

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Council of the New Brunswick Provincial Rifle Association have to present to the members the report of the proceedings of this the sixteenth year of the Association's existence and have reason to anticipate that it will, on the whole, be considered satisfactory. The attendance at the annual matches was somewhat greater, the shooting was in keeping with the favorable weather and the finances still shew a balance in favour of the Association. The balance is indeed slightly deminished, but the decrease is the result mainly of the action recently taken in the matter of entrance fees and not, to any extent, that of an increased expenditure. After a second years experience the Council is still able to feel that the reduced cost of competing has produced the improved attendance at the matches and would not recommend that this cost be raised any further than the needs of the Association may demand. In this view they are sustained by the opinion of the general meeting of competitors at Sussex which was favourable to this feature of the Prize List as also to the present arrangement of the money prizes.

The immediate management of Associations affairs was this year in the hands of an Executive Committee of the Council, elected as required by the fourteenth section of the Constitution. To it was intrusted the framing of the Prize List, the arranging for the matches, and their subsequent conduct. It is, perhaps, too soon to form any decided opinion as to the advantage of the change, but still it has been so far shewn that a partial control can well be placed with a few members, especially as the Council have it in their power to limit that control by any instructions they may choose to give and the presence of the elected members on this Executive tends to release the officers of the Association from the performance of duties not properly belonging to their positions.