

I enquired for the articles belonging to the Dominion Rifle Association, as per list on page 41^c. of last year's report, and could not find them (see replies) except a few worn out flags which were in possession of Messrs. Atkinson & Co. I was compelled to purchase a new flag lettered "Canada," and two small flags for the team marquee. I would suggest that certain articles such as are hired annually, should be purchased by the Association, and that permission be obtained from the National Rifle Association to have them, with the flags and other property of the Dominion Rifle Association deposited in their stores at Wimbledon.

I would also suggest that for the future neither of the officers in command of the Team should be allowed to shoot in any of the matches at Wimbledon.

I enclose herewith the various statements of receipts and expenditure connected with the duties entrusted to me, and which I trust will be found satisfactory; the additional expenditure referred to, for tent floors, flags, &c., as well as for the entrance fees for the 2nd officer, have swelled the amount above what I would have wished, but these in a measure were beyond my control.

I have to express our thanks to Earl Stanhope, Chairman, Capt. Mildmay, Secretary, and to all the other officers of the National Rifle Association, as well as to Colonel Phillips and the Camp Officers, for the great courtesy and consideration shown to the Canadians.

In conclusion I would desire to express my regret at having been deprived of the President's presence in Camp, and of his valuable aid and experience in the various Camp details, as well as in the more pleasing duties of hospitality. I am satisfied that the annual representation of the active Militia of Canada on Wimbledon Common, is of more importance to Canada than is generally supposed. The object to be gained is not alone the winning of a few prizes; but a fair assertion annually made there of Canada's position in the British Empire among such an influential and representative body of Englishmen, must attract to Canada an attention which could not otherwise be drawn to it; and I am sure all Canadians who have visited Wimbledon must feel deeply grateful to our President, Lieut. Col. Gzowski, for the efforts he has continually made in securing this representation, and for the prominence he has given to Canada's position there.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR T. H. WILLIAMS, Lt.-Col.,

Commanding Wimbledon Team of 1880.

To

LT.-COLONEL STUART,

Secretary,

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association,
Ottawa.