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## NOTE AND COMMENT.

THE annual prize meeting of the National Rifle Association, at Bisley, will open on Monday, 13th July, and will last the usual two weeks. The camp will be ready for occupation the preceding Saturday.

ANOTHER refusal of a place on the Bisley team has come in this week, being from Sergt. J. A. Waters, 6th Fusiliers. This makes the third, the other two being Staff-Sergt. C. N. Mitchell, 90th, and Pte J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd Battalion. All the first twenty have not yet been heard from, the time for receiving replies extending to the 25th inst.

TO PLACE the matter beyond doubt, we are requested to state that in this season's matches of the Canadian Military Rifle League competitors will not be obliged to shoot with

the same team on every occasion. Thus a man may shoot in the first match with say the second team of his corps, in the second match with the first or the third team, and in the third match with a civilian or any other team with which he can properly be connected. No man's score, however, can be counted with more than one team in any one match. In connection with the telegraphing, a further concession has been secured from the C. P. R. Co., this being a rate of 25 cts. per match for each team after the first and second from any one corps—that is, a corps entering say four teams would pay 50 cts. each for the first two, and 25 cts. each for the other two, for each match. We invite attention to the advertisement respecting entry fees, appearing in this issue.

THE programme of the recently formed North West Rifle League has been issued, and we have to thank the Secretary, Mr. K. Graburn, for a copy. The shoots are arranged to suit those of the senior League, but are to be more numerous—nine instead of five, the causes for shortening the programme in Old Canada not being existent in the North-West. The dates and ranges will be these: May 16, 200, 400 and 500 yards; May 30, June 13 and June 27, 200, 500 and 600 yards; July 11, 200, 400 and 500 yards; July 25, 200, 500 and 600 yards; August 8, 200, 400 and 600 yards; August 22, 200, 400 and 500 yards; September 19, 200, 500 and 600 yards. One sighting shot is to be allowed at each range. Two special prizes of \$10 and \$5 will be given to the teams making the first and second highest aggregates and not being winners of the League prizes.

It is announced that the Camp for No. 1 Military District is to be held at St. Thomas this year, which will be a disappointment to Windsor, where preparations were months ago set on foot to secure the comfort of the expected volunteers. But Windsor, or its County, went wrong politically at the general election, and St. Thomas has been favoured instead. Those who are accustomed to make protest against mixing politics with militia matters—as if the two could possibly be kept separate—will probably find in this change of site a new grievance, but inasmuch as Windsor's claim rested mainly on political influence, no fault can consistently be found if contrary influence of the same nature has now prevailed in favour of St. Thomas. The main question is, will the chosen site be as good as the intended one. Doubtless the Department thoroughly considered that point before coming to a decision.