

but rather to take stock of those resources which are already at your command ; to consider how those resources can be most effectually utilised in time of danger and upon what footing it may be possible to ensure co-operation without loss of time or power between the forces of the Dominion and those of the Mother Country. I need not say that those problems, more especially in so far as they have reference to our coast defences, closely concern the artillerymen of Canada, and I shall be surprised if the labours of the committee do not bring into additional prominence the value of their arm and the importance of maintaining for it a high condition of efficiency. I thank you again for the indulgent and encouraging terms in which you have referred to my approaching departure from this country, and I can assure you that it gives me the greatest pleasure to feel that in the discharge of the duties of my new office I shall have the good wishes and sympathy of so distinguished and useful a body as this association. I cannot resume my place without expressing the deep concern with which I listened to the intimation just made to us by the President, that he did not contemplate seeking re-election to the office which he has filled so successfully during the last few years. I feel sure that I am expressing the opinion of every member in this room when I say that his retirement is an unmixed misfortune to the association, and I would venture to urge upon him an expression of my own regret that owing to his action the title page of your report should in one and the same year be deprived not only of my own name, where it now stands in connection with the honorary office which I have been permitted to fill, but of his in connection with a much more important post, of which he has discharged the duties with so much liberality and success. (Applause).

4. Lt.-Col. Macdonald moved that the thanks of the Association are due the Government for its assistance during past years.

Major Stewart seconded the motion.

Lt.-Col. Panet, in the absence of the Minister of Militia, acknowledged the thanks that had been offered by the meeting. The Minister had expressed to him his intention of being present at the meeting, but was prevented. With regard to what one of the gentlemen moving those resolutions stated concerning the amount granted the Association, he would like to say that the Minister of Militia, they must not think, did not interest himself in the Association because the grant had not been increased. He had not been able to do so. He would, however, make it his duty to express to him the different remarks which he had heard here by members who had expressed themselves on the subject, and he had no doubt he would take it into consideration whether the grant could be increased.

5. It was proposed by Captain Donaldson, seconded by Captain Bliss—"That the thanks of the Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Hamilton Powder Co., through the President, T. C. Brainerd, for its second donation of (\$100) one hundred dollars.—Carried.

6. The consideration of suggested alterations in Rules was referred to the Council for action.

7. Election of Officers:

Lt.-Col. Macdonald, Comdg. 1st Bde. Field Artillery, Guelph, was elected President of the Association, vice Lt.-Col. Oswald, who declined re-election.

Vice-Presidents re-elected:

Lt.-Col. A. A. Stevenson, Comdg. Montreal Field Battery.

" J. Peters, " London "

" J. R. Armstrong " N. B. Bde. Garrison Artillery.

Captain W. Barclay McMurich, Comdg. Toronto Garrison Artillery.

8. T. C. Brainerd, Esq., President Hamilton Powder Co., was elected a life member.

There being no further business before the meeting it adjourned.

J. B. DONALDSON, CAPTAIN,
Secretary.