

Two new series of aggregates, both useful, were added this year, one for teams and one for young shots.

The circular issued before the matches showed that we offered 239 cash prizes, value \$2,654, besides cups, badges, medals and prizes in kind.

The attendance has still further improved to a total of 1,682 entries, a most satisfactory feature; this is an increase of 10 per cent. over last year and 20 per cent. in advance of the previous year. The larger number of prizes partly accounts for this.

The shooting has not deteriorated, as we find the high scoring of last year again improved upon.

This year the order of the various matches was somewhat changed so as to confine the shooting to four days; the system of timing was so accurately arranged that notwithstanding the difficulty of unfavourable weather and the pressure of increased entries, the matches were concluded within the time allotted.

We again opened two of the competitions to the Martini Henry rifle, one at 800 yards for that weapon only, and one at 500 yards for either Snider or Martini. The latter especially was a very popular match and induced a large entry, and it is interesting to note that the Snider held its own with the more modern weapon; this, however, was owing, in a very large measure, to competitors not being habituated to the use of the Martini.

#### IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED.

The experience of the past season points to the following conclusions:—

1. That the policy of offering numerous prizes should be continued.
2. That better prizes in kind be provided for the "Extra Series," also more target accommodation, so that competitors need not wait so long for their turn to shoot.
3. That military shooting at moving targets be further encouraged, also the match for cavalry and other mounted services.
4. That the timing system and "entering beforehand" be still more encouraged.