

THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of Charles Augustus, the Earl of Harrington, Hon. Colonel of the Cheshire (Earl of Chester's) Imperial Yeomanry, as Aide-de-Camp to his Majesty, and to confer upon him the rank of Colonel in the Imperial Yeomanry.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

### NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

#### N.R.A. PUBLICATION.

A Pamphlet entitled "First Hints on Rifle Shooting," by A. P. Humphry, may now be obtained from the Secretary, N.R.A., Bisley Camp, Brookwood, price 6d., by post 6d.

#### BISLEY MEETING.

The forty-seventh Annual Prize Meeting of the National Rifle Association will begin on Monday, July 8, on which date the Camp will be ready for occupation.

#### BISLEY GENERAL MEETING.

The Bisley General Meeting of the members of the National Rifle Association will be held in the Umbrella Tent at Bisley Camp on Tuesday, July 16, at 8.30 p.m.

#### ELECTION OF EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

Nominations must be handed in at the Secretary's Office before 2.30 p.m. on Monday, July 15. If a poll is required it will be open on Tuesday, July 16, from 12 noon till 8 p.m.

#### HUTS.

Application for a few unappropriated Huts should be made without delay.

#### FORMS OF ENTRY.

All applications for Forms of Entry must be accompanied by an envelope or wrapper, addressed and stamped.

#### CORRECTION.

##### MOUNTED SCOUTS COMPETITION.

Composition of Teams.—Should read not more than "six" of any rank from each unit of any Mounted Branch of his Majesty's Forces.

##### ALTERATIONS IN TARGETS.

The following will be the dimensions of the N.R.A. 3rd Class targets for 1907:—

Bull's-eye ...	6 inches in diameter.
*Inner ...	15 inches in diameter.
*Magpie ...	24 " " "
Outer ...	Remainder of target, 4 ft. square.

\* The inner of this target is up to 12 ins. in diameter black, and beyond that white. The inner is divided from the bull's-eye by a faint white line, not visible to the firer.

The 1st and 2nd Class targets will be the same as in 1906.

The colour of the "Wantage" and "Mullens" targets will be grey-blue. The colour of the "Running Man" and "Running Deer" targets will be khaki.

##### MEMBERS' CLUB, BISLEY CAMP.

The Members' Club will be open every Saturday from 2 p.m. for the use of members of the Association.

Arrangements can be made for the hire of lockers at a charge of 7s. 6d. for the year, or 5s. for the Bisley Meeting. If vacated for the Bisley Meeting in July, the charge is 2s. 6d.

##### RUNNING DEER & RUNNING MAN RANGES.

###### WINNERS OF SPOONS.

###### Running Deer.

June 1—(1 spoon):—

Mr. J. Bashford ... .. 12

June 8—(2 spoons):—

Mr. C. S. Dean ... .. 9

Mr. A. Fleming ... .. 7

June 15—(1 spoon):—

Mr. H. Snellgrove ... .. 9

June 22—No spoon.

June 29—(1 spoon):—

Mr. E. H. Nelson ... .. 13

###### Running Man.

June 1—(1 spoon):—

Mr. W. E. Steers ... .. 9

June 8—(1 spoon):—

Major P. W. Richardson ... .. 11

June 15—No spoon.

June 22—No spoon.

June 29—(1 spoon):—

Mr. W. Ellicott ... .. 15

##### REVOLVER RANGE AT BISLEY—SPOON SHOOT.

###### WINNERS OF SPOONS.

June 1—(3 spoons):—

Mr. H. A. Harris ... .. 40

Mr. W. S. Newton ... .. 40

Mr. H. J. Henderson ... .. 38

Mr. J. N. Le Fevre ... .. 39

Mrs. Scanlan ... .. 37

Mr. E. Howe ... .. 38

Mr. A. W. Earle ... .. 36

June 8—(5 spoons):—

Mr. H. J. Henderson ... .. 41

June 15—(3 spoons):—

Mr. J. Oliver ... .. 41

Mr. H. A. Harris ... .. 40

Mr. W. T. Ward ... .. 36

June 22—(4 spoons):—

Mr. H. A. Harris ... .. 41

Mr. E. Howe ... .. 41

Mr. Nathan ... .. 40

Mr. J. Bashford ... .. 38

June 29—(3 spoons):—

Mr. W. Ellicott ... .. 40

Sergt.-Major Wallingford ... .. 40

Mr. R. de R. Roche ... .. 40

Found on the ranges, on May 18, a pair of Field Glasses in Brown Leather Case. Application should be made to the Secretary, N.R.A., Bisley Camp, Surrey.

By order,  
Bisley Camp, C. R. CROSSE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Brookwood, Surrey. Secretary N.R.A.  
July 1, 1907.

## ARMY ORDERS.

WAR OFFICE, July 1, 1907.

Abolition of Appointment as Second in Command in the Imperial Yeomanry.

1. The appointment of second in command in the Imperial Yeomanry has been abolished (see Regimental Establishments published with Army Order 128 of 1907).

2. No further appointments of majors to be second in command will be made, and on the promotion or retirement of any major holding that appointment, the duties will be performed by the senior major doing duty with the regiment, who will also draw the rate of pay allowed by paragraph 214, Yeomanry Regulations, to the major appointed second in command.

3. The Yeomanry Regulations will be amended accordingly.

### YEOMANRY REGULATIONS—AMENDMENTS.

1. Paragraph 159.—In line 3, after "volunteer" add "or reserve," and delete the last sentence.

2. Paragraph 243.—In line 4, insert an asterisk after "assembly" and add the following footnote:—

\* Being a place referred to in Army Form E 601 to which Yeomen proceed individually, and which they leave as a military body for the place of training.

3. For further amendments see Army Order 163.

## THE BISLEY MEETING.

BEFORE our next issue the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley will be well under weigh, and it is therefore with much gratification that we can already report that the prospects are most satisfactory. It is pleasing to be able to record, in particular, that the entries received up to the first closing of the lists showed an excess of 710 over the totals of last year. For the King's Prize the entries are eighteen more than those of 1906, and about fifty additional entries have been received for the St. George's. The increase in other competitions at the time of writing is: Alexandra, 114; "Daily Telegraph," 109; Stock Exchange, 126; "Graphic," 15; "Daily Graphic," 17; Secretary for War, 59; Duke of Cambridge, 43; Donegall, 99; All Comers' Aggregate, 89; Grand Aggregate, 61; Volunteer Aggregate, 28; Waldegrave (M.R.), 19; Bass (M.R.), 15; Albert (M.R.), 9; Edge (M.R.), 5; Halford Memorial (M.R.), 5; Wimbledon (M.R.), 6; and Revolver Medals, 4.

It must not be forgotten that the entries will certainly be very largely augmented before they finally close. Many competitors, indeed, do not send in their names until the Meeting is actually in progress, although, of course, the "post entry" costs 25 per cent. more than that handed in on the ordinary closing day. Therefore it is most probable that the final entry list will exceed that of last year by at least 2,000 names.

It may also be advisable to enumerate the new competitions this year, which are: B.S.A. Air Rifle: Competitions for air rifles at 20 yards. Esser-Barratt and Winchester: Rapid firing competitions; to be shot for with any rifle fired from the shoulder (including repeating and automatic rifles). Waldegrave: Now a single range competition at 800 yards. Brownlow: A squadded match rifle competition; £21 given by Major Richardson and £29 added by the N.R.A. Shipway: For match rifle tyros; £21 given by Col. Shipway. Naval Volunteer Inter-Divisional Match: Open to teams of eight Volunteers from any rank from each Division of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve; distances—200, 500, and 600 yards; seven shots at each distance. Vizianagram Challenge Cup: Open to teams of eight from each of the Houses of Parliament. Conan Doyle: A Service rifle competition on similar lines to the King's Prize competition, open to civilian members of Rifle Clubs; distances—200, 500, 600, 800 yards; seven shots at each distance; with a second stage at 800 yards. Cortis: Open to such Volunteers, retired Volunteers, and members of Rifle Clubs affiliated to the N.R.A. as are of the age of 50 years and upwards; a challenge cup and £20 given by Capt. Cortis. Prince of Wales and Donegall Challenge Cup: Distances—300 and 600 yards. L.S.A. Range Prizes: Range prizes in connexion with the first stage St. George's Competition. McQueen: A new competition at 300 yards. "The Spectator": A silver souvenir will be given by the N.R.A. to each member of the first five teams. Martin's Cup: This competition is open only to Volunteers and retired Volunteers; the several competitions included in the aggregate will be open to "all comers," as last year. Miniature Rifle Competitions: The following prizes are shot for with miniature rifles: Club's Rifemen—open only to holders of N.R.A. Rifle Clubs' "Rifemen's" Certificates; distance—100 yards; prize list, £20. A new series of prizes for miniature rifles.

It may be mentioned that to-day will be commenced the meeting of the Army Rifle Association. This Association, which was only founded in 1893, has already assumed dimensions of wide importance, and is doing excellent work in promoting among the ranks of the Army, both at home and abroad, a great zeal in rifle shooting. The annual prize meeting which

the Association holds at Bisley has for its main object the selection, from the Army Sixty (the names of whom were published last week in the "Volunteer Service Gazette"), of the best possible twenty to represent the Regular Army in the match in the programme of the National Rifle Association for teams representing the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Imperial Yeomanry, and the Volunteers. The dates of team competitions open to such representatives will be as follows: The "Roberts Challenge Cup," first stage, Thursday, July 11, and second stage, Saturday, July 20; the "Cheylesmore," Friday, July 12; the "Brinsmead Challenge Shield," Friday, July 12; the "United Service Challenge Cup," Tuesday, July 16; and the "Mounted Scouts' Prize," Saturday, July 20.

As the meeting of the Army Rifle Association immediately precedes that of the National Rifle Association, so, repeating the highly successful experiment inaugurated last year, it will be followed by a Boys' Bisley, which will be held from July 20 to August 3.

As regards the N.R.A. meeting itself, a leading and ever-pleasing feature is the presence of competitors from the Colonies. This year the world-wide Empire will be well represented, teams having come from Canada, India, Australia, and Uganda; and many competitors from South Africa and the Straits Settlements. The Canadian team is composed of the following: Adj.-Capt. J. Duff Stuart, 6th Vancouver; Major Wetmore, 74th Clifton; Capt. C. N. Mitchell, Winnipeg; Capt. McHaig, 6th Vancouver; Capt. Hunter, 50th Prescott; Lieut. McVittie, 48th Highlanders, Toronto; Lieut. Converse, 7th Hussars, Barnston; Sergt.-Maj. Caven, 5th Artillery, Victoria; Staff-Sgt. Graham, 48th Highlanders, Toronto; Col.-Sergt. Moscrop, 6th Vancouver; Sergt. Morris, 46th Bowmansville; Sergt. Kerr, 48th Highlanders, Toronto; Sergt. Creegan, R.C.G.A., Quebec; Sergt. McKay, 5th Royal Highlanders, Montreal; Sergt. Carr, 5th Artillery, Victoria; Corpl. Fisher, 5th Artillery, Victoria; Corpl. Snowball, 43rd Regiment, Ottawa; Pte. Moore, 42nd Regiment, Perth; Pte. Smith, Ottawa; Pte. Milligan, 48th Highlanders, Toronto; Pte. Mitchell, 48th Highlanders, Toronto; Pte. Stevenson, 43rd Regiment, Ottawa. Of these no fewer than seven have shot at Bisley already, and accompanying his son, Lieut. J. McVittie, is the veteran R. McVittie, who as a Dumfries Volunteer was included in the final stage of the contest for the Queen's Prize at Wimbledon in 1874. The Commandant, Col. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, of the 13th Regiment of Infantry, Hamilton, arrived in England nearly a month ago. All the members of the team are prize-winners in various Canadian competitions, but do not necessarily represent the finest shooting prowess of the Dominion, as business interests have compelled several of the best marksmen to decline the invitation to visit England this year.

The team selected to represent Australia is as follows: New South Wales: Corpl. S. Edwards, Australian Rifles, Sydney; A. B. Clarke, Naval Brigade; W. Cutler, Bathurst, Victoria; J. Searls, South Melbourne; C. H. Candy, Prahran; R. Searls, South Melbourne. South Australia: G. Howitt, Adelaide; W. C. Addison, Orroroo. Queensland: G. Shaw; J. Lanham. Western Australia: F. McLeod. Tasmania: R. Whittington. The team, which is thus representative of each Colony in the Commonwealth, is, unlike that of Canada, composed entirely of young men, only two of whom have been at Bisley before.

Considerable interest is always displayed in the contest between the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We understand that the Lords' team will consist of the Duke of Wellington, Earl Waldegrave, Lord Cheylesmore, Lord Lovat, Lord St. Oswald, Lord Montagu, and the Earl of Arran, and that the representatives of the Lower Chamber will include Mr. Courthope, Mr. H. C. Lea, Mr. S. H. Whitbread, Mr. Hamar Greenwood, Mr. Wilfrid Ashley, and Mr. Rowland Hunt.

Regular visitors of Bisley Camp will, without doubt, notice this year that several additions to the permanent buildings have been made since the end of last season. The Council House has been considerably enlarged, but perhaps the most conspicuous feature is the extension that has just been made in the premises of the North London Rifle Club, which makes them the largest and most perfect of their kind in the United Kingdom. An extremely interesting collection of noteworthy rifles also has been installed in the hall of the central offices.

In conclusion, we must add that we are informed by Lieut.-Col. C. R. Crosse, Secretary of the National Rifle Association, that H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein has kindly consented to distribute the prizes on Saturday, July 20, the closing day of the meeting.

## CUSTOMS & DOCKS V.R.C.

ON Saturday evening, whilst the rain was falling heavily, the 15th Middlesex Rifles, the corps raised from the Customs & Dock establishments, mustered at the Tower for inspection by Col. the Hon. J. T. St. Aubyn. The corps is now rather stronger than last year, and its muster of 437 on Saturday was a little in excess of the 1906 inspection muster. Col. Chambers, who has been in command for twenty-two years, was again at the head of his corps, and kept the men well on the move till the inspecting officer arrived. By that time all were thoroughly soaked, and Col. St. Aubyn considerably dismissed the parade almost immediately, only seeing the eight companies march past him on their way out of the Tower, leaving their further inspection till the corps is in camp under him for a week in August, as part of the 4th London Brigade. The 3rd V.B. West Surrey Rifles also mustered for inspection on Saturday, but did not move out of their drill hall in Bermondsey.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

JULY.

- Th. 4.—South London Rifle Club: Rifle Series III | Revolver Series I & III. Runemede Ranges, Staines.  
Tues. 9.—Volunteer Service Accident Fund Society: Annual General Meeting. Offices of the Society. 3 p.m.