

OTTAWA TEAM REPORT.

ST. JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER 30th, 1890.

The President N. B. Rifle Association :

SIR, — The experience of our Ottawa Team at the recent D. R. A. Matches was not an eventful one, and there is but little upon which I can dwell in now submitting the return of the prizes gained.

It was expected that this year's team would be smaller in point of numbers than those we have sent of late years, because of the loss of the Provincial allowance. Such was the case ; but, happily, not to the extent that was generally feared. When we all reached Ottawa, we found that we required entries for 22.

Still, this is a decrease in numbers from preceding teams, and is a thing to be regretted, as it means so much less chance of our meeting with good success. That the withdrawal of the grant should not have had a more serious effect, doubtless shows that the Dominion Meeting now has a firm hold on the affections of our riflemen, and that no uncertainty as to forming a team is likely to again arise.

It is right that I should mention that Intercolonial passes to Quebec were available, and that the C. P. R. continued their special rate of last year ; two advantages of very great moment.

New Brunswick riflemen continue to be under no slight obligation to the Secretary, Col. Bacon, for the latitude he allows us in making our entries. Had we to send forward names and entrance fees beforehand, much difficulty and inconvenience would result, all of which is avoided by our being permitted to bespeak a number of entries, and receiving the tickets in blank when we reach Ottawa. The concession made in our favor must cause Col. Bacon additional trouble, but for some years past he has kindly incurred it for our sake.

The shooting began on Monday morning, Sept. 1st, and was concluded at mid-day on Friday. The intention was to have fin-