



## Royal Military College Club.

The ninth annual meeting of the Royal Military College Club of Canada, was held on Friday, the 24th of February, in the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, and proved to be, in point of numbers, the best attended meeting in the history of the Club, as well as a most representative one. The business transacted touched upon many points of interest to the members, and showed a marked increase over former years, serving to establish the fact that as the existence of the Club becomes better known, its sphere of usefulness is increased in like proportion.

The following officers and members were in attendance :

President, Captain V. B. Rivers, Kingston ; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Fred. W. White, Ottawa, and Capt. A. H. Van Straubensee, R.E., Kingston ; Secretary-Treasurer, Captain Ernest F. Wurtele, R.L., Quebec ; Members of Managing Committee, Capt. D. Macpherson, R.L., Montreal, Mr. R. W. Leonard, C.E., Niagara Falls, and Mr. D. C. Campbell, C.E., Ottawa, and the undermentioned members :—Captain H. S. Greenwood, Cornwall, Capt. R. G. Edwards Leckie, Torbrook, N. S., Captain W. B. Carruthers, Kingston, and Messrs. A. K. Kirkpatrick, C.E., Smith's Falls, C. P. Newman, Lachine Locks, John G. Gibson, Cowansville, H. A. Panet, C.E., Smith's Falls, C. R. Coutlee, C.E., Vaudreuil Station, J. Houlston, Three Rivers, B. H. Fraser, Ottawa, George E. Rose, Morrisburgh, A. J. Matheson, Coteau Landing, W. H. Sullivan, Cornwall, W. E. Cooke, R.C.A., Quebec, Arthur Hamilton, Montreal, E. H. Drury, C.E., Island Falls, Maine, B. Gilmore, Ottawa, R. M. Courtney, Montreal, D. B. Pruyn, Picton, Francis Joseph Dixon, Toronto, T. H. Browne, Montreal, L. Homfray Irving, Toronto, Geo. M. Kirkpatrick, R.E. Chatham, England, Bartlett McLennan, Montreal, W. G. Heneker, Connaught Rangers, Portsmouth, England, N. B. McLean, Coteau Landing, O. C. Macpherson, Hazen Ritchie, E. C. Amos and L. A. Amos, of Montreal.

The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m., by Captain A. H. Van Straubensee, Vice-President, in the chair, who filled the position during the temporary absence of the President.

After the adoption of the minutes of the last annual meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer, Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, presented a very carefully prepared and exhaustive report, which showed that 53 new members had joined the Club in 1892, making a total membership of 153. The appointments obtained, honours and distinctions gained by ex-Cadets during the past year were all noted, and much other information, which is of interest more especially to the members themselves, was given.

Captains V. B. Rivers, A. H. Van Straubensee, D. Macpherson and others voiced the feelings of the Club by thanking Captain Wurtele for the zeal and energy with which he had managed their affairs during the past year.

The question of the distinctive badge to be worn by members was then taken into consideration, and a committee appointed to adopt a suitable badge, which could be worn by all ex-Cadets. Messrs. L. Homfray Irving, Francis Joseph Dixon and Capt. J. Chas. MacDougall, all residents of Toronto, were appointed to form this committee.

The report of the Mackay, Robinson and Stairs Memorial Committee was presented by Capt. Van Straubensee, from which it appeared that the Club had joined forces with the friends of the deceased officers in the Corps of the Royal Engineers and intend to erect two brasses to their memory—one in St. George's cathedral, Kingston, and one in the historic cathedral of Rochester, England. It must be a matter of gratification to all Canadians that a memorial has thus been raised from a Colonial to an Imperial tribute. In addition to the brasses enlarged photographs of all three are to be given to the Royal Military College. That of Capt. Mackay has already been presented.

Resolutions of sympathy were passed by the Club with the families of the late Capt. Robinson and Stairs.

The meeting adjourned at one o'clock, and re-assembled at 3.30 with Mr. Fred. W. White, vice-president, in the chair. A few alterations were made in the By-Laws, after which Major-General E. O. Hewett, C.M.G., R.E., formerly Commandant, and Col. E. Kensington, late Royal Artillery, and formerly Professor of Mathematics and Artillery at the Royal Military College, were elected honorary members of the Club.

Capt. Van Straubensee was then requested to read a paper which he had been asked to prepare, giving a short sketch of the lives and services of the late Capt. Mackay, Robinson and Stairs. It was resolved that the paper be printed, and it was decided to ask some member to read a paper at the next meeting on the North-West Mounted Police.

The election of officers for the current year was then proceeded with and resulted as follows :—

President—Mr. R. W. Leonard, C.E., Niagara Falls, Ont.

Vice-Presidents—Capts. J. B. Cochrane, R.M.C., Kingston, and H. S. Greenwood, Cornwall, Ont.

Secretary-Treasurer—Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, R.L., Quebec (re-elected).

Managing Committee—Capt. D. MacPherson, R.L., Montreal (re-elected); W. A. H. Kerr, Toronto, Ont.; Fred. W. White, Ottawa, Ont.; D. C. Campbell, C.E., Ottawa, Ont., (re-elected); L. Homfray Irving, Toronto, Ont.

The annual dinner was held on the same evening at the St. Lawrence Hall, in the room used as a Mess-room by the Scots Fusilier Guards when in Montreal thirty years ago. Rich in associations of a martial and jovial nature, the reputation of the room in these attributes was worthily upheld by the company whose sayings and doings we chronicle. From the first graduating class of 1880 down to the Battalion Sergeant-Major of 1893, each class of cadets was represented, and a jolly crowd they were. The fun began early, and the flowing bowl flowed at a highly commendable rate.

Capt. Rivers, R.C.A., presided, and there were some seventy members and guests present. Among the latter were Major-General Herbert, Lieut.-Cols. Houghton and Mattice, Major R. G. Leckie, Capt. Streatfield, Prof. Forshaw Day, R.C.A., of the College staff, Battalion Sergeant-Major Armstrong, and representatives of the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE and city papers.

The list of graduates and ex-cadets present included, amongst others, Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, R.L.; Capt. A. H. Van Straubensee, R.E.; F. W. White, Militia Department; Capt. Duncan Macpherson, R.L.; R. W. Leonard, C.E.; D. C. Campbell, C.E.; A. K. Kirkpatrick, C.E.; C. P. Newman, John G. Gibson, H. A. Panet, C.E.; C. R. Coutlee, C.E.; J. Houlston, B. H. Fraser, Geo. E. Rose, A. J. Matheson, C.E.; W. H. Sullivan, Capt. H. S. Greenwood, Lieut. W. E. Cooke, "B" Battery, R.C.A.; Capt. Arthur Hamilton, V.R.C.; E. H. Drury, C.E.; L. H. Irving, B. Gilmore, R. M. Courtney, C.E.; T. H. Browne, Geo. M. Kirkpatrick, R.E.; B. McLennan, C.E.; Lieut. W. G. Heneker, Connaught Rangers; Capt. R. G. E. Leckie, 75th Battalion; D. B. Pruyn, Capt. W. B. Carruthers, 14th Battalion; O. C. Macpherson, C.E.; H. Ritchie, E. C. Amos and L. A. Amos.

The *menu* was an excellent one; Lieut.-Col. Hogan, proprietor of the Hall, has always a warm heart for the scarlet, and his military dinners cannot be excelled. After full justice had been done to the viands, toasts and speeches began, that of Her Majesty's health receiving due respect.

The Governor-General's health was next drank after which the secretary, Capt. Wurtele, read letters of regret from the Minister and Deputy Minister of Militia, Col. Powell, A.G., and others. Mr. Fred White then proposed the "Army, Navy and Auxiliary Forces," which was responded to by Major-General Herbert, who made the speech of the evening. After expressing pleasure at being present, the General paid a tribute to the usefulness of the R. M. College and of the Club which the ex-cadets had formed, stating that in all the countries of which he had had experience, the British nation was the only one that kept up old associations of this kind, which had all helped to make the history of England, a history which was not yet closed by any means. The country was young and was destined to go through a series of events of one kind or another, but undoubtedly there would be a time when the cadets and graduates of the Royal Military