

WIMBLEDON TEAM, 1873.

REPORT OF LIEUT.-COLONEL LESTER PETERS, OFFICER COMMANDING THE CANADIAN TEAM AT WIMBLE- DON, 1873.

TO LIEUT.-COLONEL GZOWSKI:

President of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

SIR,—I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Canadian Team selected to represent the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association at the annual competition of the National Rifle Association held at Wimbledon, England, in the month of July, A.D., 1873.

On Friday, the 20th of June, I was joined at Quebec by Major Otter, of the "Queen's Own Rifles," Toronto, the officer appointed as second in command; and at noon on the same day the men who had been chosen to constitute the team reported themselves at the Brigade Office, Quebec, and duly signed the agreement and regulations prepared for their government.

His Excellency the Governor General of Canada having intimated his intention of visiting the team at the steamship "Prussian" before the time of sailing, I ordered the detachment to parade on board in uniform at 9 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, the 21st of June. His Excellency expressed the warmest interest in the team, enquired the names of the members and the localities of the Dominion represented, and addressing the men with words of encouragement and advice was pleased to express his confidence that they would do credit to themselves and to the Dominion Rifle Association; and said that Her Excellency the Countess of Dufferin would present a gold medal to that member of the team who at the close of the competitions should be found to have made the highest aggregate score during the meeting at Wimbledon. This medal was won by Assistant Surgeon Vail, 74th Canada, of New Brunswick, with a score of 285 marks, in competitions entered into by the whole team at Wimbledon.

Captain Tilton, one of the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association, met us at Quebec, and to his considerate arrangements we were greatly indebted for our comfort and accommodation on the passage.

We sailed from Quebec on the 21st of June, and enjoyed a favorable and speedy voyage, arriving at Liverpool on the morning of Tuesday, the first of July. During the passage we received the greatest kindness and attention from Captain Dutton and the other officers of the steamship "Prussian."