

Matthew H. Richey, Esq., Mayor of the City of Halifax, kindly consented to make the City Prize a Provincial one, and to restrict the competition to Wimbledon targets, thereby enabling comparisons to be made with the scores obtained, in other portions of the Empire. These comparisons have been made and show our riflemen to have attained amongst their brethren in arms a very high and creditable position.

The number of members paying the full entrance fee is one hundred and three less than in 1866. This deficiency is partly attributable to the admission of members of County Associations under Rule 15.

The receipts from other sources was larger than in the previous year, and warranted a distribution in prizes exclusive of Cups and Medals, to the value of \$1800 or nearly six hundred dollars more than in 1866. Owing to the very unsatisfactory condition of the range when given over by the Imperial authorities, and to the destruction of bridges and other works, caused by the very unusual rain fall, the ordinary expenditure was considerably increased. The Association, however, is at present free from debt, and the audited accounts of the Treasurer—an abstract of which is hereto annexed—show a balance in the Prov. "Savings Bank," in favor of the Association of \$636.85.

Your Council regret to have to record the death, since the last annual meeting, of one whose highly cultivated artistic taste and earnest desire to promote the prosperity of the Association, particularly fitted him to be as he was in fact one of its most useful and prominent members; his lively interest was manifested in the presentation of the most valuable prize yet offered to this Association. Your Council refer to the donor of the Cogswell Challenge Cup, the late Major James C. Cogswell, a name that will for a long period be gratefully remembered by the Riflemen of Nova Scotia.

Your Council record with much pleasure the promptness with which his Excellency Sir W. F. Williams preferred the claims of this Association to the attention of His Excellency