

The "Old Timers" Column

THE "O" DIVISION BRANCH of the R. N. W. M. P. Veterans' Association held its Annual Meeting at 43 Isabella Street, Toronto, on the night of November 21st, with the President, H. P. E. Francis, ably conducting the Chair.

Some twenty members were present and the meeting was an inspiration to the serving members present as to how these "old timers" value their association with the Force, their consideration of the welfare of some of their more unfortunate comrades, and their keen interest in the present Force.

W. W. Allison was elected President of the Association for the coming year, and A. C. Armstrong willingly re-assumed the duties of Secretary-Treasurer. Peter Kerr was appointed a Vice-President. Kerr was stationed in British Columbia with the late General Sam Steele during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway and was on duty on the bridge with Sergeant Fury when the famous incident of the fight on the bridge occurred as mentioned in the various histories of the Force. Ex-Sergeant Fury is still alive, lives near Toronto, and is a member of the Veterans' Association.

Any Ontario ex-members of the Force in good standing, who may happen to read these notes, is requested to get in touch with the Secretary-Treasurer, A. C. Armstrong, 511 Lauder Avenue, Toronto, with a view to their becoming members of the "O" Division R. N. W. M. P. Veterans' Association.

Regimental Number 4005, Ex-Staff Sergeant W. A. MacBrayne is now Deputy Warden of the Oakalla Gaol, New Westminster, B.C.

Regimental Number 4290, Ex-Sergeant H. Thorne has moved to Vancouver Island from Jasper, Alta. His address will be General Delivery, Victoria, until he gets settled somewhere on the Island.

Regimental Number 4767, Ex-Sergeant H. F. O'Connell is now living at "Pincher Creek", Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent, England. He is employed in the Finance Division of His Majesty's Office of Works in London. In a letter he speaks of having enjoyed the last dinner held by the R. N. W. M. Police Old Comrades' Association. The oldest timer he met at this gathering was Regimental Number 160, Ex-Constable James Fullwood. There were over forty in attendance, among them Lieutenant-Colonel O'Kelly who holds an important position at Canada House.

Regimental Number 5443, Ex-Sergeant W. H. Sharman has moved and his new address is San Remo, Clover Rise, Tankerton-on-Sea, Kent, England.

Since the last edition of the *Quarterly* the following have retired to pension: the latest address is given opposite the individual mentioned.

Inspector W. J. D. Dempster, 3457 - 2nd Avenue, West, Vancouver, B.C.

Reg. No. 4973—Staff Sergeant Warrior, S. L., 11921 - 77th Street, Edmonton, Alta.

Reg. No. 4953—Sergeant-Major Mann, F. P., c/o Seigniory Club, Montebello, Que.

Reg. No. 4632—Sergeant Smyly, R. F. V., 5838 Vine Street, West, Vancouver, B.C.