

tion of Patron of the V. R. I. Club, in succession to Major General Herbert, and will be present at its annual meeting in Quebec during the last week in January.

The annual meeting of the V.R.I. Club will be held in the city of Quebec during the last week in January, 1896. It is believed that the G.O.C. Major-Genl. Gascoigne, who has accepted the position of Patron of the Club, in succession to Major-Genl. Herbert, will be present. It was intended to have held the meeting in May last, but at the request of Genl. Herbert it was delayed. His subsequent resignation and the arrival of the new G.O.C. seemed to call for its further postponement. The date now being definitely fixed, it is hoped that as many officers as can be spared from the various depots will put in an appearance. We believe it to be the interest of the Permanent Force to sustain their Club, at the same time making its terms of membership as wide as possible. The interests of the Permanent Force are linked with the Active Militia. The higher the degree of efficiency attained by the former, the better model are they for the latter. Let us cultivate the warmest friendship with the Militia of the country—the back-bone of Canada's defensive power.

Major-General Herbert, C.B., C.M.G., resigned his command of the Canadian Militia on the 1st of August. We feel sure he carries with him the best wishes, not only of the officers of the Permanent Force, but of the entire Militia Force of Canada, for whose welfare and in whose interest his work was unceasing. We hear that it is not improbable that in the not distant future he may visit Canada on a holiday, well earned after five years' constant work. The Militia General orders of September 18th last contain the following valedictory issued by Major-General Herbert, on retirement from the command of the Canadian Militia:—

VALEDICTORY.

1. Before relinquishing the command of the Canadian forces, the Major General Commanding desires to thank those who, for a period of nearly five years, have given him a loyal support and co-operation in his endeavor to render those forces an efficient and powerful factor for the defence of Her Majesty's Empire.
2. During this period he has been encouraged by seeing Canada assume her share of the burthen necessary to secure the inviolability