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The formation of the V.R.I. Club, at Toronto, in May last, marks a distinct advance in the *status* of the officers of the Permanent Military force of the Dominion. The necessity for such an organization had long been felt, and often expressed, but the moving spirit required to bring about concerted action was wanting. From the small units scattered at one time—from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean—and now quartered, from Manitoba in the west, to New Brunswick in the east, there came a cry for some means whereby the force might become interested in itself. It seemed that if this were not done—it could not have a healthy existence. Live, of course, it certainly would—but its life could not be of that bright, healthful character which was so necessary for its happy continuance. At the various scattered stations little was known as to what was taking place in the permanent force elsewhere, and incidents which should be jotted down to form the history of each branch of the service were lost for the want of means to have them recorded. Many questions of the greatest importance remained unanswered for the want of discussion and united action. Is it a wonder then, that the officers of Canada's regular Military service, felt more than pleased when they found that in Major General Herbert, they had a General Officer commanding, who saw at a glance their desire, and the necessity for union and comradeship. To him the force owes its V.R.I. Club, and, with its inauguration, we believe a new era dawns upon us. Part of the work of our new Club will be to issue the V. R. I. magazine. Its object is not alone to note information of all movements, whether small or great, taking place in the