The OAI-PMH protocol allows the transfer of any metadata format that has a valid, addressable schema/namespace. My repository can support Dublin Core and MARC. Since we can supply MARC, can that be used?

MARC records are not supported by the Gateway. The Gateway only supports Dublin Core, Qualified Dublin Core, OCLC DC (only for CONTENTdm repositories), and the European Semantic Elements (a set of extensions of Qualified Dublin Core).