

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The Council of the Officers' Association of the Militia of Canada having considered the position of the association generally, and having further considered the letter of the president, dated February 11, and printed on page 7 of the association's booklet, is of opinion that the time has arrived to consider the advisability of amalgamation with the older association, the Canadian United Service Club. The Council fully endorse the principle suggested by the president that "Union is strength, and in no concern of life so truthfully as in things military."

The Council is also of opinion that the two institutions thus amalgamated will be in a position to take a leading part as a military institution of Canada, not only from the numbers of the two institutions combined, but also from its central position at Ottawa, the capital of Canada.

Such an institute would be of service to the officers of the Ottawa brigade and other officers, past and present, resident at Ottawa. It would, moreover, be useful to officers whose military duties, or whose professional necessities in civil life, would bring them to the capital from time to time. Following upon the lines of similar institutes in Canada and other parts of the Empire, it would be of special advantage to have rooms allotted for the use of its members, to which might be added a military museum. There are now at Ottawa, and elsewhere in Canada, in charge of the Militia Department, a sufficient number of old regimental colours, guns, arms, weapons and other articles of historical interest to make such a museum not only of value to the militia force, but of historical interest to the country at large. In view of the fact, moreover, that no library of military books of reference exists in Canada for general use, it is highly desirable that such a library should be created. The Council is disposed to hope that the Government, viewing the importance of establishing a military museum on account of its military interest, and of a military library of educational value to the troops of the Dominion, might be disposed to give assistance to the proposed institute.

The Council propose for consideration of the meeting the following resolution: "That an amalgamation of the Officers' Association of the Militia of Canada be made with the Canadian United Service Club, and that both institutions should nominate a committee from their respective managing bodies with a view to considering the most suitable and advantageous manner by which this amalgamation should take place."

Lieut.-Col. J. Mason seconded the motion, and said that the Council had carefully considered the question, and was prepared to meet the views of the United Service Club for an amalgamation. He quite agreed with the General as to the advisability of establishing a military institute in Ottawa, and cited the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, as one which had done an immense deal of good to the militia. Lieut.-Col. Gibson approved of the recommenda-

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