

REPORT OF LT.-COLONEL MACKINLAY.

WIMBLEDON TEAM OF 1875.

SIR,—

Having been appointed by Lt.-Colonel Gzowski, President of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, to the command of the Canadian Team to Wimbledon, I, in accordance with his instructions, proceeded to Quebec, and on the 18th of June was joined by Major Cotton, the second officer in command.

The Team, twenty in number, reported to me on the same day and signed the rules and regulations issued for their guidance.

On the 19th day of June I embarked with my command on board the steamship "Nova Scotian," and after a very pleasant passage landed in Liverpool on the 30th day of the same month. Immediately on my arrival I proceeded to Altcar, the range having been placed at my disposal by the officer in charge, and put the Team into practice.

Having handed over the command of the Team to Major Cotton, I proceeded to London and waited upon Capt. St. John Mildmay, the Secretary to the National Rifle Association, who kindly afforded me every facility for entering the Team without the extra payment for post entries. I append a list of the entries made, which will be found to be larger than usual, but I deemed it advisable to give the members of the Team every opportunity for carrying away as many prizes as possible. This action I trust will meet with the approval of the Association. On my return to Altcar, I found the Team busily engaged at their practice, a return of which will be found appended. Whilst at Altcar, matches were arranged with the 1st Lancashire, 5th Lancashire, and 1st Cheshire, the Team losing the two first and winning the last.

On Saturday the 10th of July, we returned to Liverpool, and from thence proceeded direct to Putney, arriving in Wimbledon camp at 7 p. m. On our arrival I found the camp, (through the kindness of Lt.-Col. Gzowski,) in order; and in a very short time the men were comfortably quartered under canvas.

On Monday the 12th July, the 1875 Wimbledon meeting opened.

During our stay in camp we had a succession of very wet weather,