

To the Presidents and Directors of the various banks the Association is greatly indebted for their continued support; also to the Canada Club of London, who, through their Secretary, Malcolm O. Sim, Esq., again presented a handsome silver cup to be competed for by the Bisley team; and to Mr. J. H. Steward, London, England, for a very handsome Graphoscope in Amboyna wood, which was made the first prize in the Snider Aggregate Match.

The total entries at the annual competition amounted to 9,107 last year, as compared with 9,413 in 1889. This reduction is more than accounted for by the absence of teams from Her Majesty's regular forces, army and navy, and it is hoped that, at the coming season's matches, they may again be represented.

The Council submit the Treasurer's statement of the finances of the Association, which have been duly audited:—The receipts for the year amounted to \$18,669.67, which, with the balance of \$2,292.34 brought forward from last year, exhibits a total of \$20,962.01 to the credit of the Association. The expenditure amounted to \$19,875.69, showing a balance of \$1,086.32 in favour of the Association at the end of the year. As will be seen by the detailed accounts under the head of ranges, a considerable expenditure was necessarily incurred for additional target accommodation, repairs and renewals, including drainage,—filling up gully at the 600 yard range, and work of a permanent character, towards which the Militia Department contributed a proportion of the cost, which was considered as properly chargeable to that department.

Affiliation fees from Rifle Associations, including \$69, value of 23 bronze medals issued, amounted to \$869, as against \$879 received in 1889. The number of affiliating Rifle Associations this year were 8 provincial and 50 local and other associations, showing a decrease of 1 provincial and an increase of 1 local Rifle Association, as compared with 1889.

The annual subscriptions for the year amounted to \$286, as against \$322 in 1889. The Council express the hope that members of the association will interest themselves, as far as possible, by inducing others to become members. The associate members' fees for the Annual Matches this year amounted to \$347, as against \$351 received in 1889. The receipts from special donations amounted to \$700, the same as last year. The special donations from banks amounted to \$825, an increase of \$25, as compared with 1889. The net receipts from entry fees, including post entries and fines, exclusive of the charge for ammunition, amounted to \$4,323.03, as against \$4,384.92 in 1889, a decrease of \$61.89. Receipts from the sale of ammunition this year amounted to \$1,226.60, as against \$1,161.90 in 1889, an increase of \$64.70. Cash prizes and badges amounted to \$7,519.30 this year, as against \$7,423.30 an increase of \$96.00 as compared with last year. The expenditure for the Bisley team this year amounted to \$5,811.27, as against \$5,753.73 in 1889, an increase of \$57.54. A statement of the expenditure made by Lt.-Col. Prior, M.P., commanding the Bisley team for 1890 is herewith submitted and will be found in the appendix. GEO. A. KIRKPATRICK, Lt.-Col., President,
Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

REPORT OF LT.-COL. E. G. PRIOR, A.D.C., M.P., COMMANDING
BISLEY TEAM, 1890.

Victoria, B.C., October 30th, 1890.

Lt.-Col. Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, M.P., President Dominion of Canada Rifle Association:

Sir,—Having had the honour of being appointed commandant of the Bisley team for the year 1890, I now beg to hand you this my report of our proceedings.

The team, with three exceptions, embarked at Montreal on the evening of Tuesday, the 24th of June, 1890, on board the s.s. "Parisian."

A large number of our brother militiamen assembled to wish us *bon voyage*, and the officers of the Victoria Rifles very kindly allowed their band to serenade us.

I am sorry to say that a great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed by members of our team on finding that the same class of berths had not been allotted to every one. Four of them had to sleep down below the saloon in one cabin, although they knew that first-class passages had been purchased for all the team. This, I consider, is most unfair and not at all what members of the team have a right to expect. The consequence was that those who had such poor accommodation were ill the greater part of the voyage and thus were badly prepared on landing in England to uphold the honour of Canada. I sincerely trust that in future each member of the team will have an equally comfortable cabin, and this can be assured if the different steamship companies are brought into competition for the passages of the team. The berths might be secured months before the date of sailing, and thus all excuses as to there being an insufficient number of good berths left, be avoided.

At Quebec, the Hon. Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, honoured us with a visit on board ship, and spoke a few words of encouragement to us all: Col. Montizambert and officers of "B" Battery also saw us off and their band enlivened the leave-taking. At Rimouski two of the team joined the ship, so that, with the exception of Capt. Silver (who had leave to proceed to England previous to our sailing), we were all on board. Owing to four days of fog and the presence of icebergs we were detained a good deal and took twelve days crossing the Atlantic.

We arrived at Liverpool on Monday morning, the 7th of July. After clearing our baggage at the Customs, I sent the team under the command of the Adjutant at Cambridge, whilst I went up to London to make the necessary entries for the matches at Bisley and to look after several important matters connected with the team.

I found the offices of the N. R. A. in Pall Mall closed and had to go to Bisley to make entries. I there found Mr. A. P. Humphrey, the Secretary of the N. R. A. and made the entries; but he impressed upon me the advisability of making them earlier, as by being delayed to so late a date they were open to be charged as post entries.

I believe I am right in saying that it is the opinion of many experienced shots that there would be an advantage in being entered earlier, as there would be more chance of obtaining better hours of the day to fire in than when entering, as we now do, after all other entries are made. I would suggest that the Secretary of the D. R. A. correspond with the Secretary of the N. R. A., with the object of arriving at some agreement in regard to entering the team earlier. As the *personnel* of the team is not known until they assemble at Montreal, ready to embark, the entries might be made long before by numbers or letters, and these changed for the names on arrival of the team in England; or, as an alternative, half the team might be squadded for one time through the meeting, and the other half for a different time, so that the whole team would not be likely to shoot under any disadvantages, such as a bad storm, &c.

The team arrived at Cambridge University Ranges at five o'clock on Monday evening, and found their tents pitched on the range, and everything requisite to their comfort arranged through the courtesy of Col. Roberts, commanding the University Corps, and of Major Riddell, the Adjutant. Owing to the wet weather and excessive dampness of the locality the men suffered a good deal from colds. One man was completely crippled by rheumatism for a couple of days and unable to fire. To my mind it is very questionable whether being under canvas at Cambridge in such wet weather as we had is in the interest of practice and preparation for Bisley, but if maintained the tents most assuredly ought to be floored as a preventive against colds. It would cost the D. R. A. a very trifling sum to purchase these, and