

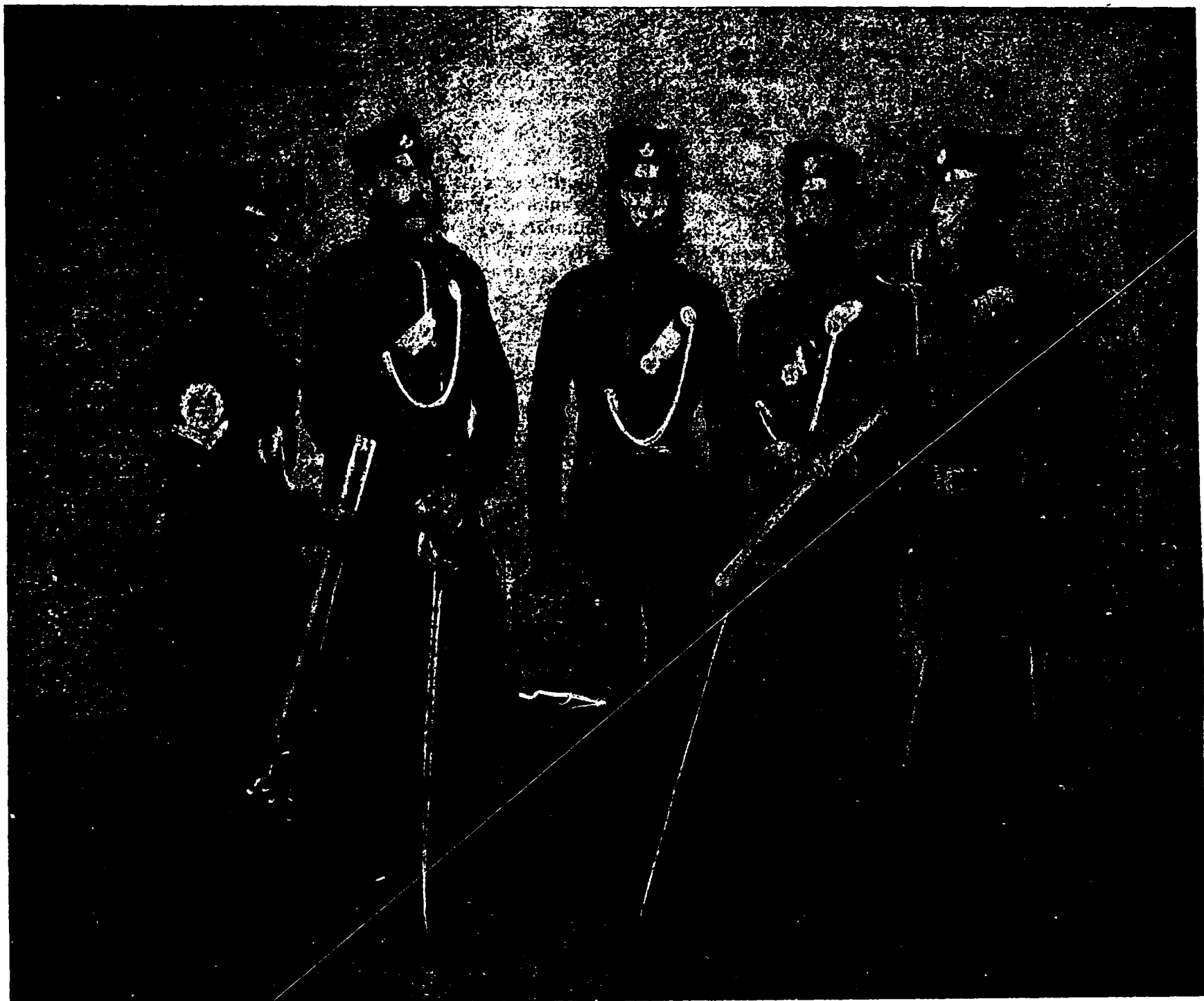
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UNIFORM OF THE MONTREAL RIFLE RANGERS, 1855.

THE MONTREAL RIFLE RANGERS.

In 1855, a number of young men enrolled their names with a view of forming a military company in Montreal, and obtained the sanction of the Government and a supply of arms, accoutrements, etc. Quite opportunely the Government of the day, under His Excellency Sir Edmund Head, Bart., had

appointed a Royal Commission "to report and recommend a scheme for the organization and enrolment of the militia of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada." The regular troops, with the exception of the Canadian Rifles, had been withdrawn to meet the requirements of the Russian war.

So when the Commission reported favourably to the organization of a militia force in Canada, the "Rangers" was the first company to offer its services to the Government; it was accepted and gazetted September 1st, 1855. The accoutre-