

CANADIANS MADE A GOOD SHOWING AT BISELY MEET—WERE WELL UP IN THE AGGREGATE

Bisley Camp, England, July 22—Expert English marksmen took the lion's share of the honors in the great imperial meeting of the National Rifle Association which concluded Saturday.

Sergeant A. G. Fulton, late of the Queen's Westminsters, scored his third victory in the Empire's service rifle classic, His Majesty the King's prize, and thereby inscribed a new record in the 68-year-old scroll of the big competition. His aggregate was 285.

Squadron Leader Richardson, of the Royal Air Force, captured the service rifle Association cup, the St. George Challenge vase and the Prince of Wales's Prize.

Lieut. W. Jagger, of the King's Royal Rifles, took the service rifle championship and Queen Mary's Prize.

And the Mother Country successfully defended the Kolapore cup against a determined Canadian onslaught, two days before the English team took the MacKinnon Cup from Canada by a decisive margin.

The Canadian shot consistently well to lose out in the major events by small margins. But Canada scored a double triumph in Bisley's two most important aggregates, as evidence of uniformly good shooting.

Wins Bronze Medal

Sergeant J. H. Regan, of Victoria, B. C., won the bronze medal for the first stage of the King's Prize, and with a total of 576 out of a possible 615 won the grand aggregate, getting the challenge cup donated by the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association in 1877, a gold watch offered by the Canada Club, the N.R.A., gold cross and \$50.

Lieutenant Desmond Burke, of Ottawa won the all-comers aggregate with 348 out of 370, taking a challenge cup valued at \$1,250 and \$25 in cash. He had to shoot off with Sergeant H. G. Burr of London, who had the

same total before getting the awards. Thanks to Company Sergeant-Major George M. Emslie, of Toronto, Canada appeared to have an even chance of winning the King's prize on Saturday. One hundred finalists were left out of the thousands of entrants, to fire 15 shots at 900 and 1,000 yards distance. Sergeant Fulton started in the lead having won the silver medal in the second stage on Friday with 145 out of a possible 150.

After the shooting at the first distance on Friday Emslie was tied with Fulton and Lieut. R. N. Barker of the Notts and Derby Regiment, with a total of 217. Then a strong wind took its toll at the long 1,000 yard distance. Fulton got 68 out of 75 while Emslie dropped to 60. He finished in ninth place with 277.

Lost His Bearings

To the Canadian Press Emslie confessed, over a plate of cold beef and pickles, that he had lost his bearings in the wind and didn't get them back until it was too late. But Emslie has been shooting at Bisley for 20 years and he took his loss with good grace.

Fulton had the advantage over his rivals. With his father, who won the King's prize over 50 years ago, "Young" Fulton runs a gunsmith shop in the shadow of the N.R.A. Council Building and he knows all the tricks of the Bisley Ranges. He won the King's prize in 1912 and in 1926. He agreed that the shooting conditions were strenuous in the finals.

Emslie lead the six Canadians who were left in the final and Lieutenant Desmond Burke, of Ottawa, winner in 1924 and runner-up twice since, trailed the Canadians with 257. Burke fell off in the last two days from the good form that he had been displaying earlier. Miss Marjorie E. Foster, of Bisley, the only woman ever to win the King's prize, was well below her mark of last year 269.

Canadian Finalists

The placing of the Canadian final-

ZOO CURATOR CLAIMS THAT ANIMALS ARE LOVELESS AND INCAPABLE OF AFFECTION

Boston, July 22—Fill your stomach and fill it first" is the philosophy of the jungle and of the zoo as well, and all this stuff that is written about love and altruism among beasts is all guff, the product of nature fakers and space fillers. That is the opinion of Dan Harkins, curator of the Franklin Park Zoo, here.

"All animals are selfish," he said. "This talk about the stronger protecting the weaker is all the bunk. There is a vast gulf between man and beast, and one which will always exist. And this business of giving animals human characteristics makes me mad."

"Love? Love! There's no such thing among animals," he said. "A male lion, for instance, would like to eat the cubs which he has sired. Ex-

cept for that he might have slight interest in the young."

Most of the animals at the zoo—lions, tigers, leopards and bears, too—are jungle or forest bred. They live just as long in captivity as in their native haunts, Mr. Harkins reports.

"The leopard, pound for pound, is the most dangerous animal in the zoo. It's quick, active and smart. The elephant, I should say is the best natured. All of the animals know when it is feeding time, and if the keeper should be a few minutes late they let him know it, too."

They're Jealous, too. In the lion house for example, the keeper follows a definite procedure. If he should feed the animals in just the opposite order to which they are accustomed there is a fearful growling and snarling there. Animals are interested in their stomachs primarily. Fill them and you won't have much trouble.

"And there is a lot of hokum about the memory of animals," asserted Mr. Harkins, who evidently was in a debunking mood. "They say that an elephant always remembers an injustice or a friendly act. Well, I know differently. Alice, a particular pet of mine in 1904 at Luna Park, came to Brockton with a circus, 12 or more years ago. I made it a special point to go to that show just to see Alice. And do you think that she remembered me? Not in the least."

"Then there was another elephant which had been trained by 21 Sengalese mahouts, and which had ample occasion to remember me if she had anything to remember with. I met her afterwards and addressed her in the Sengalese words which she knew. She obeyed the orders mechanically, but gave not the slightest indication that she knew me."

"Just the same, about six months ago one of our elephant keepers who had been retired went back to the zoo. There was a small sized riot. They

trumpeted and put their trunks around him and all in all, it was one large party. But that keeper had just been retired so recently that they remembered him."

Amiable as are the elephants, the baby hippo is easy going too. On several occasions, Mr. Harkins says, men have gone into the tank to clean it while it was resting there. "That hippo would move when it was told to and would not give the slightest indication that it was annoyed."

Mr. Harkins paid tribute to Bostonians who refused to be stampeded when parrots were held to be carriers of psittacosis, a dread disease which apparently disappeared as suddenly as it startled the doctors. In New York and elsewhere Zoos were flooded with offers of parrots, and, if they were in good condition they were readily accepted. Zoos did a flourishing business

for a while and many an aviary had a greatly enlarged collection of parrots.

"We received some parrots her of course," Harkins said, "but really there weren't very many. Monkeys too, are sometimes offered to us."

"People walk by a pet shop and spy a 'darling monkey' don't you know, and feel that they just must have it. When it gets home and begins to cut up, to get into the kitchen, to climb the chandeliers, to pull the curtains down and things like that, people begin to wonder how they ever happened to want such a thing."

"Ten we get a hurry up call to take the thing and keep it for ever and ever."

Usually we ask the person to bring the monkey to us. We examine it, and if it's healthy, fine and dandy, we take it."

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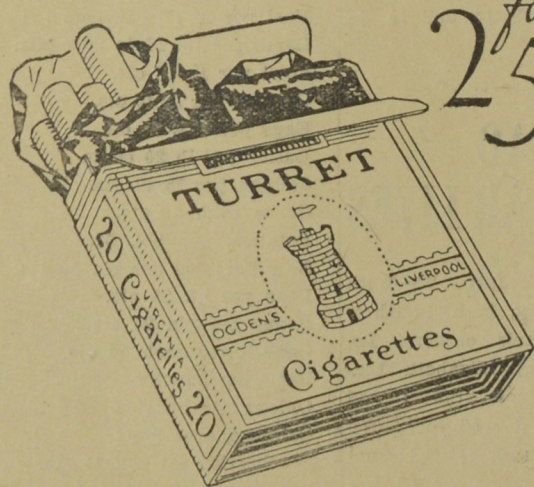


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