

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Council beg to submit the following as their report for the year just ending.

1. The Annual Matches were marked by an unaccountable falling off in the number of competitors, and this, notwithstanding that the Prize List and conditions of the shooting were similar in all respects to those of last year, when the attendance was so satisfactory. The Council have given their best consideration to the matter and are convinced that the fault, if any there be, does not lie with the Association.

The programme, as at present framed, has met only with the approbation of the competitors, as it has attractions for both old and new shots.

The County Associations do not seem to succeed any better than the Provincial in developing new marksmen. Like the Provincial Rifle Association, they only hold one match in the course of the season, and so they fail to get at those, who by personal encouragement would become recruits to the shooting ranks.

The only remedy which suggests itself to the Council is the formation of Regimental Clubs in the several corps which would lead to a greater interest in the relative shooting of the companies composing them. There is a noticeable lack of this interest in our own corps as compared with many of the corps elsewhere in Canada. In many of the battalions it is regarded as almost necessary to efficiency that a fairly strong team should be furnished each year to sustain the credit of the corps at the Provincial gatherings.

The Council therefore submit to the consideration of the members their opinion that the only means now remaining by which the membership of the Provincial Rifle Association can be enlarged lies in the