

The Officers' Association of the Militia of Canada.

THE FIELD OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, was organized and a constitution adopted at Ottawa in March 1898, by a number of Militia Officers, for the purpose of promoting the Efficiency of the Militia, by enabling its officers to bring to the notice of the Minister of Militia and General Officer Commanding, matters on which the Association had obtained a Consensus of opinion. It was felt at the time that the Association could be of inestimable value to the General Officer Commanding in bringing the necessities of the force to his notice in a collective manner. The Minister of Militia approved of the objects of the Association. Circumstances having taken place in the interval between the organization of the Association, and the semi-annual meeting, by the retirement of the General Officer Commanding and the appointment of a successor in the person of Major General Hutton, C.B., A.D.C. to the Queen, the constitution was submitted to him and he was invited to attend the meeting. Major General Hutton having expressed a desire for certain changes in the Association's Constitution, an amended constitution was submitted to him which met his entire approval.

At the semi-annual meeting in August this amended constitution was unanimously passed and "The Field Officers Association of Canada" was merged into "The Officers' Association of the Militia of Canada."

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THE first annual meeting of the Field Officers' Association of Canada, was held at the Russell House, Ottawa, on Wednesday, August 31, at 9 o'clock p. m. There was a very good attendance of members from all over Canada. Lieut.-Col. John Bayne MacLean, secretary-treasurer, in opening the meeting, said, that the chairman, Lieut.-Col. Davidson, 48th Highlanders, Toronto, had telegraphed his deep regret at his inability to be present, and expressing his warmest sympathy and interest in the association. Col. MacLean then said, on behalf of the association, he extended a welcome to Major-General Hutton, who had been good enough to come to the meeting, and, perhaps, might favor them with a few remarks. He (Col. MacLean), with several other officers, had had an interview with General Hutton, who was kind enough to suggest certain changes in the constitution, which, in General Hutton's opinion,

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