

was again changed, and hereafter it will be held at Ottawa during the Annual Matches of the Dominion Association.

It is still to be regretted that no progress has been made in procuring permanent Ranges for the Association; the longer it is delayed the more difficult will the task be, as the city is extending its limits in all directions, and property in consequence becoming more valuable. The ranges, as they are, are found to be too small, both for ordinary practice, and for the Annual Matches, and your Executive Committee considered it in the interest of the Association to build a new butt, which was done, and four canvass targets added. During the season, and at the Annual matches, the increased accommodation was much appreciated, giving, as it did, the opportunity of carrying on a pool target and an extra series match during the whole time of the meeting without interfering with the ordinary matches.

The Association now own seven sets of second and third-class canvass targets, and two first-class, besides which, there are six of the old-fashioned iron targets, belonging to the Militia Department.

In view of the greater use now made of the Martini-Henry Rifle at the N. R. A. Matches, at Wimbledon, it may be well to consider if it would not be advisable to increase the number of First-class targets so as to admit of more practice with that arm, to enable our shots when they go to Wimbledon to compete on more equal terms with their old-country competitors. The Queen's Prize and other very important matches at Wimbledon are now fired exclusively with the Martini-Henry, with which our marksmen, as a rule, are but slightly acquainted. For last year's matches twenty of these Rifles were loaned to the Association by the Militia Department, and competition to a small extent was carried on with them, but it now becomes a question whether the Association should not take means to make this rifle better known among marksmen, either by giving them as prizes or by asking for the loan of a larger number for a longer period from the Department.