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COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

On behalf of the Council of the Provincial Rifle Association it is now my duty to present a report of the proceedings of the past year.

The usual grant of \$1300 was received from the Dominion Government, and was devoted to the Prize List of the Annual Competition and the expenses connected therewith. The Provincial Government has again kindly granted \$300, to enable this Association to send a representative Team to Ottawa to compete for places on the Wimbledon Team.

The Annual Competition took place at the Sussex range, commencing on Tuesday, August 23rd, and lasting till Friday afternoon. The sum of \$1099 was devoted to the Prize List, beside the several Cups and Medals which are the property of the Association, and also a number of valuable prizes given by individuals. The competition was, we feel justified in saying, satisfactory to the competitors and to the Council of the Association. The attendance was larger than it had been for many years past. There were over thirty competitors on the ground who had never before attended a Provincial competition, and many of these men were highly successful and are likely to take a front rank in rifle shooting.

The Council are of opinion that the changes suggested at the last Annual meeting, and adopted at this competition, have had much to do with the increased attendance, and hope that, by keeping down the cost of attendance to the lowest possible amount, the number of competitors will be still further increased.

The Council would again draw attention to the benefit which has resulted to the St. John County Association from the system of monthly matches which it has adopted, and it would strongly urge upon other County Associations to adopt the same practice.