

**1887 MUZZLE LOADING RULES OF PROOF**  
**MAXIMUM SHOTGUN SERVICE LOADS**

Note! These are maximum loads for guns in good condition & in proof. Due allowance should be made for large calibre Live Pigeon Guns which were not designed to shoot the heavy wildfowling loads that this table indicates for large bore guns.

| BORE NUMBER | BORE DIAMETER (INCHES) | POWDER |         | SHOT   |         |
|-------------|------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
|             |                        | GRAINS | DRAMS   | GRAINS | OUNCES  |
| 4           | 1.052                  | 273    | 10      | 1531   | 3 ½     |
| 5           | 0.976                  | 213    | 7 25/32 | 1217   | 2 25/32 |
| 6           | 0.919                  | 179    | 6 17/32 | 1025   | 2 11/32 |
| 7           | 0.873                  | 154    | 5 5/8   | 889    | 2 1/32  |
| 8           | 0.835                  | 135    | 4 15/16 | 793    | 1 15/16 |
| 9           | 0.803                  | 122    | 4 15/32 | 725    | 1 21/32 |
| 10          | 0.755                  | 109    | 4       | 656    | 1 ½     |
| 11          | 0.751                  | 96     | 3 ½     | 574    | 1 5/16  |
| 12          | 0.729                  | 89     | 3 ¼     | 547    | 1 ¼     |
| 13          | 0.710                  | 89     | 3 ¼     | 547    | 1 ¼     |
| 14          | 0.693                  | 82     | 3       | 492    | 1 1/8   |
| 15          | 0.677                  | 82     | 3       | 492    | 1 1/8   |
| 16          | 0.662                  | 75     | 2 ¾     | 437    | 1       |
| 17          | 0.649                  | 75     | 2 ¾     | 437    | 1       |
| 18          | 0.637                  | 75     | 2 ¾     | 437    | 1       |
| 19          | 0.626                  | 68     | 2 ½     | 383    | 7/8     |
| 20          | 0.615                  | 68     | 2 ½     | 383    | 7/8     |
| 21          | 0.605                  | 68     | 2 ½     | 383    | 7/8     |