

the notice of intending emigrants, as a field for their labors, may be confidently expected.

The gallant bearing and loyal character of our representatives was an earnest of the unchanging devotion and loyalty of our countrymen to the Mother land, and cannot fail to awaken a reciprocal feeling in the hearts of those, whom we long to assure of our sympathies and affections. These and other benefits growing from a freer and more intimate intercourse, we hope to reap, from the visit of our representatives to Wimbledon.

The Council beg reference to the accompanying full report from Lieut.-Colonel Skinner, Captain of the Ontario Wimbledon Team.

Owing doubtless to the tax which the contributions towards the Wimbledon fund has laid upon Corporations and individuals, your Association is not able this year to report an increase in the generous contributions towards the Association. They have to record the munificent grants of the Dominion and Provincial Legislatures, the Gifts of his Excellency the Governor-General, and of the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, and the donations of the Canada Company and T. C. Street, Esq. Besides these a liberal subscription by the ladies of Ontario has enabled your Association to purchase a handsome silver challenge cup, which they offer as the first prize in the Affiliated Association Match. They have again to record as evidences of the interest taken in the Association by residents of the Mother Country, the receipt of a silver cup from Messrs. Elkington & Co., the world renowned silversmiths; of a match rifle from George Gibb, Esq., the patentee and manufacturer of the Metford rifle, and a match rifle from Messrs. Reilly & Co., the well known Gun Manufacturers, of Oxford Street, London. To these gentlemen the thanks of the Association are especially due, not only for the value of the gifts so generously made, but for the evidence of their desire to recognize Canadian institutions and progress.

Your Council congratulate your Association that they are again able to report a balance to the credit of the Association, notwithstanding the decrease in receipts caused by the Wimbledon contributions, and the small attendance at the Prize meeting. They trust that the coming year will enable them to record, once more the municipal grants of former years, and that the annual subscriptions will be larger than at present. They regret to say, that notwithstanding the appeal made in the Report of the Association, and through the newspapers, last year, the number of annual members continues to be very small. They hope another year will cure this indifference, and that the support of the people of Ontario will not be wanting to secure the permanency and efficiency of your Association.

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