

officers was held for the purpose of forming a military club; a committee appointed to elaborate the idea reported to a general meeting on the 3rd March that it recommended the following scheme:—That a joint stock company, to be known as the Military Institute Company of Toronto (limited), with a capital stock of \$3,000, should be organized for the promotion of military art, science, etc., etc.; and in connection with this incorporated company there should be a membership club, to be called the Canadian Military Institute, the fees to be fixed at as low a rate as possible. This scheme, together with the constitution and by-laws submitted, was adopted, the promoters having been most successful in obtaining the necessary subscription for stock to warrant a beginning being made.

**Membership.**—The efforts put forward by the organisers have met with a great deal of encouragement from officers, especially from non-residents. In the original scheme, it was confidently hoped that 100 resident and 50 non-resident members would be the maximum number that could be calculated on. On the 31st December 162 residents and 122 non-residents had been elected as members; the committee regrets that it was found necessary to enforce the constitution in respect of some nine members, who, having failed to pay their fees, were removed from the list.

**Finances.**—The receipts for the nine months from members' fees, steward's departments, etc., amount to \$2,130.13. The expenses, including preliminary disbursements connected with organization, were \$1,956.84, including a dividend of 6 per cent. paid the Military Institute Company (Ltd.), leaving a cash balance of \$173.29.

From the statement of assets and liabilities prepared by the auditors there is an excess of assets over liabilities of \$455.15.

**Library, etc.**—To further the objects of the institute the committee subscribed for the leading English, American and Canadian military papers, the journal of the Royal United Service Institution, the leading Toronto, American and Canadian publications, including illustrated papers and magazines. The library of the late Militia Institute, numbering about 200 volumes of a military nature, has been transferred to the institute; this library has also been largely augmented by presentations from members.

**Lectures.**—The institute has furnished information on military art and Canadian military history by a series of lectures. Major-Gen. Sir F. Middleton, Major Mayne, Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Maj.-Gen. Cameron, Major Sankey and Lieut.-Col. W. E. O'Brien have during the past year kindly assisted the institute in delivering lectures. At the end of the series it is intended that the lectures be printed and distributed amongst the members. Lieut.-Col. R. Z. Rogers and Capt. Cruickshank will contribute two most valuable papers during the present year. In conclusion the committee feels that it may, without doubt, congratulate the members of the institute on the general success and the pecuniary results of its first year.

The report was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Col. Scoble, seconded by Capt. Manley, it was resolved that the thanks of the meeting be accorded to Lieut.-Col. Otter and the committee for their services during the past year.

When general business came to be considered Major Sankey advocated the enlargement of the premises and the addition of a billiard room to the institute.

Col. Scoble, speaking on behalf of the non-resident members, thought it was most desirable that the institute should be made permanent, and the only way to secure permanency was to create an active interest in its work, and to distribute from time to time copies of the lectures delivered here. He strongly advocated the adoption of this course before incurring expenditure in other directions.

It was resolved, on the motion of Col. Hamilton, that both the suggestions with reference to the enlargement of

the premises and the printing of the lectures be referred to the incoming committee, the latter to have preference.

Capt. McGee wished to have the constitution altered so that the fees would be \$5 and \$2.50 per annum for resident and non-resident members.

On the motion of Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. A. B. Lee, a vote of thanks was accorded to the CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE and the press of Toronto for their kindness in assisting the institute by publishing the lectures and reports of meetings.

Upon the question of the election of president being introduced Col. Otter stated that he would be unable owing to pressure of other duties to continue the presidency for another year. He had, however, no intention of withdrawing his interest and influence from the institute, and his support could always be depended on to promote its welfare. Col. Grasett, the vice-president, was also a busy man, and he would not consent to re-election.

Major Mead, Capt. Manley, Major McSpadden and Major Mason requested Col. Otter to reconsider his decision, but while he promised the institute his warmest sympathy and support he adhered to the determination to retire from the presidency.

On the motion of Major Mead, seconded by Col. Scoble, Lt.-Col. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, XIII., was unanimously elected president, Lieut.-Cols. Dawson and F. C. Denison, C.M.G., were appointed vice-presidents. The Secretary (Mr. L. H. Irving), and Treasurer (Mr. Robert Myles), were re-elected. The following are the names of the new committee:—Major J. Mason, R.G.; Major J. H. Mead, T. F. B.; Capt. W. G. Mutton, Q. O. R.; Capt. F. F. Manley, R.G.; Capt. G. P. Eliot, R. G.; Mr. F. Fleming; G. G. B. O. Major Mason withdrew in favour of Capt. J. T. Symons, XII. The auditors appointed were:—W. S. Andrews, late R. G.; Capt. C. C. Bennett, Q. O. R.

#### THE MEMBERSHIP LIST.

The following statement, kindly supplied by the secretary, shows how the membership of the Institute is made up, and what a firm hold the organization has already taken upon the officers of the force in all parts of the country:—

H. Q. and District Staff.....	7	Cape Mounted Rifles.....	1
R. M. C. Staff.....	3	R. M. C. Graduates.....	3
Imperial Service.....	8	York Militia.....	7
Imperial Volunteers.....	2	Toronto Naval Brigade.....	1
CAVALRY.			
Gov. Gen. Body Guard.....	13	3rd Regiment.....	1
1st Regiment.....	1	6th Regiment.....	1
2nd Regiment.....	1	Queen's Own Can. Hussars...	2
ARTILLERY.			
1st Brigade Field Artillery....	3	Toronto Field Battery.....	7
Hamilton Field Battery.....	3	British Columbia Br. Gar. Art	1
Welland Canal Field Battery .	1	Toronto Garrison Battery....	2
INFANTRY.			
Infantry School Corps.....	6	35th Battalion.....	4
Gov. Gen. Foot Guards.....	8	36th Battalion.....	4
1st Prince of Wales Regt.....	1	37th Battalion.....	1
2nd Queen's Own Rifles.....	46	38th Dufferin Rifles.....	6
3rd Victoria Rifles.....	3	39th Battalion.....	2
5th Royal Scots.....	1	40th Battalion.....	1
6th Fusiliers.....	1	43rd Battalion.....	1
7th Fusiliers.....	15	44th Battalion.....	5
10th Royal Grenadiers.....	31	45th Battalion.....	2
12th York Rangers.....	22	49th Battalion.....	1
13th Battalion.....	9	54th Battalion.....	1
14th Battalion.....	1	57th Battalion.....	5
15th Battalion.....	1	59th Battalion.....	1
19th Battalion.....	2	77th Battalion.....	5
20th Battalion.....	4	90th Battalion.....	1
22nd Battalion.....	6	96th Battalion.....	1
25th Battalion.....	3		
26th Battalion.....	1		
27th Battalion.....	1		
28th Battalion.....	2		
30th Battalion.....	5		
31st Battalion.....	8		
32nd Battalion.....	1		
33rd Battalion.....	2		
34th Battalion.....	4		
		Total.....	293
		Resident.....	162
		Non-resident.....	122
			284
		Struck off.....	9
		Grand Total.....	293