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The Association of Medical Officers of the Militia of Canada.

Last spring saw the beginning of an organization which cannot fail to be of very great value to the Canadian Militia; we refer to "the Association of Medical Officers of the Militia," which was duly organized at a meeting held in May, at the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto. Its objects are as follows:—

"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."

At this initial meeting there were present among others; Dr. Hillary, 12th Battalion; Dr. Strange, R.C.I.; 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.

Surgeon-Major Hillary was elected chairman. After the association had been formed, on motion of Dr. Ryerson, seconded by Dr. Mitchell, a constitution was drawn up. 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 first regular annual meeting of the association was held in the Canadian Military Institute on the afternoon of 2nd of June, Dr. Strange in the chair. A fair number of medical officers were present, and after the confirmation of the constitution and by-laws the president delivered his address to the Association, in which he pointed out many discrepancies which exist in the medical department of the force, and the need of an association such as this to act unitedly on matters pertaining to the well-being and improvement of their department.

Dr. Warren, 2nd Dragoons, then read a paper on "Ambulance work during the Franco-Prussian war," (which we have pleasure in publishing on another page of this issue), and Dr. Daniel Clark, once Inspector of Surgeons in the United States army, contributed a paper on "Some brain wounds, with results." Dr. Wm. Canniff (late R.A.) followed with a paper on "Some Experiences of a Surgeon during the American War."

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Hon. Pres., Surgeon-General Bergin; President, Surgeon F. W. Strange; Vice-Presidents, Ontario, Surgeon V. H. Moore, 41st Brockville Rifles; Quebec, Surgeon Roddick, 1st P. W. Rifles, Montreal; New Brunswick, Surgeon-Major Connell, 67th Batt.; Nova Scotia, Surgeon D. A. MacGillivray, 94th Highlanders; P. E. I., Surgeon Jenkins, Garrison Artillery, P.E.I.; Manitoba, Surgeon G. T. Orton, 90th Winnipeg Rifles; B. C., Surgeon Duncan, R.C.A., Victoria; Treasurer, Surgeon Tracy, 49th Hastings Rifles; Secretary, Surgeon G. Sterling Ryerson, R.G., Toronto; Assistant Sec'y.-Treas., Assistant-Surgeon G. S. Rennie, 13th Batt., Hamilton.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA IN ORDER OF JOINING, JUNE, 1892.

1. Surgeon G. S. Ryerson, R.G., Toronto.
2. " F. W. Strange, C.R.I., "
3. Asst. Surgeon E. C. King, R.G., "
4. Surgeon J. W. Leslie, Q.O.R., "
5. " Freeman, 20th Halton Rifles.
6. Asst. Surgeon McCrimmon, 20th Halton Rifles.
7. Surgeon D. H. Martyn, 32nd Batt.
8. " Holford Walker, 77th "
9. " Lynch, 42nd Batt.
10. Asst. Surgeon Raites, 35th Batt.
11. Surgeon Farley, 49th Batt.
12. " McIntyre, 29th Batt.
13. Surgeon Major Hillary, 12th Batt.
14. Asst. Surgeon O'Gorman, 40th Batt.
15. Surgeon Bogart, 34th Batt.
16. " Griffin, 13th "
17. Assist. Surgeon Rennie, 13th Batt.
18. Surgeon Powell, 43rd Batt.
19. Asst. Surgeon Radford, 29th Batt.
20. Surgeon Colin Sewell, R.C.O., Quebec.
21. " Osborne, Hamilton Field Battery.
22. " Laphorne Smith, 6th Regiment Cavalry.
23. Asst. Surgeon Ross, 1st P.W.O. Rifles, Montreal.
24. Surgeon Major Scott, 32nd Batt.
25. Surgeon W. T. Stuart, 48th Highlanders.
26. " Grasset, G.G.B.G.
27. Asst. Surgeon Nattress, Q.O.R.