

REPORT OF COUNCIL
OF THE
ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
1870.

In presenting the Report of your Association for 1870, your Council beg to congratulate the Association upon the growing interest that is evinced in its welfare,—not alone by the people of Ontario, but by institutions and residents of the Mother Country, whose interests and sympathies have led them to subscribe generously towards the organization of Canadian National Defence. They are deserving of the warmest thanks of the Association, and your Council have transmitted, through the President, to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the Trust and Loan Company, the Canada Company, and to the late Thomas Brassey, Esq., a fitting acknowledgment of their generous donations. They have also to record their thanks to the Legislature of Ontario for the grant of \$500 to the Association, for the year 1871. As a means of procuring a permanent memorial of the late Mr. Brassey's gift of £100 stg., your Council have procured a silver challenge cup to be offered as a prize in the Company Match, which will serve to record the generosity of the giver towards this Association.

Your Council hope that the donations from the Mother Country, and the recognition of the usefulness of the Association by the Legislature of the Province, will stimulate the institutions and people of Ontario, outside of the Volunteer organization, to aid the Association in the work it has so successfully commenced; by spontaneous aid to its funds, and by voluntary memberships and donations—without which it cannot carry on its operations with success, and without compelling its members to sue for support, as they have been hitherto obliged to do from year to year.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, in England, and the establishment of Brigade Camps at that time, the Annual