

hoped that the other large Cities, and Municipalities of the Dominion in general, will proportionately follow this munificent example, and constitute a reserve fund for the Association, which will enable the Council to extend its scheme of operations.

Past experience leads the Council to recommend that in future, that the Annual Prize Meeting should be held at least one month earlier than on the last occasion—that the money appropriated for competition should be divided into smaller and therefore more numerous prizes ;—and especially urge that a larger proportion of money should be devoted to the encouragement of marksmen using the National Military Weapon, as a general proficiency in the use of this arm among the population of the Dominion may be considered one of the main bulwarks of its defence.

The Council would strongly recommend that Affiliating Societies should, when feasible, hold at least one of their meetings in each year, previously to the Dominion meeting, in order to ensure a fair representation of the best marksmen of the year as competitors in Provincial and District Matches.

The Council, whilst thankfully acknowledging the aid which has been afforded by the Government of the Dominion to the Association through the exertion of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, would respectfully urge its claims to continued support on the liberality of the Administration.

During the past year the departure from the Dominion of His Excellency LORD MONCK deprived the Association of his distinguished patronage ; but the Council is justified in being able to inform the members that His Excellency SIR JOHN YOUNG, K.C.B., has been pleased to signify his high approval of the object of the Association, to accept of the position as Patron, and to promise his support.