

travelling expenses of their representatives to and from the Capital. When there, let these representatives be taken charge of by the Officers of the Dominion Rifle Association, resident in the Capital and connected with the Militia Department, and in a match, under the auspices of the Association and the Department of Militia and Defence, select twenty competitors to be taken as representatives of the Dominion at the next Wimbledon Meeting. Such representatives, authorized by the Department of Militia and under the command of an officer appointed by the Department, to be sent to Wimbledon at the expense of the Dominion Rifle Association. To carry out this scheme no additional grant of money from the Government to that hitherto made to the Association would be required, while the advantages accruing from the annual representation of Canada at Wimbledon would far exceed those gained by an Annual Itinerant Prize Meeting, if such representation were under the combined auspices of the Dominion Association and of the Department of Militia and Defence.

The Ontario Rifle Association having taken the initiative in sending her marksmen to compete with those of the Mother Country, I can with some pride point to the example set by her.

The interest evoked by the appearance of the first Colonial Team at Wimbledon; the marked attention they received from all, including Members of the Royal Family; and the hearty and cordial welcome of the National Rifle Association, assure us that the visit was not lost, and that should it be followed up by the Dominion, that the interest and friendly feeling will be productive of material good to our country.

With this view I beg to submit the above scheme for your consideration, and I venture to hope that your approval will enable the Provincial Associations at once to take such steps as to secure a proper representation at the next Prize Meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association under your own auspices, at the Capital of Canada.

The above suggestions have received the unanimous approval of the Council of the Association.

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OTTAWA.

Ottawa, 29th April, 1872.