

rifle for our own matches, with the result that very few of our shots got in the proper practice with the Martini. The strength of our contingent fell to sixteen, and its members not being in form to compile the scores needful to high places in the prize lists did not come in for any honors. Five, indeed, got into the Governor General's hundred, but no eligible New Brunswicker is far enough up to stand in for the Bisley team. Such has never before been the case, and the failure will surely stir up resolution to become as capable with the Martini as hitherto with the Snider. The Council would also remind riflemen who turn their eyes to Ottawa, that the general use there of rifles of private manufacture renders it most desirable that they should go similarly well equipped. The extreme heat so often experienced at Ottawa, and the comparative roughness of the barrels and sights of the military rifles, go far to place the latter at a disadvantage with the more thoroughly tested private rifle.

The proceedings of the past year were printed in the usual pamphlet form. The printing of these reports and also all the printing for the matches was given out on tender, and it will be observed by the accounts that somewhat of a saving has thus been effected.

The accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer for the year are submitted herewith.

The Annual Meeting of last year referred to your Council the question of the disposition of the N. R. A. silver medal, with a strong recommendation that for the future it should yearly pass to the highest New Brunswicker actually proceeding to Bisley as a member of the team.

The matter has been fully considered and discussed. On reference to the charter of the National Rifle Association, it was found that one of its sections reads as follows: "The Irish, Indian and Colonial Associations, in connection with the National Rifle Association, shall be annually entitled to the silver medal of the National Rifle Association, to be competed for at the annual prize meetings of such Associations."

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