

The item of \$177.96 embraces certain disputed claims in the Province of New Brunswick of the nature of transport and land damages, on account of the Annual Competition at Fredericton in 1870, to which reference was made in the Annual Report of that year.

It was deemed expedient to settle these claims, in view of the representations made in behalf of the claimants by the Local Executive Committee at Fredericton, and to avoid litigation.

The Government again aided the Dominion and Provincial Associations with liberal grants, as shewn below :

The Dominion Rifle Association,	- - -	\$5,000 00
" Ontario Provincial do.	- - -	1,800 00
" Quebec do. do.	- - -	1,700 00
" Nova Scotia do. do.	- - -	1,500 00
" New Brunswick do.	- - -	1,000 00

and the usual grants in aid of County and other Rifle Associations for the year ending 30th June, 1872, were made through the Department of Militia and Defence.

The receipts from Subscribers and Affiliated Associations have been much less than previous years,—the number of Annual Subscribers of \$2 during the year being 24, and Affiliated Associations 7. The diminution in the receipts from this source, and the absence of the usual special donations in money and prizes, may perhaps be attributed to the circumstance that no prize competition took place under the auspices of the Dominion Rifle Association during the year,—the operations of the Association being confined chiefly to the sending of the twenty marksmen to Wimbledon.

In view of the prospect of a Prize Meeting being held at Ottawa during the ensuing summer, it may be expected that the list of subscribers and Affiliated Associations will be considerably increased, and that liberal donations will be made to the funds of the Association.

An inventory of plant in store at Laprairie, Toronto,