

SAINT JOHN, Oct. 3, 1881.

Sir,—

Having, at a meeting of the New Brunswick riflemen held at Ottawa, been chosen Captain of the Team, it becomes my duty to submit to you the following report for the information of the members of the Association.

Of those holding places on the team, but fourteen reported themselves, and among these was divided the allowance of \$300. I found that entrances had been made for twenty competitors in all the principal matches; however, on making application, we were refunded the amount of the entries thus unfilled.

The team again met with but apparently slight success, though proportionately it was more fortunate than the representative teams of other Provincial Associations. The prizes won amounted to \$160, of which sum \$147 was divided equally among the members. Col. Sergt. Smith and Sapper Langstroth were of the fifty who competed for the Governor General's prizes, and the former, by his continued good shooting, gained a place on the Wimbledon Team for 1882. Sapper Langstroth, in a match at 200 yards, won the leading prize, a Remington Match Rifle. I would mention that every member of the team succeeded in becoming a prize winner.

The eight to represent New Brunswick in the Provincial Match was selected according to the scores made in the previous competitions. Five Provinces took part. The match was this year, happily made purely an inter-Provincial contest, none but the members of teams competing, and it was consequently of more than usual interest.

Ontario won, with an aggregate score of 412 points, Nova Scotia second with 385, New Brunswick third with 383. Quebec and P. E. Island fourth and fifth.

The meeting throughout was admirably conducted,—a new feature that occasioned much satisfaction to all competitors. It was a meeting well worth attending, repaying even for the trying journey necessarily taken by the riflemen from this province.

The opinion was generally entertained by the team that the present rule requiring a division of winnings should be rescinded, for there is now no further occasion for it, the expense of competing being so much less than in former years.

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