	35		
5	2 0 0	" Ellerm	Hutt	20	15	35		
6	1 10 0	" Follett	Rangitikei	17	17	34		
7	1 10 0	" Buckingham	Canterbury	18	16	34		
8	1 10 0	Corporal Lumsden	Thames	16	17	33		
9	1 0 0	Sergeant Spencer	Thames	14	18	32		
10	1 0 0	Cadet Pratt	Auckland	15	17	32		
11	1 0 0	" Rickett	Nelson	17	15	32	1 outer.	
12	0 15 0	" Rattray	Auckland	17	15	32	1 outer.	
13	0 15 0	" Gray	Wellington	19	13	32		
14	0 15 0	" Thorburn	Thames	17	14	31		
15	0 15 0	" Brandon	Wellington	18	13	31	No outers.	
16	0 10 0	" Welch	Hutt	18	13	31	3 outers.	
17	0 10 0	" Mason	Hutt	19	12	31		
18	0 10 0	" Duncan	Canterbury	14	16	30		
19	0 10 0	" Corliess	Wellington	15	15	30		
20	0 10 0	" Bell	Auckland	16	14	30	2 outers.	
		" Bidwell	Wellington	16	14	30	3 outers.	

Score—150 yards.
B. 4. 3. 4. 4.
4. 3. 3. 3. 2.

Table 27—continued.

CADET PRIZES—continued.

SECOND SET.—50 Prizes, value £60. For Cadets between 14 and 17 years of age. Ranges, 200 and 250 yards; five shots at each range. Position, any. Targets, as in 1st Set. No Cadet qualified to fire in the 3rd Set unless he obtained a minimum score of 25 points.

Prize.	Amount.	Name	District.	100 yds.	150 yds.	Total.	Remarks.	Ties.
1	£ 5 0 0	Lieutenant Slight	... Rangitikei	... 19	19	38		
2	4 10 0	Cadet Wilson	... Otago	... 17	18	35		
3	4 0 0	" Bird	... Nelson	... 18	17	35		
4	3 10 0	" Bishop	... Wellington	... 15	19	34		
5	3 0 0	Sergeant Stevens	... Rangitikei	... 16	18	34		
6	1 10 0	Corporal Wilson	... Canterbury	... 18	15	33		Score—250 yards.
7	1 10 0	Cadet Lethbridge	... Wellington	... 17	15	32	2 outers.	2. 3. 4. 4. 2.
8	1 10 0	" Cook	... Hutt	... 17	15	32	2 outers.	4. 4. 2. 3. 2.
9	1 10 0	Sergeant McBeth	... Rangitikei	... 18	14	32		
10	1 10 0	Cadet Berry	... Wellington	... 19	13	32		
11	1 10 0	" Nasmyth	... Auckland	... 15	16	31	2 outers.	
12	1 10 0	Sergeant Foden	... Canterbury	... 15	16	31	4 outers.	
13	1 10 0	" Maxton	... Wellington	... 18	13	31	2 outers.	
14	1 10 0	" Lynch	... Auckland	... 18	13	31	3 outers.	
15	1 10 0	Cadet Gillies	... Auckland	... 19	12	31		Score.
16	1 0 0	" Percy	... Hutt	... 13	17	30		4.0.3.3.3.—4.4.2.3.4.
17	1 0 0	Sergeant Swales	... Thames	... 13	17	30		4.3.3.0.3.—4.4.2.3.4.
18	1 0 0	Lieutenant Champion	... Rangitikei	... 14	16	30	2 outers.	
19	1 0 0	Sergeant Sealy	... Nelson	... 14	16	30	4 outers.	
20	1 0 0	Cadet McNichol	... Otago	... 15	15	30		
21	1 0 0	Sergeant Black	... Otago	... 18	12	30		
22	1 0 0	" Webb	... Wellington	... 19	11	30		
23	1 0 0	Corporal Robinson	... Wellington	... 20	10	30		
24	1 0 0	Cadet Headland	... Otago	... 13	16	29		
25	1 0 0	" Hannaford	... Auckland	... 14	15	29		
26	0 15 0	" Carvano	... Otago	... 17	12	29		
27	0 15 0	" Trotter	... Otago	... 13	15	28	3 outers.	
28	0 15 0	" Thompson	... Marlborough	... 13	15	28	4 outers.	Score—250 yards.
29	0 15 0	Ensign Moss	... Auckland	... 15	13	28	4 outers.	3. 3. 2. 3. 2.
30	0 15 0	Corporal Godber	... Wellington	... 15	13	28	4 outers.	2. 4. 3. 2. 2.
31	0 15 0	Sergeant Halse	... Wellington	... 16	12	28		
32	0 15 0	Ensign Palmer	... Wellington	... 13	14	27	1 outer.	
33	0 15 0	Cadet Seager	... Thames	... 13	14	27	4 outers.	
34	0 15 0	" Wardell	... Greytown	... 14	13	27		Score—250 yards.
35	0 15 0	" Hooker	... Taranaki	... 16	11	27	2 outers.	0. 2. 3. 3. 3.
36	0 10 0	" Sakey	... Thames	... 16	11	27	2 outers.	0. 4. 2. 2. 3.
37	0 10 0	Ensign Marshall	... Thames	... 16	11	27	3 outers.	Score—250 yards.
38	0 10 0	Cadet Pringle	... Hutt	... 17	10	27	3 outers.	2. 3. 0. 3. 2.
39	0 10 0	" Feary	... Nelson	... 17	10	27	3 outers.	2. 2. 4. 0. 2.
40	0 10 0	Ensign Chapman	... Rangitikei	... 18	9	27		
41	0 10 0	Sergeant Jackson	... Canterbury	... 10	16	26	1 outer.	
42	0 10 0	Corporal Chuck	... Marlborough	... 10	16	26	4 outers.	
43	0 10 0	Sergeant Gray	... Auckland	... 12	14	26	3 outers.	
44	0 10 0	Cadet Brassey	... Auckland	... 12	14	26	5 outers.	
45	0 10 0	" Tarrant	... Marlborough	... 13	13	26		
46	0 10 0	" Wilkinson	... Canterbury	... 14	12	26	2 outers.	Score—250 yards.
47	0 10 0	" Hamilton	... Thames	... 14	12	26	3 outers.	2. 4. 0. 3. 3.
48	0 10 0	" Goodwin	... Auckland	... 14	12	26	3 outers.	3. 3. 0. 4. 2.
49	0 10 0	" Minifie	... Wellington	... 14	12	26	3 outers.	3. 2. 2. 3. 2.
50	0 10 0	" Smith	... Otago	... 15	11	26	2 outers.	
		" Patten	... Marlborough	... 15	11	26	3 outers.	

THIRD SET.—15 Prizes, value £30. For Cadets of all ages. Competed for only by those Cadets who obtained at least the minimum number of points required in the 1st and 2nd Sets respectively. Ranges, 100, 200, and 300 yards; five shots at each range. Position, any. Targets, same as in 1st and 2nd Sets. Ties to be decided by Wimbledon Regulations, as laid down in General Rules.

Prize.	Amount.	Name.	District.	100 yds.	200 yds.	300 yds.	Total.	Remarks.	Ties.
1	£ 5 0 0	Cadet Bird	... Nelson	... 19	20	17	56		
2	4 0 0	Lieutenant Slight	... Rangitikei	... 18	19	18	55		
3	3 0 0	Sergeant Lynch	... Auckland	... 19	18	17	54		
4	3 0 0	Lieutenant Gudgeon	... Thames	... 18	18	17	53		Score—300 yards.
5	2 0 0	Corporal Robinson	... Wellington	... 19	16	17	52		4. 4. 2. 3. 4.
6	2 0 0	Cadet Cook	... Hutt	... 19	16	17	52		4. 4. 4. 2. 3.
7	1 10 0	Sergeant Maxton	... Wellington	... 20	16	16	52		
8	1 10 0	Cadet Tully	... Wellington	... 18	18	15	51		
9	1 5 0	Cadet Remington	... Wellington	... 19	17	14	50		
10	1 5 0	Sergeant Swales	... Thames	... 18	14	17	49		
11	1 5 0	Corporal Chuck	... Marlborough	... 15	18	16	49		
12	1 5 0	Cadet Bishop	... Wellington	... 20	14	15	49		
13	1 0 0	Sergeant Hamilton	... Thames	... 19	17	13	49		
14	1 0 0	Ensign Moss	... Auckland	... 20	16	13	49		
15	1 0 0	Cadet Ellerm	... Hutt	... 20	14	14	48		

Table 27—continued.

ANALYSIS of CADET FIRING, for the purpose of awarding the Cadet Champion Belt and Silver Medal.

Prize.	Amount.	Age.	Name.	Corps.	Sets.			Total.	Remarks.
					1st.	2nd.	3rd.		
1	£10 and Silver Medal	16½	Lieutenant S. Slight	Marton Rifle Cadets	...	38	55	93	Cadet Champion for 1872.
2	£8	15	Cadet W. Bird	Wakefield (Nelson) Cadets	...	35	56	91	
3	£7	15½	Sergeant R. Lynch	Auckland Grammar School Cadets...	...	31	54	85	
4	£5	15	Cadet W. Cook	Hutt Rifle Cadets	...	32	52	84	
5	£5	16½	Sergeant M. Maxton	Wellington Rifle Cadets	...	31	52	83	
	...	15	Cadet J. Bishop	Wellington Grammar School Cadets	...	34	49	83	
	...	13	Cadet E. Ellerm	Hutt Rifle Cadets	...	35	...	48	83

Table 28.

ANALYSIS of the Cadet Prize Firing, showing the Division of the Money Prizes.

District.	1st Set.	2nd Set.	3rd Set.	Aggregate.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland ...	5 5 0	7 15 0	4 0 0	7 0 0	24 0 0
Rangitikei ...	4 0 0	11 0 0	4 0 0	10 0 0	29 0 0
Napier ...	2 0 0	...	...	...	2 0 0
Wellington ...	2 0 0	12 15 0	7 10 0	5 0 0	27 5 0
Hutt ...	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	14 0 0
Greytown ...	...	0 15 0	...	...	0 15 0
Thames ...	3 5 0	3 5 0	5 5 0	...	11 15 0
Taranaki ...	...	0 15 0	...	...	0 15 0
Total, North Island ...	19 10 0	39 5 0	23 15 0	27 0 0	109 10 0
Nelson ...	1 0 0	5 10 0	5 0 0	8 0 0	19 10 0
Marlborough ...	...	1 15 0	1 5 0	...	3 0 0
Canterbury ...	4 10 0	4 0 0	...	...	8 10 0
Otago ...	...	9 10 0	...	...	9 10 0
Total, South Island ...	5 10 0	20 15 0	6 5 0	8 0 0	40 10 0
Total, North and South Islands	25 0 0	60 0 0	30 0 0	35 0 0	150 0 0

Table 29.

CADETS.—Total Scores and Average in each District.

DISTRICT.	1ST SET.			2ND SET.			3RD SET.			GRAND TOTAL.		
	Number of Competitors.	Total Scores.	Average.	Number of Competitors.	Total Scores.	Average.	Number of Competitors.	Total Scores.	Average.	Number of Competitors.	Total Scores.	Total Average.
Auckland ...	44	777	17.66	95	1,445	15.21	35	1,057	30.20	174	3,279	18.84
Taranaki ...	14	179	12.80	17	176	10.35	6	102	17.00	37	457	12.35
Rangitikei ...	19	360	19.00	10	220	22.00	15	500	33.33	44	1,080	24.55
Wellington ...	5	148	29.60	27	618	22.89	18	780	43.33	50	1,546	30.92
Hutt ...	6	111	18.50	12	218	18.17	8	307	38.37	26	636	24.46
Greytown ...	8	107	13.37	11	182	16.54	2	72	36.00	21	361	18.14
Napier ...	24	364	15.17	11	114	10.36	8	193	24.12	43	671	15.60
Thames ...	19	290	15.26	28	541	19.32	21	768	36.57	68	1,599	23.50
Total, North Island ...	139	2,336	16.80	211	3,514	16.65	113	3,779	33.44	463	9,629	20.80
Nelson ...	15	278	18.53	19	307	16.16	12	418	34.83	46	1,003	21.80
Marlborough ...	14	293	20.93	19	426	22.42	12	439	36.58	45	1,158	25.73
Canterbury ...	7	163	23.28	20	393	19.65	11	432	39.27	38	988	26.00
Otago ...	20	274	13.70	44	668	15.18	13	387	29.77	77	1,329	17.26
Total, South Island ...	56	1,008	18.00	195	3,344	17.15	48	1,676	34.92	206	4,478	21.74
Total, all New Zealand ...	195	3,344	17.15	406	6,858	16.89	161	5,455	33.88	669	14,107	21.09

Table 30.

DISTRICT PRIZES.

1st Set.—Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards.

Five shots at each Range.
Five shots at each Range.

2nd Set.—Ranges, 200, 400, and 500 yards.

District.	Prize.	Amount.	Rank and Name.	Corps.	Score.
Auckland— 1st Set	1	£ s. d. 10 0 0	Sergeant J. Warren	No. 5 Co. Auckland Rifle Volunteers	47
	2	8 0 0	Ensign E. Devore	No. 2 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	43
	3	6 10 0	Volunteer E. Mills	No. 5 Co. Auckland Rifle Volunteers	43
	4	5 10 0	Volunteer J. Dore	Onehunga Rifle Volunteers	43
	5	5 0 0	Sergeant Clarke	No. 6 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	41
	6	3 0 0	Corporal Robertson	No. 6 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	40
	7	3 0 0	Lieutenant R. Somerville	No. 6 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	40
	8	3 0 0	Volunteer Hyett	Engineers	40
	9	3 0 0	Volunteer Sibbald	No. 3 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	39
	10	3 0 0	Volunteer Dufaur	Engineers	39
	11	2 10 0	Corporal Finlay	No. 1 Co. Auckland Rifle Volunteers	39
	12	2 10 0	Volunteer Reid	No. 3 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	38
	13	2 10 0	Volunteer Skinner	Artillery Volunteers	38
	14	2 10 0	Corporal Naughton	Hobson Rifle Volunteers	38
	15	2 10 0	Sergeant Provost	No. 4 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	37
	16	2 0 0	Volunteer Brighton	No. 2 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	37
	17	2 0 0	Ensign Gatland	No. 6 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	37
	18	2 0 0	Captain Johnstone	No. 2 Co. Naval Brigade	37
	19	2 0 0	Volunteer Payne	No. 5 Co. Auckland Rifle Volunteers	36
	20	2 0 0	Volunteer Macdonald	No. 2 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	35
	21	1 10 0	P. O. Keefe	No. 1 Co. Naval Volunteers	35
	22	1 10 0	Volunteer Anderson	No. 6 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	34
	23	1 10 0	Volunteer Evitt	No. 2 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	34
	24	1 10 0	P. O. Crawford	No. 2 Co. Naval Volunteers	33
	25	1 10 0	Sergeant Bell	No. 6 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	33
2nd Set	1	6 0 0	Lieutenant McConnell	No. 3 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	45
	2	5 0 0	Volunteer Stirling	Engineers	37
	3	4 0 0	Volunteer Henderson	No. 1 Co. Naval Volunteers	37
	4	2 10 0	Sergeant Gatland	No. 6 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	35
	5	2 10 0	Volunteer Stewart	Artillery Volunteers	35
	6	2 10 0	Volunteer Davis	No. 5 Co. Auckland Rifle Volunteers	35
	7	2 10 0	Volunteer Smith	No. 6 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	33
	8	2 0 0	Volunteer Haslett	No. 5 Co. Auckland Rifle Volunteers	33
	9	2 0 0	Volunteer Fowler	No. 5 Co. Auckland Rifle Volunteers	33
	10	2 0 0	Volunteer Brighton	No. 2 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	31
	11	2 0 0	Volunteer Morrow	No. 4 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	31
	12	1 10 0	Volunteer Pratt	Engineers	30
	13	1 10 0	Volunteer Rattray	No. 3 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	29
	14	1 10 0	Volunteer Foley	Onehunga Rifle Volunteers	29
	15	1 5 0	Volunteer Putman	No. 2 Co. Auckland Rifle Brigade	29
	16	1 5 0	Volunteer Jones	Artillery Volunteers	29
Waikato and Wairoa— 1st Set	1	7 0 0	Volunteer Creighton	Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	42
	2	5 0 0	Volunteer Codlin	Waiuku Rifle Volunteers	41
	3	4 10 0	Volunteer Williams	Waiuku Rifle Volunteers	41
	4	2 10 0	Volunteer McCormack	Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	40
	5	2 10 0	Major Lusk	Forest Rifle Volunteers	40
	6	2 10 0	Volunteer Crawford	Forest Rifle Volunteers	39
	7	2 0 0	Volunteer Cardon	Waiuku Rifle Volunteers	36
	8	2 0 0	Volunteer Crawford	Wairoa Rifle Volunteers	36
	9	2 0 0	Volunteer Preston	Pukekohe Rifle Volunteers	35
2nd Set	1	5 0 0	Volunteer Bowden	Forest Rifle Volunteers	44
	2	3 0 0	Volunteer Codlin	Waiuku Rifle Volunteers	41
	3	2 0 0	Volunteer Page	Forest Rifle Volunteers	40
	4	2 0 0	Sergeant Graham	Pukekohe Rifle Volunteers	39
	5	1 10 0	Lieutenant Douglas	Manukau Rifle Volunteers	38
	6	1 10 0	Volunteer Given	Manukau Rifle Volunteers	37
Waikato— 1st Set	1	7 0 0	Volunteer Hinton	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	37
	2	5 0 0	Lieutenant Coates	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	35
	3	4 10 0	Volunteer Nickesson	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	32
	4	2 10 0	Lieutenant Cunningham	Militia	31
	5	2 10 0	Captain Cumming	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	29
	6	2 10 0	Volunteer Small	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	22
	7	2 0 0	Private McGruther	Militia	21
	8	2 0 0	Col.-Sergeant Williamson	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	19
	9	2 0 0	Volunteer O'Neil	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	18
2nd Set	1	5 0 0	Private Lessem	Militia	34
	2	3 0 0	Private Tanner	Militia	31
	3	2 0 0	Private Allen	Militia	30
	4	2 0 0	Volunteer McKenzie	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	29
	5	1 10 0	Volunteer Slater	Waikato Rifle Volunteers	27
	6	1 10 0	Private James	Militia	24
Thames— 1st Set	1	8 0 0	Volunteer Sommerville	Scottish Rifle Volunteers	48
	2	6 0 0	Sergeant Bayldon	No. 3 Co. Hauraki Rifle Volunteers	43
	3	5 0 0	Volunteer Thompson	Naval Volunteers	41
	4	3 0 0	Captain Murray	Scottish Rifle Volunteers	41

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Table 30—continued.
DISTRICT PRIZES—continued.

District.	Prize.	Amount.	Rank and Name.	Corps.	Score.
Canterbury—continued		£ s. d.			
1st Set—continued	8	2 0 0	Sergeant Beswick ...	Timaru Artillery Volunteers ...	38
"	9	2 0 0	Captain Thomson ...	No. 2 Co. Rifle Volunteers ...	38
"	10	2 0 0	Private J. Judson ...	No. 9 Co. Rifle Volunteers ...	38
"	11	2 0 0	Private W. Judson ...	No. 9 Co. Rifle Volunteers ...	37
"	12	1 10 0	Lieutenant Beldy ...	Timaru Artillery Volunteers ...	37
"	13	1 10 0	Lieutenant Pemberton ...	No. 4 Co. Rifle Volunteers ...	36
"	14	1 10 0	Volunteer Pate ...	No. 9 Co. Rifle Volunteers ...	36
"	15	1 10 0	Lieutenant Anderson ...	Timaru Artillery Cadets ...	35
2nd Set	1	5 0 0	Volunteer McDonall ...	No. 2 Co. Engineer Volunteers...	46
"	2	4 0 0	Volunteer Strange ...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	46
"	3	3 0 0	Gunner Elles ...	Timaru Artillery Volunteers ...	43
"	4	2 5 0	Lieutenant Sandford ...	No. 2 Co. Engineer Volunteers...	41
"	5	2 5 0	Gunner Tucker ...	Lyttelton Artillery Volunteers ...	39
"	6	2 5 0	Lieutenant Craig ...	Christchurch Artillery Volunteers	39
"	7	2 0 0	Volunteer Malcolm...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	39
"	8	2 0 0	Volunteer Anderson ...	No. 1 Co. Rifle Volunteers ...	37
"	9	1 5 0	Volunteer Hanna ...	No. 1 Co. Rifle Volunteers ...	37
"	10	1 0 0	Gunner Hill ...	Timaru Artillery Volunteers ...	37
Otago and Southland—					
1st Set	1	10 0 0	Volunteer Lacey ...	Waikari Rifle Volunteers ...	51
"	2	9 0 0	Sergeant Pollock ...	North Dunedin Rifle Volunteers	50
"	3	8 0 0	Sergeant McKenzie...	Waikari Rifle Volunteers ...	49
"	4	7 0 0	Volunteer Rule ...	Oamaru Rifle Volunteers ...	49
"	5	5 0 0	Corporal McGregor...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	48
"	6	3 10 0	Gunner Hislop ...	Dunedin Artillery Volunteers ...	48
"	7	3 10 0	P. O. Wilson ...	Port Chalmers Naval Volunteers	47
"	8	3 10 0	Volunteer John Buchanan...	West Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	47
"	9	3 10 0	Lieutenant Chisholm ...	West Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	47
"	10	3 10 0	Volunteer Sebby ...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	47
"	11	2 10 0	Corporal Boyes ...	South District Rifle Volunteers	46
"	12	2 10 0	Ensign Richardson ...	West Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	46
"	13	2 10 0	Volunteer Fraser ...	Waikari Rifle Volunteers ...	46
"	14	2 10 0	Volunteer Hutchinson ...	North Dunedin Rifle Volunteers	46
"	15	2 10 0	Corporal Frederic ...	Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	46
"	16	2 0 0	Volunteer Rankin ...	East Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	45
"	17	2 0 0	Corporal Jamieson ...	Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	45
"	18	2 0 0	Sergeant Henderson ...	Oamaru Rifle Volunteers ...	45
"	19	2 0 0	Sergeant Adam ...	Bruce Rifle Volunteers ...	45
"	20	2 0 0	Sergeant Nichol ...	West Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	44
"	21	2 0 0	Volunteer James Buchanan	West Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	44
"	22	1 10 0	Volunteer Creagh ...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	44
"	23	1 10 0	Volunteer Marshall ...	Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	44
"	24	1 10 0	Lieutenant McCartney ...	Port Chalmers Naval Volunteers	43
"	25	1 10 0	Gunner Turton ...	Dunedin Artillery Volunteers ...	43
"	26	1 10 0	Gunner Cato ...	Dunedin Artillery Volunteers ...	43
"	27	1 10 0	Volunteer Kempshell ...	West Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	43
2nd Set	1	6 0 0	Volunteer Lean ...	Port Chalmers Naval Volunteers	52
"	2	5 0 0	Volunteer Allan ...	North Dunedin Rifle Volunteers	51
"	3	4 0 0	Sergeant Acheson ...	Riverton Rifle Volunteers ...	51
"	4	2 10 0	Volunteer Gardiner ...	Waikari Rifle Volunteers ...	50
"	5	2 10 0	Volunteer Morgan ...	Port Chalmers Naval Volunteers	50
"	6	2 10 0	Volunteer Cowie ...	Battalion Band ...	49
"	7	2 10 0	Volunteer Wilkinson ...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	48
"	8	2 10 0	Volunteer Duckworth ...	Dunedin Naval Volunteers ...	47
"	9	2 0 0	Volunteer Miller ...	Dunedin Naval Volunteers ...	47
"	10	2 0 0	Volunteer Jennings...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	47
"	11	2 0 0	Corporal Stalker ...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	47
"	12	2 0 0	Volunteer Granger ...	Dunedin Naval Volunteers ...	46
"	13	2 0 0	Ensign Schmidt ...	Riverton Rifle Volunteers ...	46
"	14	1 10 0	Volunteer Strode ...	Waikari Rifle Volunteers ...	46
"	15	1 10 0	Volunteer Hutchinson ...	North Dunedin Rifle Volunteers	46
"	16	1 10 0	Volunteer Frew ...	North Dunedin Rifle Volunteers	46
"	17	1 10 0	Volunteer Lorimer ...	City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	45
"	18	1 10 0	Sergeant Affleck ...	Waikouaiti Rifle Volunteers ...	45
Westland—					
1st Set	1	6 0 0	Volunteer Ross ...	1st Westland Rifle Volunteers ...	48
"	2	4 0 0	Captain Hamilton ...	Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	46
"	3	3 0 0	Hon. Assist. Surgeon Morice	Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	46
"	4	2 10 0	Volunteer Stonebridge ...	1st Westland Rifle Volunteers ...	45
"	5	2 10 0	Volunteer Clarke ...	1st Westland Rifle Volunteers ...	44
"	6	2 0 0	Ensign Forsyth ...	1st Westland Rifle Volunteers ...	44
2nd Set	1	4 0 0	Sergeant Smith ...	Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	52
"	2	3 0 0	Volunteer Thomas ...	Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	48
"	3	2 0 0	Volunteer Davis ...	Totara Rifle Volunteers ...	47
"	4	1 0 0	Volunteer Bowman...	Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	47

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Table 31.
NAMES OF WINNERS OF MEDALS FOR THE PROVINCES.

PROVINCE.	WINNERS.		SCORE.
	Name.	Corps.	
Auckland	Volunteer J. Somerville ...	Thames Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	48
Taranaki	Lieutenant J. Ellis ...	Egmont Rifle Volunteers ...	38
Wellington	Volunteer G. Avery ...	Taita Rifle Volunteers ...	47
Napier	Sergeant A. Blake ...	Napier Rifle Volunteers ...	47
Nelson	Volunteer F. Tomlinson ...	Waimea Rifle Volunteers ...	47
Marlborough	Volunteer P. Martella ...	Picton Company Rifle Volunteers ...	47
Canterbury	Sergeant Blake ...	Timaru Artillery Volunteers ...	44
Otago	Volunteer Lacey ...	Waikari Rifle Volunteers ...	51
Westland	Volunteer Ross ...	1st Westland Rifle Volunteers ...	48

Table 32.
TOTAL SCORES and AVERAGE in each DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.	FIRST SET.		SECOND SET.		No. OF COM- PETITORS.	TOTAL SCORES.	AVERAGE.
	No. of Com- petitors.	Total Scores.	No. of Com- petitors.	Total Scores.			
Auckland	74	1,988	94	1,976	168	3,964	23·60
Waiuku and Wairoa	29	821	55	1,401	84	2,222	26·45
Thames	73	2,141	70	1,669	143	3,810	26·64
Waikato	15	324	20	403	35	727	20·77
Tauranga and Opotiki	12	252	12	206	24	458	19·08
Taranaki	15	416	35	957	50	1,373	27·46
Wanganui and Patea	21	671	19	489	40	1,160	29·00
Rangitikei, &c.	32	801	23	551	55	1,352	24·58
Hutt, &c.	44	1,117	29	717	73	1,834	25·12
Wellington, &c.	64	1,757	73	1,700	137	3,457	25·23
Greytown and Masterton	28	707	22	558	50	1,265	25·30
Napier, Wairoa, and Poverty Bay	11	410	8	250	19	660	34·74
Total, North Island	418	11,405	460	10,877	878	22,282	25·38
Nelson	17	482	12	287	29	769	26·52
Marlborough	51	1,593	30	945	81	2,538	31·33
Canterbury	53	1,603	34	1,064	87	2,667	30·65
Otago and Southland	105	2,782	157	5,402	262	9,184	35·05
Westland	21	812	30	1,091	51	1,903	37·45
Total, South Island	247	8,272	263	8,789	510	17,061	33·45
Total, all New Zealand	665	19,677	723	19,666	1,388	39,343	28·34

AVERAGE for last Five Years.

	Number of Competitors.		Total Scores.	Average.
North Island	...	905	18,784	20·75
South Island	...	560	16,983	30·32
Total, all New Zealand	...	1,465	35,768	24·42

Table 33.

MILITIA SPECIAL PRIZES.—Seventeen Prizes, value £35.

Competed for only by Militiamen, not called out, but in possession of Government arms. Ranges, 300, 400, and 500 yards; five shots at each range. Position, any. A trial shot at each range allowed. Targets, 6 x 6 feet; centre, 4 feet; bull's-eye, 2 feet square.

District.	Prize.	Amount.	Name.	300 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Total.
		£ s. d.					
Rangitikei ...	1	6 0 0	James Purnell ...	18	16	17	51
Napier ...	2	5 0 0	Ensign Wood ...	19	16	15	50
Napier ...	3	4 0 0	Sergeant Williams ...	17	16	16	49
Napier ...	4	3 0 0	Sergeant Sebley ...	14	15	15	44
Rangitikei ...	5	2 0 0	A. Winks ...	16	13	12	41
Napier ...	6	2 0 0	Captain Kennedy ...	14	9	16	39
Wairarapa ...	7	2 0 0	S. White ...	15	13	11	39
Napier ...	8	2 0 0	Sergeant Arrow ...	18	16	3	37
Wairarapa ...	9	1 0 0	Private Groves ...	17	7	12	36
Hutt ...	10	1 0 0	J. Cavanagh ...	15	10	11	36
Wairarapa ...	11	1 0 0	J. Percy ...	16	13	7	36
Wairarapa ...	12	1 0 0	J. Barry ...	12	13	10	35
Wairarapa ...	13	1 0 0	William McHutchon ...	14	16	5	35
Hutt ...	14	1 0 0	Lieutenant Grace ...	17	8	8	33
Rangitikei ...	15	1 0 0	Private Ferguson ...	16	9	6	31
Wairarapa ...	16	1 0 0	Private J. Langden ...	17	10	3	30
Wairarapa ...	17	1 0 0	Private C. Edwards ...	13	16	0	29

Distribution of Money Prizes.

—	No. of Prizes.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
Rangitikei ...	3	9 0 0
Napier ...	5	16 0 0
Wairarapa ...	7	8 0 0
Hutt ...	2	2 0 0
Total ...	17	35 0 0