

A telephone line from 800 and 900 yards firing points to the first class butt was strung at the expense of the Association, making the telephone service on the Ranges most complete.

A house for the Caretaker of the Ranges, and Armoury for the competitors is still wanting, but we trust the incoming Council will make a strong effort to induce the Department to build one this coming year.

#### PRIZE MEETING.

In accordance with the suggestions in last year's report the programme was again drawn up for a meeting to last four days, with a time-table to accommodate 180 competitors. The value and number of the prizes were on the same lines as last year.

A Long Range Match was added to the programme, 7 shots each at 800 and 900 yards, open only to the Twelve first aggregates in Matches Nos. 5, 7, and 8.

There was a slight increase in the Entries over last year, the total being 1756 Entries, as against 1636 last year, and 2021 for 1890. The Team Entries were 43 against 28 last year, and 47 in 1890.

The largest number of Entries in any one regular Match was 149 in the Frontier, as against 129 last year and 174 in 1890.

The largest number of entries in Extra Series, was in the 600 yards 474 entries. The time for Extra Series Shooting was much increased, though on the other hand the incessant rain during the Matches was a great drawback, and prevented a large number of competitors from shooting a much larger number of Extra Series Tickets than they otherwise would have done.

The heavy expenses attendant on the carrying out of the programme, as at present drawn out, has engaged the serious attention of the Executive Committee and your Council, and in view of the fact that the average number of competitors which can be expected to attend the Matches is about 150, the question arises, should not an attempt be made to reduce the programme so that it can be carried out in three days, and at a much less expense than at present.

The new Council should take this matter up early in the season, and give it their earnest consideration.

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