

The annual matches on the Rideau Ranges also proved to be a splendid success, both as regards the numbers entered, and the regularity with which they were conducted. Not a single protest was recorded during the entire meeting, and the Treasurer's statement will show that the financial result was satisfactory:—The number of competitors, was slightly under that of the previous year (owing doubtless to the many marksmen away on active service in the North-west), but the entries were six hundred and eighty three more than in 1884, as the following comparative table will show.

COMPARISON OF ENTRIES IN THE YEARS 1884-5.

	1884.	1885.
Nursery Match	156	176
Manufacturers' Match	298	319
Rideau	297	319
Macdougall	282	311
Quimet	292	314
Min. of Militia	292	314
Teams	36	37
Dominion of Canada Match	280	310
Teams	23	21
London Merchants' Cup	6	6
Grand Aggregate	282	305
Gzowski Military Match, Teams	11	14
British Challenge Shield	11	11
Bannoekburn (Col. Wilson's) Cup	89	—
Long Range Match	23	27
Martini Series A	294	268
B	288	185
Extra Series No. 1 " (Snider, 500 yds)	555	441
" " 2 " (" 200 yds)	340	243
" " 3 " (Martini 800 yds)	200	127
Standing	181	—
Revolver	195	17
Governor-General's Match	60	49
" Middleton " Match Teams	9	—
	4,500	3,817
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No. of Entries 683 favor 1885

As recommended at the general meeting of 1884, a standing match at 200 yards was added to the programme, and the pistol match was enlarged. The Middleton match was a new feature.

At the ranges, previous to the matches, the firing points were all newly levelled and the butts repaired, and the improvements were thoroughly appreciated by the competitors, many of whom expressed great satisfaction thereat.

In the military matches, although there were a less number of entries than in the previous year, the firing was far ahead of that of former years; for example the "British Challenge Shield" match, which was won in 1884 with 37 hits and a score of 160, was won in 1885 with 65 hits and a score of 241, and out of the 900 rounds fired by the nine corps competing, the hits made were as follows: 240 body hits, 146 head hits, 53 upper hits, 439 total hits, with nine corps competing, as compared with 424 hits made by fourteen corps, or 25 men more in 1884.

In the Gzowski match, the same nine corps firing 1,350 rounds (skirmishing 20, volley firing 5, and independent firing 5 rounds), the following results were obtained:

S.	V. F.	I. F.
248	70	73 Body Hits,
115	34	46 Head Hits,
50	15	23 Upper Hits.
413	119	142 Total, 674 Hits, with 9 corps,
		as compared with 664 " " 14

In view of the probability of sighting shots being abolished, as strongly recommended at the annual general meeting held during last year's matches at the Rideau Ranges, it will be necessary to arrange for further target accommodation for extra series and pool firing, which the Council think can be effected by utilizing the old butts where the "Brunel" targets were, and putting in, say, half a dozen new targets.

The prize list, thanks to the continued support given to the Association, was last year again very materially enlarged, and the increase in the number of entries in the Martini and "Extra Series" matches, shows that the competitors thoroughly appreciated the augmentation.

The Council desires to draw the attention of the Association to the remarks of Colonel Ross in his report on, and letters connected with the management of last year's Wimbledon team, especially with reference to the advisability of our marksmen having more practice and becoming more familiar with the use of the Martini, particularly at long ranges. That arm is now used altogether at Wimbledon; our shots can win places in the second and third stages of the "Queen's" prize, but can never hope to pull off that grand prize, with the limited practice they can now obtain at the long ranges.

Dr. Horsey, Surgeon, G.G.F.G., assisted by Dr. Grant, Jr., Assistant-Surgeon, G. G. F. G., attended throughout the meeting as medical officers, without any remuneration, and although there was no case calling for their skill, the thanks of the Association are due to

those gentlemen for the time so generously given, and the Council cannot close this portion of their report without thanking Major Macpherson, G.G.F.G., Executive Officer, the range officers and the rest of the staff for their assiduous attention to their duties.

FINANCE.

The Treasurer's statement of the finances of the Association, duly audited, is submitted herewith.

The receipts from all sources for the year amounted to \$16,823.91, which, with the balance of \$1,373.77 carried forward from last year, makes a total on the credit side of \$18,197.68; while the expenditure amounted to \$16,877.97, leaving a balance of \$1,319.71 in favor of the Association.

This is independent of the balance of \$217.61 at credit of special account, carried forward from last year, held on account of Provincial prizes (Marquis of Lorne donation). The Province of Prince Edward Island having qualified this year, competed and received the distribution of \$100, leaving a balance of \$117.61, and \$5.60 interest thereon, being a total of \$123.21 at credit of that account. The Province of British Columbia having yet to qualify for the competition, the accrued interest will be distributed proportionately to the provinces which may become entitled to the same.

The affiliation fees from rifle associations amounted to \$655, as against \$631 in 1884, an increase of \$24, the number of rifle associations affiliating this year being as follows:—Provincial rifle associations, 7; county and other rifle associations, 40.

Members' fees for the year amount to \$202, as against \$230 in 1884, a decrease of \$28.

The amounts received from associate members was \$278, an increase this year of \$11 as compared with 1884.

The receipts from Special donations, Banks and Manufacturers amounted to \$1,700, as against \$1,992 received in 1884, a decrease of \$292.

The entry fees this year, including sighting shots, blow-off tickets, pool gains, post entry fees and fines, amounted to \$3,125.64, as against \$2,917.10 in 1884, an increase of \$208.54.

Comparison of the items on the debit side of the account with those of 1884 shows some fluctuations. The expenses connected with the Wimbledon team being more than last year, a reference to the details of the expenditure will explain this excess.

The cash prizes this year, it will be observed, amounted to \$6,023.03, exclusive of the \$100 "special provincial prizes," being \$748.07 more than the amount distributed in 1884.

The details of the disbursements made by Lieut.-Col. Ross, commanding the Wimbledon team of 1885, will be found in the appendix.

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PERSONALS.

It is announced that Mr. Dickens, of the North-west mounted police force, has resigned his inspectorship.

Lt.-Col. Ross, G.G.F.G., goes to England this week, on a Government mission connected with the Canadian section of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition. He has been granted six months' leave of absence from the command of his regiment.

The third military district is congratulating itself on the fact, recently announced, that Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G., who is deservedly popular with the militia there, is not to be removed on the completion of his five year's service, but will remain for another term before changing districts. There appears to be no foundation for the rumor that he is to accompany the flying column.

Mr. S. M. Rogers, just gazetted to a lieutenancy in the 43rd Rifles, was west last year attached to the Sharpshooters as a staff-sergeant, and was a great favorite with the company. He is also a good rifle shot. It will be noticed that three of the sharpshooters, Messrs. Humfrey, Winter and Rogers have, since their return from the field, been given commissions in their respective corps.

We were pleased to have a call from Capt. Harkom, of the 54th Battalion, to-day. He reports everything quiet in the townships, and thinks his regiment will make as good a show as usual at their annual camp, and that they have uniforms, equipment, etc., in first-class order. We are sorry to hear that want of time has compelled Capt. Harkom to practically give up rifle shooting.