

*Circular, issued by direction of Council.*

MONTREAL, 10th May, 1882.

SIR,

I am directed to call the attention of our members, and the local Rifle Associations generally, to some of the changes which take effect in our Matches, commencing on Tuesday, 8th August next; for example:

1. At 200 yards, the position will be *standing*.
2. In the Battalion Match, teams will be composed of *eight* members. As an assistance to local associations, it is decided that where one of these associations is composed principally of one regiment, *that regiment will be allowed to compete in the Battalion Match*, although the affiliation be in the name of the local association.
3. Wearing of uniform is made compulsory only in the Battalion and Skirmishing Matches.
4. The system of entering in advance will be continued this year.
5. Winners of the Provincial Badge will be allowed *free* entry in the Affiliated Association Match, at the first meeting they attend thereafter; five members will compose an Association Team as heretofore.
6. The Skirmishing Match is to be changed to correspond somewhat with the new system of the D. C. R. A.; the target is reduced in size, so as to represent a file of men, appearing behind a parapet, taking aim, firing and getting under cover. The targets therefore would be about 2 feet 9 inches high by four feet wide, and remain in view about 15 seconds; the teams to consist of five N. C. O. or privates.
7. The Provincial eight for the London Merchants' Cup, at Ottawa, is to be selected according to the best judgment of the Committee of Council, and not by aggregates as in recent years.

The detailed programmes will be issued as usual in July, with as much encouragement to young shots, in the way of more numerous prizes, if the funds will permit, and at least one special match.

The annual subscription is now due, and payable to the Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. John Martin, 457 St. Paul Street, Montreal—for members, two dollars; for associations, ten dollars.

The Report of the Proceedings of last year has been issued and distributed; additional copies can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

The Council are desirous of having all the local associations affiliated with their Provincial Association, and would ask you to see that your association is so represented.

E. W. MUDGE, MAJOR,

*Secretary Province of Quebec Rifle Association.*