

The Association of Medical Officers of the Militia of Canada.

A meeting of medical officers of the militia was held last evening at the Canadian Militia Institute, to form an association of medical officers of the militia of Canada, having the following objects in view:—The bringing of medical officers in closer personal relation, and the development of a departmental *esprit de corps*; for discussion of matters relating to the medical department of the militia; for the discussion of military matters from a medical point of view, and for reading of papers on military medicine and surgery, hygiene and equipment.

THE ROLL CALL.

There were present among others: Dr. Hillary, 12th Battalion; Dr. Strange, I.S.C.; Dr. Halliday, 57th Battalion, Peterboro'; Dr. Griffin and Dr. Rennie, 13th Battalion, Hamilton; Dr. Mitchell, 7th Fusiliers, London; Dr. Lesslie, Q.O.R.; Dr. King, R.G.; Dr. Stuart, 48th Highlanders; Dr. McCrimmon, 20th Battalion, Halton Rifles; Dr. Elliott, Toronto Field Battery; Dr. Nattress, Q.O.R.; Dr. Ryerson, R.G.; Dr. Holford, 77th Wentworth Battalion.

A NOBLE LIST OF SPONSORS.

These medical officers, among others, have signified their approval of the object of the association and their intention of joining:—Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto; Dr. Strange, R.S.I.; Dr. Walker, 77th Wentworth Battalion; Dr. Lesslie, Q.O.R.; Dr. Lynch, 42nd Battalion, Almonte; Drs. Scott and Martyn, 32nd Bruce Battalion; Drs. Freeman and McCrimmon, Halton Rifles; Dr. Raikes, 35th Battalion, Simcoe Foresters; Drs. Radford and McIntyre, 29th Battalion; Dr. O'Gorman, 40th Battalion; Dr. Bogart, 34th Battalion; Drs. Griffin and Rennie, 13th Battalion; Dr. Powell, 43rd Battalion; Dr. Sewell, B. Battery, R.C.A., Quebec; Dr. Osborne, Hamilton Field Battery; Dr. A. Laphorne Smith, 6th Regiment, Cavalry, Montreal; Dr. Grasset, G.G.F.G.; Dr. Hillary, 12th York Battalion; Dr. Ross, 1st Prince of Wales Regiment, Montreal; Dr. Stephen Smith, Woodstock Field Battery, Woodstock, New Brunswick; Dr. Kirkpatrick, 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, Halifax, N.S.; Dr. Muir, 78th Battalion, Truro, N.S.; Dr. W. T. Harris, 38th Dufferin Rifles; Dr. Turcot, Quebec Field Battery; Dr. Stuart, 48th Highlanders; Dr. E. E. King,

R.G.; Dr. Johnson, 82nd Battalion, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Dr. Despars, 84th Battalion, St. Hyacinthe, Que.; Dr. Bowen, Gananoque Field Battery; Dr. W. H. Merritt, 19th Battalion, St. Catharines; Dr. Codd, School of Mounted Infantry, Fort Osborne, Man.; Dr. Brown, R.S.I., Fredericton, N.B.; Dr. Nattress, Q.O.R.; Dr. Warren, 2nd Dragoons, Niagara; Dr. Kains, 25th Battalion, St. Thomas, Ont.; Dr. Dame, 48th Highlanders; Dr. Henderson, 14th P.W.O. Rifles, Kingston; Dr. Curry, P. L. Fusiliers, Halifax, N.S.; Dr. Douglas Corsan, 5th Royal Scots, Montreal; Dr. Elder, Montreal Garrison Artillery; Drs. Mitchell and Piper, 7th Fusiliers, London, Ont.; Dr. McWilliam, 22nd Battalion, Oxford Rifles; Dr. Minchin, 38th Dufferin Rifles; Dr. Hayes, 27th Battalion, Point Edward; Dr. Pickels, 75th Battalion, Lunenburg, N.S.; Dr. Rae, 34th Battalion, Oshawa; Surgeon-Major Maclean, 31st Battalion, Meaford; Dr. Leprohon, 38th Battalion, Joliette, Que.; Dr. Rice, 22nd Battalion, Woodstock, Ont.; Dr. Oliver, 44th Battalion, Niagara Falls; Dr. Henry, 36th Battalion, Orangeville; Dr. Halliday, 57th Battalion, Peterboro'; Dr. Tracy, 49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville; Dr. Hossey, G.G.F.G., Ottawa; Dr. Moore, 41st Battalion, Brockville; Surgeon-Major Campbell, I.S.C., Montreal; Dr. Elliott, T.F.B., Toronto; Dr. McDonald, Sydney F.B., Sydney, C.B.; Dr. MacGillvary, 94th Highlanders, Sydney, C.B.; Surgeon-Major Neilson, A. Battery, R.C.A., Kingston, and Dr. Warburton, 82nd Battalion, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

THE ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED.

Surgeon-Major Hillary was elected chairman of the meeting. After the association had been formed, on motion of Dr. Ryerson, seconded by Dr. Mitchell, a constitution was drawn up. This will be confirmed at the first annual meeting. There are three classes of members, giving the association a wide scope, as will be seen from the following extract from the constitution:

The association shall be composed of active, associate and honorary members.

a. Active members shall be medical officers holding commissions in the active militia of Canada.

b. Associate members shall be medical officers of the royal navy, H.M. army, reserve force, militia or volunteers in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, or shall be retired officers of said forces, whether with or without retired rank.

c. Gentlemen who have rendered distinguished service in the cause of humanity, in the field, in the hospitals or in their civil capacity, or who have signally assisted in the objects of this association, may be elected honorary members after having been proposed in writing at least two weeks before the annual meeting.

THE OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Hon. President, Surgeon-General Bergin.
President, Surgeon Strange, I.S.C., Toronto.
Vice-Presidents, For Ontario, Surgeon V. H. Moore, 41st Battalion, Brockville Rifles; for Quebec, Surgeon-Major F. W. Cambell, I.S.C., Montreal; for New Brunswick, Surgeon Stephen Smith, Woodstock Field Battery; for Nova Scotia, Surgeon Curry, 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, Halifax, N.S.; for Prince Edward Island, Surgeon J. Warburton, 82nd Battalion, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; for Manitoba, Surgeon Codd, Canadian Mounted Rifles, Fort Osborne, Man.; for British Columbia, Surgeon Matthews, Garrison Artillery.
Hon. Secretary, Surgeon G. S. Ryerson, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto.

Hon. Treasurer, Surgeon Halliday, 57th Battalion, Peterboro'.

Executive Committee, Drs. Lesslie, Powell, Hillary, Osborne, Griffin, Lynch, Grasset, McCrimmon, Mitchell, Holmes, Harris and Elliott.

Business Committee, Drs. Stewart, Rennie, Nattress, King and Henderson.

NOTES FROM THE MEETING

The principal medical officer of H.M. regular forces at Halifax has been invited to attend the first annual meeting. It is hoped he will then give an address on "Army Medical Organization."

It is intended to hold a special general meeting of the association in Ottawa in September, during the meeting of the Dominion Medical Association in the capital.

The meeting of the association will not be confined to Ontario, but will in due time be held in all parts of the Dominion.

The first annual meeting will be held June 2, beginning at 2 p.m., at the Canadian Military Institute. The programme so far as arranged is:—A paper on "The Experiences of a Surgeon during the American War," by Dr. Canniff, late Royal Artillery; "Surgery during the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-71," by Dr. Warren, 2nd Dragoons; "Hygiene of Camps," by Dr. McCrimmon, 20th Halton Rifles; "Gunshot Injuries of the Brain," by Dr. Daniel Clark, late surgeon U.S.A.

A discussion will take place upon "The present condition of the Militia Medical Service and what should be done to render it more efficient." In the evening the ambulance corps of the Royal Grenadiers under Assistant Surgeon King, will practically illustrate the ambulance drill and handling of the wounded in war. At the same time the competition for the prize offered by Surgeon Ryerson for the best and smartest detachment of the corps will take place.

An invitation will be sent to the executive of the Association of Surgeons of the National Guard of the U.S. to attend the annual meeting in June. —Toronto Empire.