

and new targets had consequently to be procured. The amount paid by the Camp — \$20 — is therefore insufficient to cover the damage. Since the Annual Matches Major Arnold reports, in effect, that all the present target frames will answer for next year's matches, if not subjected to Camp target practice.

At the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association in February, a resolution passed restricting the Ottawa matches to the Martini-Henri rifle. Unfortunately this Association was quite unprepared to follow the lead, because of the scarcity of these rifles in the province. Your Council, however, took early action, by which it secured from the Militia Department a loan of fifteen rifles, newest make, in exchange for the same number of the old issue, no longer reliable. Further, and what is of more importance, through correspondence with the Department, a tacit understanding was had that issues of from ten to twenty rifles would be made to commanding officers making application and furnishing personal bonds for safe keeping. Officers commanding Corps were at once acquainted with this arrangement, and at least four Corps eventually obtained rifles — in all some sixty in number. Of those held by the Association, twenty-five at lowest, may be relied upon; so it may be calculated that, including private rifles, there are now in the province one hundred available Martinis. This being the case, we may take it for granted that our annual matches for 1894 will be shot with the Martini-Henri rifle. Such was the unanimous resolution of the competitors at Sussex; and the one remaining objection would be removed if all commanding officers would at once make the needful application and obtain for their Corps the benefit of the issue allowed.

Though for the reason above stated the Council decided not to drop the Snider this year, it yet thought it desirable to set apart one match for the Martini; without including it, however, in the Grand Aggregate. This match, the

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