

as in the preliminary practice of the Team selected in 1875, were kindly loaned by the Militia Department.

12. The Council, acting on the recommendation of the Association, at the last annual meeting amended the 7th Rule of the Regulations for the Annual Matches, in so far as to admit Rifles of bona fide Government pattern, and when not issued by Government, bearing the Government Viewer's mark; this modification allowed the use of *Steel barrelled Snider Rifles*. Many of these Rifles were ascertained to be in possession of members of the Association, and, in order to afford other members an opportunity for obtaining them at cost, the Council deemed it advisable to purchase from the London Armory Company, twenty-five steel barrels of that pattern, bearing the Imperial Government Viewer's stamp, for issue at cost price to members of the Association. A Statement under this head will be found annexed to the Treasurer's Report.

13. The marking at the Butts this year was carried out by non-commissioned officers and men, selected from the Governor General's Foot Guards, and Garrison Artillery, under charge of Captain Wetherley, assisted by Sergeant-Major Keating, of the former corps,

The duty was performed most effectively, and gave general satisfaction.

14. The thanks of the Association are due to Colonel Powell, Adjutant-General, and the officers commanding the G. G. Foot Guards and Artillery, for placing at the disposal of the Association, the services of markers from these corps, and to Captain Wetherley, who had charge of them.

Thanks are also due to the Executive Committee, under whose direction the matches were carried out; and to Lt.-Col. Jackson, D.A.G., as Executive Officer and commandant of camp, Major White, G. G. Foot Guards as chief Range officer, Lt.-Colonel Bacon as statistical officer, and Captain Grant, camp Quartermaster, for valuable assistance rendered by them, and also to Surgeon Malloch, of the G. G. Foot Guards, and Surgeon Bentley of the Artillery, for their attendance during the competition.