

## Corporation of the City of Ottawa,

DECEMBER 9, 1873.

### WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO.,

GENTLEMEN: I have one of your Rifles, Model 1873, No. 24, one of four imported by Mr. R. A. Bradley of this city. This Rifle is, in my opinion, *the Ne Plus Ultra Sporting Gun*.

It combines beauty of finish, strength and, with the new Central Fire Brass Cartridge, penetrative power, with great precision and rapidity. Altogether it is a magnificent Gun.

Last Saturday week, two days after the arrival of the rifles here, I had the very great satisfaction of baptizing mine in blood. I killed, at full gallop, at about one hundred yards distance, a very large buck with a splendid set of antlers, with the first shot. The bullet struck him in the shoulder, as he ran toward me, and, after traversing the entire length of the body, tearing the lights and paunch into atoms in its course, it passed out behind, through the thickest part of the ham.

In this Rifle, which you have recently produced, the improvements are beautiful, particularly the slide over the opening in the breech. This cover is of great advantage in traveling through the brush to keep out the snow, especially if the sportsman is careless enough to allow snow even to fall on that part of his gun.

The Set Trigger is a nice contrivance and will be useful in target shooting.

The replacement of the brass with wrought iron also adds much to the beauty of the Gun; still I think you have wisely retained the brass in the Carrier Block, which raises the cartridges from the magazine. This will keep it always free from rust, whereas if you had used iron it would require to be removed occasionally for cleaning. As it is, it is the right thing in the right place.

The receptacle for the cleaning rod in the stock is another neat and valuable improvement on the old style.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to you, as a Sportsman, for producing such a capital Gun.

As you will likely sell many of them in Canada, I would suggest that the round barrels will take much better here than the octagon, as I think they ought, in the opinion of any Sportsman having an eye to elegance in appearance as well as utility.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM P. LETT, *City Clerk*.