

## APPENDIX.

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THE Annual Match of the Provincial Rifle Association was held at Bedford during the last week in August, on the property purchased in 1865 by the Provincial Government for a Rifle Range. It is admirably situated for that purpose, as well in the peculiar formation of the land as in the location, being only nine miles by rail from Halifax and within ten minutes walk by a good road from Bedford railway station, where the up and down trains stop. Near to this station also is a wharf, where steamers plying up the harbour and basin land passengers.

The range is entered near the south-east corner, from the highway, by which it is bounded on the east. It comprises a level piece of land about 1500 yards in length by 250 in breadth. On three sides are ridges of high land, covered with forest trees; one of these ridges in rear of the targets, forms a natural butt; near to the north-western angle of the range the Sackville river crosses and runs to the base of the western hill—the targets are erected here at about 100 yards north of the river—when near the base of the hill the river turns southward, and after describing a circuitous course flows out at the southern extremity of the range and shortly afterwards discharges itself into Bedford basin.

On a spur of the eastern hill near to the entrance, and which commands a fine view of the whole range, the Council and other principal tents were pitched, the rest of the camp was laid out in regular lines on the low land at the foot of this hill. As the property when purchased was irregularly covered with brush and other obstructions, and no more money expended than absolutely necessary to allow the firing to be conducted, much remains yet to be done to put it in good order. As, however, the Imperial troops have occupied it this year during their annual practice and have erected a bridge and several buildings thereon, it is probable that another year will find it much improved.

The week preceding the match was almost continuously rainy, and the river consequently, swollen to such a degree,