

would strengthen the association, and, at the same time, enable him to take an active part in its deliberations and conclusions. In consequence of these suggestions a new constitution had been written and submitted to Major-General Hutton, who expressed his approval and warmest sympathy with it.

MAJOR-GENERAL HUTTON.

General Hutton upon the invitation of the chairman, made a speech which was received with general approval and cordial applause. He especially alluded to the appointment of the Earl of Minto as Governor-General, in wherein the Militia would find a strong and sympathetic friend.

The applause which followed this reference to Lord Aberdeen's successor showed that the Major-General has touched a responsive chord in the hearts of his hearers.

He then went on to say that this association could be of the greatest benefit to the militia force and he wished it every good luck in the world, and resumed his seat amidst loud and prolonged applause.

After the departure of Major-General Hutton, Lieut.-Col. MacLean invited the meeting to elect a chairman, so that they might proceed with their work.

Lieut.-Col. Starke moved, seconded by Major Piche, that Lieut.-Col. McLean, 62nd Fusilliers, St. John, N. B., be chairman.—Carried.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. MacLean, secretary-treasurer, then read the minutes, which were adopted. The report of the secretary-treasurer was read and adopted. It was as follows :

The Field Officers' Association of Canada.

MONTREAL, August 29, 1898.

To the Chairman and Members of the Field Officers' Association of Canada :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to report that, in pursuance of Lieut.-Col. Starke's resolution, I had printed and sent to every field officer, a copy of the constitution, a circular letter inviting every field officer to become a member, and a blank subscription, giving name, rank, corps, and post office address, a copy of which, no doubt, each of you received.

Although this circular letter was sent out but on April 28 last, up to the present time, no less than 83 have become members by remitting their subscriptions.

I have received a large number of letters from officers all over Canada, expressing their interest and sympathy with the object of the association, and signifying their desire to join, but, as they have not remitted their subscriptions, I have not included this number as belonging to the association.

I am sure that it must be as gratifying to you as it is to me, to have the association meet with the approval and support of officers from one end of Canada to the other, and it places the association on a firm footing.