

EARNSLIFFE

OTTAWA, 11th February, 1899.

DEAR CAPTAIN DIXON :

In anticipation of the annual meeting of the Officers' Association at an early date I shall be glad if, as Honorary Secretary, you will take steps to submit the following remarks to the members of our council.

As President of the Officers' Association I am most anxious that the council and the members should very seriously consider the advisability of an amalgamation with the Canadian United Service Club. I feel most strongly that two bodies of officers organized for the same defined object of benefitting and improving the National Defence Force of the Dominion should identify their interests and amalgamate their several organizations.

Union is strength, and in no concern of life so truthfully as in things military.

The Canadian United Service Club have done me the honor of inviting me to become a Patron, so that as the Patron of one, and as President of the other of these two both valuable institutions, I feel that I am entitled to bring this important matter forward. I have the strongest conviction that we shall assist and benefit the Force to which we all belong far more effectively if these institutions form one body, and are actuated by one single impulse.

I have sent a similar communication to the Council of the Canadian United Service Club.

It is, I feel assured, quite unnecessary for me to say how heartily your Association has my very good wishes and hearty concurrence, which, however, will be doubly strong if I am able at an early date to congratulate the Canadian National Army of the future upon having a strong and combined Service Association for the mutual improvement and benefit of the Force generally.

I am, faithfully yours,

EDWARD T. H. HUTTON.

*Major General, and A.D.C. to H.M. the Queen.*

President Officers' Association, etc.

CAPTAIN DIXON,

*Honorary-Secretary-Treasurer,*

The Officers' Association of the Militia of Canada.

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Gentlemen eligible for membership under the Constitution, and desirous of joining the Association, are requested to remit their subscriptions to Captain F. J. Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer, 505 Board of Trade, Montreal, Que.