

OTTAWA TEAM REPORT.

ST. JOHN, N. B., 3rd Oct., 1888.

SIR,—My final duty as Captain of this year's Ottawa Team is to report to you as to the strength and success of the contingent representing this Association at the Dominion of Canada Rifle Meeting. It will be remembered that an unfortunate delay in receiving the passes to Quebec delayed our departure until the night of Friday, the 31st August, when we found ourselves to number twenty-eight. It is, perhaps, well to state that ours was probably the least experienced team which has yet gone from the Province, and that as many as six of our most capable shots were conspicuously absent. In order to reach Ottawa by the opening morning of the matches we had to rely on leaving Montreal Sunday night by the Toronto train, and taking a local train back to Ottawa from Smith's Falls. We had every reason to be satisfied with the attention paid us by the C. P. R. agents both at Quebec and Montreal, and with the arrangements made by them for carrying us through to Ottawa without change on a special car.

As usual, I retained the Provincial Grant of \$300, out of it paying the various entries, and in time accounting to each member for the small balance remaining.

Speaking generally, the Dominion Meeting of this year was a brilliant one. There was good weather, a good attendance and strikingly high scoring. Various changes in the system of conducting the matches, which yearly experience has suggested, have been yearly introduced, and now there seems to be little, if anything, wanting to insure the satisfaction of the competitors. The recent meeting was certainly a marked success.

In the regular matches of the List sometimes a few, sometimes many, of our team gained places, but in all there were some New Brunswick winners. As a full return of the prizes is herewith submitted, I need not do more than mention the 4th and 5th in the Rideau; the 5th in the Manufacturers; the 2nd in the Minister of Militia; the 4th in the Standing; the 5th in the Dominion of Canada; the 4th in the Grand Aggregate, and the 1st and 2nd in

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