

on this point, and some plan of united action suggested to press the matter before our war-lords. It is a grant in which the expenses to the Department would be a mere trifle, and which could not fail to constitute a strong incentive to steady service with the colours.

#### More Regimental News Wanted.

Some of our friends complain that they do not find in the columns of the *Canadian Military Gazette* enough news of their own particular corps or district. The fault is, to a certain degree, their own; the remedy also lies largely in their hands. For the military news of a locality whose journals devote little or no attention to the subject, the editor of a service paper is dependant solely on what may be furnished to him by those connected with the local corps, and acquainted with what is going on in its ranks. To such person or persons it should be a pleasure to let his outside brothers-in-arms know what is being done by his battalion, or by military men generally in his locality, in the way of drill, sport, or any of the shapes in which regimental activity shows itself. We take this opportunity of again asking our friends in all parts of the Dominion to send in items of news, either by letter, post-card, or marked newspaper. Let people see that your corps is alive, and means to go ahead. Let them hear what drills are being done, what officers' or regimental meetings are being held, what are the prospects for your shooting teams for next summer, and other miscellaneous news. We are always glad of correspondence, of suggestions, and of the views of our readers on matters connected with the interests of the Militia.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

SIR,—I see by your issue of the 1st January, 1893, that your Quebec correspondent speaks of Aides-de-Camp to Lieut.-Governors. Will you kindly permit me to point out that this is a mis-nomer, but an official Secretary is allowed to a Lieut.-Governor.

The only persons entitled to Aides-de-Camp are those holding *real* military command (which the Lieut.-Governors certainly do not), such as the Governor-General, who is also Commander-in-Chief, and the General Officer Commanding.

As accuracy in detail is perhaps more necessary in a military than in any other profession, I beg that you will accept my apology for bringing this matter to your notice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. LYNTHURST-WADMORE, Lieut. and Bt.-Capt.

The Canadian Regiment of Infantry.

Fredericton.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

Sir,—It will be within your recollection that at a recent Brigade Church Parade in this city the Bands were not massed, owing to a disagreement between the Bandmasters concerned, the one claiming the sole right of conducting, the other holding that it should be shared as equally as possible. Your correspondent "Breechblock," commenting on the affair at the time, very decidedly gave his verdict in favour of the former.

For the information of those interested in the subject, would you kindly call attention to the accompanying extract from the Queen's Regulations:

EXTRACT FROM QUEEN'S REGULATIONS, 1892.

Sec. 7., par. 86. "When units are brigaded for review or inspection, with massed bands, the senior bandmaster will conduct."

"When massed bands are playing together on other occasions, bandmasters will choose the pieces to be performed, according to seniority of appointment, and each bandmaster will conduct during the performance of the piece he has chosen."

Toronto.

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### Royal Military College Club.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER,

QUEBEC, 1st February, 1893.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No 1, 1893.

No. 1.—ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.—The annual meeting will be held on Friday, the 24th of February, at the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, and the dinner on the evening of the same date.

Members desiring to stay at the St. Lawrence Hall will be granted a special rate of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per day.

No. 2.—ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Members are reminded that the annual subscription is due on the 1st of January, and are requested to remit the same. Attention is at the same time called to by-law No. 19, which provides that no member shall be allowed to take part in any proceedings of the Club, or vote on any subject connected therewith, until he shall have paid all arrears and subscriptions which may be due by him.

Members who have sent their ballots and omitted their subscriptions, and who cannot attend the meeting, are requested to remit the latter, so that their ballots may be taken into consideration by the scrutineers.

No. 3.—REDUCED FARES FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETING.—The undermentioned railway companies will grant a special rate in accordance with the following conditions:—

Canada Atlantic Railway.

Canadian Pacific Railway.

Grand Trunk Railway.

Intercolonial Railway of Canada.

Members paying a full first-class fare from any station on the above railways to Montreal, and who procure the Standard Certificate at the time they purchase their tickets, will be entitled, according to the number in attendance, to reduced rates for the return journey. If fifty (50) members attend from all points in Canada, they will be returned at one-third single fare, if less than fifty at two-thirds single fare.

The return trip to be made by same route as going trip.

Members who have to travel over more than one railway to reach Montreal, will require a certificate for each railway over which they will travel.

Members will please present Certificate to the Secretary for his signature at the meeting.

By order.

ERNEST F. WURTELE,

Captain, R.L.,

Secretary-Treasurer,

Royal Military College Club of Canada.

The advent of the Hon. Mr. Patterson to the portfolio of Militia and Defence is an event of no little interest to the militia and one fraught with hope. The attitude of the militia toward a new minister is one of respectful expectancy, an attitude which may be changed to one of hostility in the event of non-fulfilment of justly grounded hopes. It is rather odd that no minister has regarded the militia as anything but a toy. It does not seem to have struck them that it is a political and social force and that bad faith and neglect might re-act personally on the political head. Indeed the militia is only waking to a sense of its own power—a power that can be used to advantage when the time comes.

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