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REPORT OF COUNCIL

OF THE

ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION,

1871.

The past year has been an eventful one in the annals of this Association. Since presenting the last annual Report, Ontario has been represented at the meeting of the National Rifle Association, at Wimbledon, and not only achieved success by the efforts of her representatives, but enjoyed the prestige, of being the first of Britain's Colonies, to send her Riflemen to compete with the veteran shots who have gained for the Mother Land, the reputation of being first in the skilled science of marksmanship.

That her Riflemen by their prestige may secure peace and protect her liberties, is the earnest desire of Her Majesty's loyal and devoted Canadian Subjects; and it is with such objects and aspirations that your Council seek to advance and develop the growth of our own youthful national organization—relying on that peace which is secured by a knowledge of, and respect for, our strength “for Defence, not Defiance.

Your Council congratulate your Association on the generous recognition by the people of Ontario of the objects which led to the representation of the Association at Wimbledon. That such a representation has proved of undoubted and lasting benefit to the Province, in other ways than the stimulation of generous rivalry in the art of shooting, is abundantly proved by the interest that their visit has excited in Great Britain. That the familiar intercourse thus commenced will lead to permanent and beneficial results in strengthening our connection with the Mother land, and leading her people to think of us as trans-atlantic brethren and fellow subjects, rather than as Colonial dependants, is a consummation that may be reasonably looked for, and that the visit will go far to dispel the ignorance that obtains regarding the character and resources of the country, and tend to bring it to