

V. R. I. CLUB THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

St. Johns, P.Q., May 26, 1896.

The third annual meeting of the V.R.I. Club was held this day in the anteroom at the barracks, St. Johns, P.Q. There was present Major-General Gascoigne, G.O.C., patron of the Club; Lt.-Col. Irwin, R.C.A., President. Members—Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnens, Lieut.-Col. Aylmer, D.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G.; Major Young, Major Bliss, D.A.A.G.; Major Ruthersford, Capt. Fages, Capt. Wadmore, Lt. Burstall, and Deputy Surgeon-General F. W. Campbell.

The President explained that the secretary-treasurer of the Club, Deputy Surgeon-General Neilson, was absent owing to the fact that the cadets of the R. M. C. were that day doing their artillery firing, and that he had not been able to get anyone to take charge for him of that duty.

On motion Deputy Surgeon-General Campbell was appointed secretary *pro tem*.

The President read the following report of the secretary-treasurer (including the financial statement) for the past year:

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

I regret deeply that imperative duties in connection with the R. M. C. prevent my being present at this meeting.

In compliance with the resolution passed at the second annual meeting, I addressed to all officers of headquarters and district staffs an invitation to become members of the V.R.I. Club. So far, but five of these officers have sent in a written acceptance, namely, Lt.-Cols. T. J. Duchesnay, Forrest, Houghton, J. D. Irving, and J. Peters. (Lt.-Col. H. C. Sheppard was elected member by a special resolution.) I have reason to believe, however, that a majority of the other staff officers will yet avail themselves of the invitation.

Colonel Sir Casimir Gzowski, of the Headquarters Staff, declined the invitation on account of advancing years.

On the 21st of April the special meeting for the purpose of ratifying (or otherwise) certain enactments passed at the second annual meeting, assembled at the Tete de Pont barracks, Kingston. The proceedings are to be found in the Minute Book and in No. 1, Vol. II, V. R. I. MAGAZINE, page 51.

Our membership now numbers 53.

Our financial condition is very sound, thanks partly to our Patron's great generosity. Our cash in hand or on deposit in bank amounts to \$255.00; our liabilities to about