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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It has been pretty well established that the present system of rifle competition among our Volunteer Militia is a congenial nursery for "pot-hunters," and is of little avail for making fair shots of the great mass of the rank and file. The *Broad Arrow* finds the same fault with the Wimbledon meetings which, it says, pamper a few hundreds out of the quarter of a million of citizen soldiers, who with that deduction shoot badly.

A country contemporary in a partizan article deduces from an incident which affords quite insufficient grounds the conclusion that the Provincial Government has the intention of forcing direct taxation on the people. Even were this the case the Government would deserve credit for the courage of opinions which we consider would be right in the abstract, though the wisdom of such a course may not be so apparent. Meantime it deserves the thanks of the public for having, in the opening address of the present session, congratulated the country upon "the large measure of prosperity that our Province has enjoyed during the past year," thereby driving a heavy nail into the coffin of pessimism.

We are desirous of referring as little as possible to the statements made in the House of Commons on the subject of General Middleton and Mr. Bremner's furs, until the matter is settled. It is, however, public property as far as it goes, and while we cannot conceive that an officer of high rank, who has moreover been almost the monopolist of honorable distinction and pecuniary gratification on the score of the Riel rebellion, should be found stooping to dishonorable or even questionable acts; we trust that the investigations of the Parliamentary Committee now appointed will be so searching that no manner of doubt may remain, and that any supposed stain on the honor of our forces may be either clean purged away or visited with condign punishment. Under any circumstances the investigation will impress upon the Militia a distinct conception of the sense of honor which Canada expects from those to whom she entrusts the defence of the property and liberty of her citizens.

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