

On receipt of the intelligence in July 1871, that a team of Volunteers was coming over from Canada to shoot at the Annual Meeting at Wimbledon, it was determined to avail ourselves of the opportunity to present a cup to the Volunteers of Canada generally.

As the time was short, the number of merchants joining was necessarily limited, and as there was nothing ready made which was suitable, it was resolved to present the Cup in *form* to the Canadians then in this Country, and to send it out when executed to the Dominion Rifle Association.

This formal presentation was made, but the manufacturer taking longer than was expected, it was finally thought best to keep the Cup until the visit of the team this year, and then to place it in your hands, as their commanding Officer, to be shot for by the representatives of the different Provinces, and afterwards consigned to the custody of the Dominion Rifle Association.

It is the wish of the merchants who have subscribed, that the rules under which the Cup is to be shot for in future be made by the Dominion Association as may seem best to them, with the sole stipulation that the Cup be a Challenge Cup under the name of the "London Merchant's Cup," and that it be shot for by more than single individuals.

I may add that it is hoped that the kindly feeling and good fellowship at present existing between the Dominion and the Mother Country may increase and flourish, and that this Cup may express the gladness with which we welcome our countrymen from Canada to these shores.

I am, dear Sir, on behalf of the London Merchants,

Yours very sincerely,

SAMUEL HOPE MORLEY.

London, 1872.

The conditions for the competition of this Cup to be as follows :

That it be competed for this year by Provinces at Ottawa. Number of competitors, five per Province. That a money prize be given to the three highest aggregate scores. The Cup to be held by the Presidents of the Provincial Rifle Associations for the year, and then returned to the President of the Dominion Rifle Association.

That a copy of the conditions for the above competition be furnished by the Secretary to Samuel Hope Morley, Esq., London.

The Council approve of the suggestion that the Senate and the House of Commons contribute towards a prize, to be designated, "The Dominion of Canada Senate and House of Commons Prize," to be competed for at the next prize meeting of the Association to be held at Ottawa, and that the Local Executive Committee be instructed to institute a Senate and Common Prize for that meeting.

That the Committee appointed at yesterday's meeting having reported upon the Rules for the selection of the Wimbledon Team, and their Report having been approved by this Council, the said Committee