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THE MONTREAL MILITARY INSTITUTE.

This association is now an accepted fact and reality. As noted in our last issue, the meeting held on the 18th ult. decided on immediate organization, adopted a name, and appointed a committee to formulate constitution and by-laws. This latter course was duly carried out, and the adjourned meeting of the Institute, to receive the report, and for general business, was held in the quarters of the Sixth Fusiliers on Saturday evening, 4th inst. Lieut.-Col. Burland and his officers were the hosts on this occasion, and the reception of their guests was a most cordial one. At 8:30 Lieut.-Col. Butler, the *pro tem* president, called the meeting to order. In the absence of Major Radiger through illness, Captain Edwards acted as secretary. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and adopted, the chairman read the report of the committee on name, constitution and by-laws. The name is to be the Montreal Military Institute. The constitution (with some slight changes) is similar to that of the Institute at Toronto. The entrance fee was placed at three dollars for resident members, and two dollars for non-resident members; the entrance fee being in place of the first years' dues, which will be the same amount annually. The annual general meeting is to be held on the fourth Monday in February. The constitution was put through clause by clause, and then the whole was carried unanimously. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Lieut.-Col. Butler; 1st vice-president, Lieut.-Col. Prevost; 2nd vice-president, Lieut.-Col. Massey; 3rd vice-president, Lieut.-Col. Starke; secretary, Major Radiger; treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Cole; committee, Lieut.-Col. Burland, Lieut.-Col. McArthur, Lieut.-Col. Dixon, Major Strathy, Lieutenant Costigan, Lieut.-Col. Aubry, Lieut.-Col. Brosseau, Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, Capt. Edwards; auditors, Major Seath and Capt. Ross.

With regard to subscription, there was some discussion on the subject of making it permissible for a battalion to enter its officers for membership *en bloc*, on payment of a certain sum; it was decided to leave the matter over for the present.

At the conclusion of the business, Lieut.-Col. Prevost invited the Institute to hold their next fortnightly meeting at the quarters of the Sixty-fifth Battalion, on Saturday, 18th March; needless to say the invitation was accepted.

Lieut.-Col. Burland and officers now led the way into the supper-room, where a splendid collation was spread. After full justice had been done to this, songs and general conversation formed the wind-up to a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Among the officers present were Lieut.-Cols. Mattice, B. M., Butler, Massey, Prevost, Brosseau, Turnbull, Starke, Cole, Dixon, Burland, Surgeon-Major Campbell, Majors McArthur and Seath, and about thirty-five junior officers.

Those who have signed the first papers, and who become the Charter members, are as follows:—Lieut.-Cols. Houghton, D. A. G.; Mattice, B. M.; Cole, M. G. A.; Butler, 1st Batt.; Starke, 3rd Batt.; Burland, 6th; Prevost, 65th; Aubry, 85th; Dixon, 86th; Turnbull, R. L.; Massey, R. L.; Surgeon-Major Campbell, C. R. I.; Majors Roy, B. M., McArthur, 6th Cavalry; Cooke, 1st Batt.; Finlayson, 1st; Radiger, 3rd; Blaiklock, 5th; Macaulay, 6th; Seath, 6th; Des Trois Maisons, 85th; D'Orsennens, 85th; Captains Reid, M. G. A.; McEwan, M. G. A.; Lefebvre, 1st Batt.; Bartlett, 1st; Porteous, 1st; Simpson, 1st; Rodden, 3rd; Lydon, 5th; Mitchell, 6th; Newman, 6th; Ostell, 65th; Carriere, 85th; Macpherson, R. L.; Edwards, R. L.; Lieuts. Costigan, M. F. B.; Baldon, M. G. A.; Verry, M. G. A.; Dobbin, 1st Batt.; Mackeand, 3rd; Findlay, 6th; Denison, 6th; Dansereau, 65th; Pelletier, 65th; Parent, 65th; Roy, 65th; Beauchamp, 65th; Lippe, 85th; Belanger, 85th; Lefebvre, 85th.

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On 9th inst, Lieut.-Col. Cole, delivered the third of the series of regimental lectures to the members of the Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery. There was a large attendance of members of the Brigade and their friends, including many ladies; Lieut.-Col. Turnbull presided, and Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D. A. G., and other representatives of the city corps were present.

The subject of the lecture was "The Fortified Stations of the British Empire," and its intrinsic interest was greatly increased by the exhibition of a large number of lantern views illustrating many of the forts and stations mentioned by the

lecturer. The paper began by calling attention to the growth and magnitude of the British Empire, its liberties, its naval and military strength. A beginning was then made at London, and the attention of those present was then directed to all the fortified stations on the British Isles. The particulars of these were entirely new to most, if not to all, of the audience, and were of extreme interest as showing the very great attention that has been paid to the defence of the "tight little island" during the last half century.

Leaving Britain, the lecturer gave some details of the defences of Heligoland and the Channel Islands. Gibraltar was then reached and a very full and interesting description of this renowned fortress was given. One of the most attractive illustrations of the series was presented in this connection, showing a fine view of the Rock and in the foreground the parade of the Indian Army before H. R. H. the Prince of Wales some fifteen years ago. After Gibraltar, Malta was described and illustrated; then came Alexandria, Aden, Zanzibar, Cape Colony, Cape Coast Castle, Sierra Leone, and the Islands of Mauritius and St. Helena. In connection with several of the African stations, mention was made of the late Capt. Huntley Mackay, R. M. C., who had proved such an excellent representative of Canadian skill in the Imperial service, and whose death two years ago was so universally regretted. The lecturer informed us that the fortifications at Sierra Leone were chiefly erected under Captain Mackay's superintendence.

Crossing to India, the defences of Ceylon were first touched on and then came Bombay, Calcutta, Quetta, Delhi, Cawnpore, Lucknow, Agra, and other Indian cities and forts. Many of these possess an especially sad interest from the massacres and bloodshed by the Sepoys during the Indian Mutiny. The history and present condition of these points were well summarized and the illustrations very appropriate. Burmah (India's latest acquisition) was next referred to, followed by descriptions of the chief cities and forts in Australia. Our attention was then directed to the British West Indies, the Bermudas, British Guiana, British Honduras, finishing up with our own country, from Victoria to Halifax. Many particulars of the fortifications at Esquimalt, Kingston, Quebec and Halifax were given, especially of the last mentioned important station.

This brought the very entertaining lecture to a close and a vote of thanks, proposed by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, and seconded by Capt. Edwards, was unanimously carried.

The lantern views shown were clear and effective; those of Alexandria and the Egyptian campaign of 1882 were especially good, while the *esprit de corps* of the Brigade was well brought out at the exhibition of some views of the M. G. A. when at Regina during the North-West Campaign of 1885.

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The 16th Annual Meeting of the 5th "Royal Scots of Canada" Rifle Association was held at the Armory, on Monday evening, 13th inst, Major Strathy in the Chair. Amongst those present were Majors Strathy, Ibbotson and Blaiklock; Captains Rankin and Ibbotson; Color-Sergt. Currie, Pipe-Sergt. Clark, Pte. D. Smith, Bugler Broadhurst, Sergt. Moore.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read, the secretary-treasurer presented his financial report, showing a balance on hand of \$4.11.

The following were elected office bearers:—

Hon. President—Lieut.-Col. Caverhill.

Hon. Vice-President—Major Lyman.

President—Major Strathy.

Vice-President—Major Ibbotson.

2nd Vice-President—Capt. Gault.

Committee—Major Blaiklock, Capt. Cameron, Sergt.-Major Niven, Col.-Sergt. Currie, "A" Co., Sergt. Bethune, "B" Co., Hospital-Sergt. Moore, "C" Co., Pipe-Sergt. Clark, "D" Co., Bugler Broadstreet, "E" Co., Col.-Sergt. Goldsack "F" Co.

Secretary-Treasurer—Capt. Rankin.

Assistant Do. —Color-Sergt. Currie.

Executive Officer—Capt. Lydon.

Auditors—(Qr.-Master-Sergt. Tabb,
Pte. W. A. Smith.

Representative to P. Q. R. A.—Major Ibbotson.

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