

and it was decided that in future the election should be by ballot, the ballot papers to be distributed to the members of the Club three months previous to the annual meeting.

It was decided that at future meetings any member desiring to do so might read a paper on any subject connected with the interests of the Club, provided it were first submitted to and approved by the Managing Committee.

The fact that graduates unacquainted with each other frequently meet and part without their common bond of interest being discovered, was discussed, and it was resolved that for the future each member of the Club shall wear a distinguishing token by which he may be recognized by fellow members.

The election of officers for 1891 resulted as follows:—

President—Capt. S. A. Denison, London (re-elected).

1st Vice-President—Major A. B. Perry, Battleford.

2nd Vice-President—J. Houlston, Three Rivers.

Secy.-Treas.—Fred. W. White, Ottawa (re-elected).

Committee of Management.—L. H. Irving, Toronto; Capt. Duncan Macpherson, Montreal; Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec; W. J. Stewart, Ottawa; L. M. Lambe, Ottawa.

THE DINNER.

The annual dinner took place in the evening, at the Russell, when a few friends residing in Ottawa joined the graduates. Amongst these were Major W. E. Hodgins and Lieut. D. A. Macpherson of the Governor-General's Foot Guards. The toast list was not extensive, but brought out some very happy speeches, particularly from Capt. Denison, Major Perry and Mr. Fred White. The latter made some exceedingly timely and tasteful remarks on the position and work of the club.

One most interesting episode of the evening occurred in connection with some reminiscences of the North-West rebellion. This was brought on by a reference made by the chairman, Capt. Denison, to certain attacks that used to be made upon the College in its earlier years. He remarked that after the rebellion broke out, some one writing to a Hamilton paper asked where the cadets were—how was it that the graduates of that much-vaunted institution, the R. M. C., were not in the North-West serving their country? "I was able to reply," said Capt. Denison, "that out of 44 men who had graduated at the College up to that time, no less than 27 were serving in the North-West field forces."

"Yes, and others volunteered whom the Government would not send there," remarked one of the ex-cadets at the table, "and I was one."

"And I another," said another member.

Mr. Fred White—"Gentlemen, the records of the Militia Department show that out of the 44 graduates of whom the chairman has spoken, 41 applied to be sent to the North-West. (Cheers.) Of the other three, two were in South America, and the other in Texas." Mr. White said further that the ex-cadets went to the North-West in a spirit of unselfish patriotism, for, far from claiming precedence there over volunteer officers, though better trained for service, the majority served throughout as junior lieutenants attached to volunteer corps, in some cases declining promotion over their volunteer comrades lest it might cause jealousy.

Capt. Hubbell said that when the rebellion broke out, the two senior classes at the R. M. C. volunteered *en masse*, not for positions as officers, but for anything.

After the regular toast list was disposed of at the dinner, several impromptu toasts and songs followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent until midnight, when the gathering broke up with Auld Lang Syne and God Save the Queen. During the evening a number of well-known names of ex-cadets came in for warm mention, among them of course that of "Billy" Stairs, the right-hand man of Stanley in Africa.

REGIMENTAL.

Capt. C. F. Winter, the newly appointed Adjutant of the Governor General's Foot Guards, is about to resign his commission in the regiment, greatly to the regret of his brother officers. His military and civil service have been found to conflict—hence his intended retirement from the former.

A grand military review is mooted as a feature of the Queen's Birthday celebration in Quebec, General Herbert being said to take a personal interest in the affair. The General visited Quebec this week in company with the Minister of Militia, and was cordially received by the officers there.

The best Morris tube record at the 43rd Rifles gallery in Ottawa is now 103 out of 105 possible. It was made by Pte. J. G. Lyon last week, in a match for a prize offered by himself. The two points were dropped at 200 yards. Pte. Lyon having thus won the prize promptly offered it for another competition.

The officers of the 21st Essex Fusiliers will hold their annual meeting on the 10th February, at their headquarters, Windsor. The turnout for the district camp expected to be held there this year will likely receive a large share of attention. The annual meeting of the regimental rifle association will be held on the same day, and the advisability of again entering a team to compete in the matches of the League will be considered.

Rumour has been busy with the name of Capt. C. C. Newton, of the Fifth Royal Scots, in connection with the command of another Montreal city corps slated for re-organization. There appears, however, to be no good foundation for the report, as it is understood that Capt. Newton proposes leaving Montreal shortly for an extended absence in Germany.

Capt. Chas. M. Wright, of the 43rd Battalion, has been elected by acclamation an alderman for the City of Hull. His cousin, Major Joshua Wright, of the 43rd, has been an alderman for some time, and Assistant-Surgeon W. F. Scott, of the same corps, was Mayor of Hull for 1890—a pretty good representation for the battalion. Dr. Scott has now retired from the Council, and started upon a trip round the world.

Following his recent commanding officer, Major Lyman is said to be about to resign his commission in the Fifth Royal Scots, after a long service in which he has made hosts of fast friends amongst brother officers of the Militia. His retirement will make Major John Hood senior officer of the regiment, and it is understood that the latter will very shortly be Lieut.-Col. Hood. Should the officer be as fortunate—if that is the word—in his management of the regiment as he has been with the rifle team for the many years the captaincy has been in his hands, the Scots may be expected to excel even their past creditable record.

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

The report of a meeting of the Ontario branch of the Executive of the League, which was held at the office of Capt. Bruce, the treasurer, on Tuesday evening, 20th inst., will appear in our next issue, an unexpected delay in transmission having occurred.

The Secretary of the League expects to visit Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N.B., Halifax and Charlottetown during the month of February and will confer with the riflemen of those cities on matters connected with the League.

HAMILTON.

Evidently the boys of the Thirteenth Battalion believe in cultivating a friendly, sociable spirit, and they seem to consider that this can best be done by feasting together. With this commendable object in view the members of the various companies have dined together, or will do so, and last week the Sergeants' Mess—an organization of itself, and