

immediately after the officers' meeting had been closed. All the members being present.

The treasurer's financial statement presented was satisfactory, and was adopted, as was also that of the house committee.

The directors for 1895 were elected according to the provisions of the club's charter of incorporation. Lt.-Col. Smith was chosen president, Major Shannon vice-president and chairman of the house committee, Lieut. MacNee, secretary, and Capt. Sinclair treasurer.

It was decided to take steps to increase the usefulness and attractiveness of the club during the incoming year.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Lieut. C. M. Strange, the retiring secretary, for the satisfactory manner in which he performed his duties, and the club expressed its regret at his departure from Kingston.

The 14th Battalion suffers a heavy loss by the departure for Montreal of Lieut. C. M. Strange, who for the past two years, has had charge of "B" Company; and who was one of the most enthusiastic, energetic, and painstaking, as well as one of the most popular officers of Kingston's crack rifle corps.

Lieut. Strange, in whose veins runs the blood of a military family, entered the 14th as a private in 1886, and served in each of the subordinate ranks. After making a very creditable record as a non-commissioned officer, and earning the confidence and esteem of officers and men, he retired from the corps. But in a short time he again became a member, this time taking a second lieutenant's commission. Since being attached to "B" Company, he has bent all his energies to making that company one of the best in the corps. His good intentions were recognized and appreciated by his men who loyally supported him, and in consequence "B" Company is to-day as smart and efficient as any company in the regiment.

Lieut. Strange took a deep interest in the welfare of his own company, and the battalion in general. To his increasing efforts is due in no small degree the success of the regimental rifle association. He organized the regimental tug-of-war team, he was the first officer in the corps to call on his company to perform autumn drill, and he was from the first a staunch supporter of the proposition to establish the regimental gymnasium which is accomplishing such good work at present.

In athletic and social circles, Lieut. Strange was also a leader. He was last season secretary of the Kingston skating rink, and this season was unanimously elected as honorary president of the Granite Hockey Club. He was equally well-known and popular in football, tennis, yachting, and canoeing circles.

As secretary of the Macdonald Club of this city, he rendered important services to that organization, and the members of the 14th Club, testify to the value of his work as secretary of that club.

Before leaving Kingston he was entertained to an oyster supper and presented with a gold-headed ebony cane, accompanied by an address by the men of "B" Company 14th Battalion. He was tender-

ed a farewell dinner in the officers' mess-room at Tête-du-Pont barracks by a number of his friends, who took advantage of the occasion to present him with a beautiful gold monogram locket.

Lieut. Strange takes a position with the hardware firm of Lewis Brothers & Co., of Montreal, with whom he will doubtless soon prove as great a favorite as he was with all his acquaintances in the Limestone city.

Captains Gaudet and Hudon, of "A" Field Battery R.C.A., have returned from England where they had been taking a course of instruction. They each bear testimony to the benefit to be derived from this course. Their time was fully taken up with their studies and the performance of the duties assigned to them.

Sergt. Hamilton, "A" Field Battery, rescued the seven year old son of Armorer Sergt. Worth, of the same corps, from death by drowning in the Rideau River the other day.

The following non-commissioned officers of "A" Battery have obtained certificates: Sergt. F. Kelly, first-class, grade B, with an average percentage of 78 marks; Sergt. W. A. Wanless, first B, average 92; Corporal William Prenter, first B, average 75; Bombardier E. H. Gray, average 79; Bombardier A. McCully, average 80; Bombardier K. McKinnon, first B, average 84.

Lieut. G. R. Moore, Kingston Field Battery, has been confirmed in his rank from 3rd April, 1894.

Second Lieut. Otto E. Hewton, 47th Frontenac Battalion, has obtained a 2nd class, grade A certificate, and is confirmed in his rank from 30th September, 1894.

Eleven graduates of the Royal Military College, who passed their final examinations last summer, have been appointed lieutenants in the active militia.

We are still anxiously looking for the militia list for 1894, which is likely to be a posthumous production.

VIDETTE.

Ottawa.

The Ballistics of the Rifle.

The above was the subject of a most interesting and instructive lecture delivered by Major Perley before the Ottawa Brigade. Marksmen who heard this lecture enjoyed a treat, and many preconceived ideas were dispelled and doubtful points rendered clear. The expansion of the powder was the first point treated of. Commencing at the flight of the bullet from the muzzle of the gun to the object aimed at the lecturer showed, by the aid of a chart, how the velocity of the bullet was measured. Another interesting example was the trajectory. Aiming at 500 yards distance, it was shown that the bullet passed 4½ feet above the plane at 100 yards, 7½ at 200 yards, about 8¼ at 300 yards, and 5.89 feet at 400 yards, descending from the top of the curve, which was a little beyond 300 yards, at an angle

greater by one fifth than the angle of ascent into the mark at 500 yards. In fact the whole lecture was bristling with interesting points and had to be heard to be appreciated. There is a probability of its appearing in pamphlet form.

Major-General Herbert, in moving a vote of thanks, made reference to the new rifle, Martini-Metford, which he trusted would be in use by next year, and he said that he was satisfied with the rifle but not with the ammunition that was used with it. Col. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia, seconded the vote of thanks which, needless to say, was carried unanimously.

The Gilmour Trophy.

A report that the 57th Batt. had won this cup was current last week. When Lt.-Col. Aylmer was seen in reference thereto, he said that he was not aware that it had been decided, as all the comparative efficiency returns were not yet in. This trophy is a cup presented by Lt.-Col. A. Gilmour to the best drilled and equipped infantry battalion in Districts 3 and 4.

Rumored Changes.

There were a good many rumors around town this week anent various changes in a city corps. Investigation revealed that one resignation was at least an accomplished fact, Lt. C. D. Fripp, of the G. G. F. G., having resigned. Mr. Fripp has been a member of the Guards for some twelve years, having risen from the ranks. He was a most painstaking and popular officer, and will be missed by his former comrades. It would not perhaps be fair to mention the names of the other officers who are spoken of as having resigned, but at least this may be said, that if it be true there will be a great many vacancies to fill and those, too, of a senior position.

Major-General Herbert left yesterday afternoon on a visit of inspection to Esquimaux, B.C. Surg.-General Bergin, M. P., will accompany him as far as Winnipeg in his official capacity.

The Artillery Ball.

The non-com. officers and men of the Ottawa Field Battery held their annual ball on Friday evening last in Harmony Hall. The affair was a decided success and the committee, composed of Sergt.-Major Ingram, Sergts. Paynter, Shattuck and Brown, Corp. Curson, Bomb. Earle and Shore, and Gunner Moore, deserved the praise which was freely given them. The 43rd Batt. orchestra supplied the music for dancing, in excellent style. The various uniforms contrasted prettily with the brilliant costumes of the ladies. Among those present were Major and Mrs. Bliss, Capt. Bowie, Lt. Eaton, Lt. Bliss, Lt. Gallway, G.G.F.G., Sergt.-Maj. Powell, P.L.D.G., Sergt.-Major Davis, G.G.F.G., Sgt.-Maj. Mahoney, 43rd Batt. Downstairs there was provided an elaborate menu, supplied by Mr. Turner. At an early hour Saturday morning the merry gathering dispersed well pleased with their evenings enjoyment.

"LANCE."