

10. Major Aylmer's Report shows that the presentation of the Canadian Trophy to the National Rifle Association excited much interest among all classes who support the great annual gathering at Wimbledon. The correspondence between the two Associations, which with the letter from the President, Lt.-Col. Gzowski, in reference to the presentation, will be found in the Appendix, shows that the Trophy is highly appreciated by its recipients.

11. In the absence of definite knowledge what the intentions of the Government are as to the amount to be granted in aid of the Association in 1878, the Council can offer but few suggestions as to the future.

12 — Attention may be directed to the International Rifle Competition at Creedmore last autumn, and to the rapid spread of a taste for rifle shooting in the United States.

13. The signal defeat of the British team has everywhere, among riflemen, excited much comment, and many theories have been advanced to account for the rapidity with which our neighbours acquired the ability to ensure such unvarying success. This success and the discussions that have arisen thereon present valuable lessons for us, and it is to be hoped that Canadian riflemen will profit by them.

14. Although the international competitions were carried on with non-military arms, and in utter disregard of all conditions that must prevail in matches with military weapons, the prevailing opinion appears to be that the success of the winners was due neither to the individual superiority of the competitors nor to the weapons they used, but rather to superior organization, whereby the individual capacity of members of the team was combined and utilized in the most perfect manner. It is worthy of most careful consideration whether the shooting qualities of future Canadian teams, whether Dominion or Provincial, may not be improved and more fully developed than they have heretofore been, by selecting and working them under a more perfectly organized system.

15. To this end the Council has carefully considered the question of selecting marksmen to compose the Wimbledon