

The undersigned beg to remark that none of these claims have been submitted for examination or approval of the Council; that some of them are made without stating in detail their nature or extent, to enable the Council to judge of their validity. The claim of Messrs. Miles, Evans & Co'y do not even state the character of damage done.

The undersigned have to state also, that the Local Committee had no authority conferred upon them to settle any of these claims, and that the payment of \$199 00 by the Local Committee, on account of these claims, was made on their own responsibility. The undersigned would further state, that the payment of such claims, without previous examination as to their character, will establish a bad precedent, as no claims of a similar nature have been made at places where Annual Matches have been held.

That the contribution towards defraying local expenses at Fredericton fell very much short of the amount the Council had a reason to expect to be subscribed for that purpose, being only \$180 00, and places it out of the power of the Council to pay these claims. The undersigned would however recommend to the Council that the amount already paid by the Local Committee be considered as a payment in full of all claims for land damages. This recommendation is made under a belief that no serious damage was suffered by any of the claimants, and that the amount already paid is quite sufficient for any injury that may have been sustained.

The undersigned desire to add that the account rendered for transportation of camp equipment and targets between St. John and Fredericton appears to be excessive, amounting to \$150 40 and recommend that a deduction of 15 per cent. be made from the account; also that the amount for carting the same articles from and to the Railway Station, a distance estimated of say $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, at the rate of \$2 per load, is also excessive, and that it be reduced to \$1 50 per load; also that the charges for men on fatigue duty should be reduced from \$2 50 and \$2 00 per diem to \$1 50 per diem.