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## ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual meeting of the V. R. I. Club, which was held in the city of Quebec on the 29th and 30th of January last, although not attended by many members outside of those belonging to the Quebec garrison, was nevertheless, a most important one. There had been for some time among a few of the members, a feeling that the benefits to be derived from its continuance was not commensurate with its cost; and that possibly its exclusive character had, in a measure, estranged the militia from the permanent force. Some went to the meeting prepared to vote for its dissolution, but after Major-General Gascoigne had spoken, and in words that must have carried conviction to all present, expressed his opinion of its great benefit to the force and to himself, they saw things in a different light. When, in addition to his expressed sympathy and encouragement, he backed both by the promise of a handsome yearly subscription during his stay in Canada, the stock of the V. R. I. Club rose considerably. This generous act of the G.O.C. was but a practical illustration of that sympathy and interest which he has shown in the militia force of Canada since he assumed its command. The decision to admit the Head-Quarters and District Staff as members of the Club, at once removes any possible charge of exclusiveness, and brings on its roll, men who fully represent the Active Militia force of the Dominion. A still further evidence of the desire of the original members of the Club to make its portals as broad as its title will admit of, is the proposal to admit, as honorary members, the Lieut.-Colonels commanding Regiments, Battalions and Field Batteries. With such additions to its membership, the club should rapidly gain strength, and become the means of seconding the G.O.C. in his efforts to improve all branches of the service