

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Council submit the following as their report for the year now ending:

As was the case last year, the conduct of the affairs of the Association has been wholly in the hands of the Executive Committee, as the necessity for special meetings of the Council did not arise.

Shortly after the last annual meeting, the special Committee appointed at that meeting visited and inspected the property of Mr. D. M. Fairweather, at Sussex, which had been recommended as a suitable site for a new Range. It was ascertained that a lease for a term of years could be secured on fairly reasonable conditions. In consequence of the very favourable report of this Committee, an estimate of the probable cost of constructing Butts and Firing Points was prepared, and sent to the Department of Militia, together with a strong application for a grant sufficient to cover this cost.

The application, it might be stated, received the favourable recommendation of the Deputy Adjutant-General, but was not so favourably regarded by the Major-General Commanding. Subsequently the President of the Association had private interviews on the subject with The Honourable The Ministers of Militia and Finance, but nothing definite has yet resulted.

The matter is still before the department, and it is deeply to be hoped, for the welfare of the Association, that further