

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Council have to present the following as their report for the year 1886, being the twentieth since the formation of the Association.

1. With a balance of \$169.00 remaining on hand the Association is financially in a satisfactory condition. For a full account of the finances the Council refer to the treasurer's statement duly audited and submitted herewith. Out of the balance on hand, however, are yet to be provided some twelve medals due the county associations.

It is a matter of regret that the list of members remains so small and active steps should, perhaps, be taken to secure the more general membership of militia officers. As the Association is in reality a branch and auxiliary of the active force in the province it is deserving of this slight support from all officers who would see the shooting efficiency of the Militia improve.

2. The amount of the annual prize list was reduced by about \$100.00 to partly offset the loss consequent upon the disallowance of sighting shots. The reduction was effected by striking out the competition previously known as the Battalion Match, and the Prince of Wales, so long shot at the shorter ranges, was made a Queen's Range match, and in connection with it were offered the usual prizes for Battalion Teams. With Captain Hazen's consent his challenge cup was also placed in the match as the first team prize; the Skirmishing Match being altogether struck out.

All four of the suggestions contained in the first paragraph of last year's report were, after consideration, carried out, and on the whole proved advantageous.

The Maiden Match brought out three teams of new comers, one each from the 8th Cavalry, 67th Battalion and St. John Rifles.

The matches commenced as usual on a Tuesday, the 17th of August, and though somewhat delayed on that day by rain were finished easily