

formation of Shooting Clubs and Shooting Committees in the different corps whose work it would be to encourage an interest in prize shooting.

What alterations in the present programme would likely aid in increasing the attendance has been a question much considered by the members of the Council, and numerous suggestions have been offered and some of these the Council would beg to make mention of in this report, though, without expressing any opinion as to their probable effect. It has been suggested that a Maiden Team Match be added to the Prize List—open to teams of five from each corps—teams to be composed solely of men who have never before attended a Provincial Meeting. Also, that the squadding be so arranged that the matches shall only occupy three days, and thus effect a saving both of time and money to the competitors. Also, to restrict the Nursery Match to those who have never won a larger prize than one of Five Dollars. Also, that a Nursery Aggregate be provided, restricted in the same manner.

2. Owing to the lack of English Ammunition the Association was forced to accept that of Canadian make for use at the matches. It was unfortunately found very unreliable and complaints about it were general among those who shot it. It is to be hoped that immediate steps will be taken to remedy its defects, for unless the quality is improved the consequence must be fatal to Snider shooting in the Dominion. The Executive Committee found it necessary to issue an order that only the ammunition sold at the office should be used in the matches so as to place all the competitors on an equal footing. It would be well, in the future, to insert a clause to this effect in the regulations governing the meeting.

3. The Association was fortunate in having a good representation at the Dominion Matches, there being the team proper of twenty members and five others who accompanied it. With much difficulty free passage over the Intercolonial was secured for the team. We have much reason to hope that the Authorities will continue to pass the Maritime Riflemen as far as Quebec free of charge. If it is ever refused, it will be impossible for this Association, at least, to furnish anything like a proportionate contingent to the Dominion Meeting. The team Captain's report contains the detail of the team's success, in some particulars very gratifying. Its winnings were larger than those

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