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At which were present :

CAPT. S. A. DENISON,
MR. FRED W. WHITE,
CAPT. E. F. WURTELE,
MR. J. HOULISTON,
CAPT. E. HUBBELL,
MAJOR A. B. PERRY,
MR. E. T. GILLMORE,
MR. J. WHITE,
MR. T. CHALMERS,

President.
Secy.-Treas. *de*
CAPT. G. E. BOWIE,
MR. A. J. MATHESON,
MR. C. M. LAMBE,
MR. B. H. FRASER,
MR. F. B. EMERY,
MR. D. C. CAMPBELL,
MR. W. J. STEWART.

The meeting being called to order, the President took the chair.

Messrs. Lambe and Matheson having been appointed Auditors proceeded to audit the accounts.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read his report which showed a cash balance in hand of \$127.88.

Moved by Capt. E. Wurtele, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the report of the Secretary Treasurer be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Capt. Wurtele, seconded by Mr. Lambe,

That it is advisable that this club should have an official organ for intercommunication.—Carried.

In this connection the following letters were ordered to be printed in the minutes of the meeting.

To the President and Members Royal Military College Club, Ottawa.

GENTLEMEN,

At our last Annual Meeting, held in Toronto, on the 24th January, 1890, a letter was read from me, advocating the publication of a Journal in connection with this Club.

After an informal discussion it was decided to let the matter remain in abeyance until this meeting.

I now have the honor of drawing your attention to this subject, and desire in as few words as possible to place before you some of the many advantages to be gained by the proposed publication.

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THE ADVANTAGES ARE :—

1st.—The publishing of letters from members residing in various parts of the world, by which we will become conversant with their occupations and residences, and be supplied with interesting news relating to their doings in this and other Counties.

Correspondence to be derived from the undermentioned subjects :—

- (a) Surveys, Construction and Operating of Railways.
- (b) Surveys, Construction and Operating of Canals.
- (c) Construction of Public Works, generally.
- (d) Military Subjects, relating to the Imperial and Canadian Permanent Force and Militia.
- (e) The Mounted Police.
- (f) Explorations and Travels.
- (g) Mines and their Operation.
- (h) All other matter not included above.

2nd.—The publication of letters would be the means of making us more familiar with the names of the members, many of whom by necessity are strangers, and at the same time would establish a friendly feeling between the different graduating classes, showing that the Club is maintained for all, and has for its object the welfare and interests of each member individually as well as the whole generally.

3rd.—To be the Official Journal or organ of the Club. To publish the minutes of meetings, notification, of orders issued and business generally relating to the Club.

4th.—To contain one or more pages devoted to the Royal Military College.

One or more correspondents would be sufficient to furnish the necessary information regarding the promotions, drills, orders issued and the general doings at the Institution.

This I believe would be of interest to us all.

5th.—To publish all changes of address of the members, and a statement yearly showing occupation and address of each one.

6th.—To publish the orders issued, from time to time, by the Militia Authorities.

Having explained generally the objective points, it now remains for me to state that in order to make a success of such an undertaking, it requires the co-operation of each member generally, and of a few in particular. These latter would have the details to look after, consisting of deciding upon the matter which would be inserted in the Journal; the number of issues in the year, depending a great deal upon the amount of matter contributed by the members; the size of the paper, such as would allow of an increase in pages and not alter the original size decided upon, and so forth.

There no doubt remains a great deal to be done to ensure success, but no difficulties present themselves which we cannot overcome, and as the membership will increase yearly, this has a tendency to more fully demand the adoption of such a Journal, and at the same time offer us greater support financially as well as otherwise.

I would suggest the sending out of a circular, immediately, to each Ex-Cadet, whether members of our Club or not, containing a general idea of the proposition, I now have the honor of placing before you and requesting an

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answer, stating if willing to assist the object in view, financially and by contribution of material for publication, and when replies have been received from a sufficient number to warrant proceeding in this matter, that the President, Secretary-Treasurer and Committee for 1891, form themselves into a Special Committee for the purpose of carrying out this suggestion, and that they be empowered to add to their number such members as they deem it requisite to perform the duties necessary.

This Committee to have charge of the work and decide upon the details which will be necessary, and control the Journal and all business relating to it.

Trusting that you will consider favorably the suggestion made to you, and that you will add to same and cut out such parts as do not meet with your approval.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

OFFICE OF THE MILITIA GAZETTE,

OTTAWA, 22ND JANUARY, 1891.

DEAR SIR,—

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your kind invitation to attend at the annual dinner of the Royal Military College Graduates, and to express my regret that a previous engagement will prevent me from attending.

It has occurred to me that it would be to the advantage

of your Club to have one publication named as the channel of communication throughout the year, to which each member might contribute such news of his own movements, or of those of fellow members with whom he is in correspondence, as would be of general interest to the graduates, to the cadets, and to the friends of the College generally; also in which all matters affecting the welfare of that Institution and of its graduates might be fully discussed. I would be well pleased to have my paper made use of for such purposes, and I would take it as a favour if you would mention the matter at your business meeting. If the Club were to designate the MILITIA GAZETTE as their official paper, I could take steps to send notification of that fact to the graduates everywhere, and invite communications, which I am sure a number of them would be glad to forward regularly. The increased interest which the publication of this class of matter would give to my paper, and the prestige attaching to designation as the official organ of a Club such as yours, would be a substantial recompense for any service the use of the columns of the paper would be to the Club or College.

In the space of a letter I cannot go fully into the matter, but as I believe it was in contemplation some time ago to establish a R. M. C. publication, I have no doubt there will be at your meeting several who have in that connection convinced themselves of the utility of such a means of communication, and if my paper can be availed of either permanently or pending the completion of any other arrangement thought desirable, I shall be happy to place its space at the disposal of your Club or the individual members.

Yours faithfully,

MR. F. W. WHITE,

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Moved by Major Perry, seconded by, Mr. Houliston,

That Mr. J. D. Taylor's offer be accepted, pending the completion of all arrangements for our own Journal, and that the *Militia Gazette*, be now our official organ.—Carried.

Moved by Major Perry, seconded by Mr. J. White,

That three months before the date of the annual meeting, the Committee may nominate the Officers and Committee of the Club for the ensuing year, and send the same to the Secretary, who shall prepare a ballot including all these names, and send a copy to the members, who shall return their votes to the Secretary.

Ballots will be received up to the opening of the annual meeting.

Two scrutineers will be appointed at the meeting by the members present, whose duties it will be to count the ballots and declare the Officers elected. Any member may vote without confining himself to those who may be nominated.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. Campbell,

That any member may read a paper at the Annual General Meeting, if such paper has first been approved of by the Managing Committee.—Carried.

Moved by, Capt. F. J. Dixon, seconded by Major Perry,

That By-law III be eliminated.—Lost.

Moved by Capt. F. J. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Chalmers,

By-law VI to read as follows:— "The officers of the Club shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting."—Carried.

Moved by Capt. Dixon, seconded by Mr. J. White,

By-law XIII to read as follows:— "The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, in his absence, disability or refusal to act, one of the Vice-Presidents (in the order elected) shall preside, or in his absence, disability or refusal to act of these officers, a temporary presiding officer shall be elected."—Lost.

Moved by Capt. Dixon, seconded by Capt. E. F. Wurtele,

By-law XIV to read as follows:—"All questions at meetings of the Club, or any Committee, shall be decided by a majority of the members present in person and voting, except where otherwise specially provided for by By-law. In the event of a tie, the Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote, but not otherwise."—Lost.

Moved by Capt. Dixon, seconded by Mr. F. W. White,

That the following is to be added as Par. (9) to By-law XVI:—"He shall as soon as possible after the annual meeting, compile and forward by mail to the registered address of each member of the Club a copy of an "Address Book," which shall contain the names of all Cadets who have attended the Royal Military College, giving date of graduation (or of leaving if not a graduate), Rank and Corps in the Army or Militia, or both, permanent and temporary addresses, occupation and employment, together with

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such other information as in the opinion of the Officers of the Club is desirable."—Carried.

Moved by Capt. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

Every application for membership to this club, shall be made to one of the officers or by letter to the Secretary, accompanied by the annual subscription.—Lost.

Moved by Capt. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Stewart,

The election of officers shall take place as follows: Any member may be nominated to any office by being proposed and seconded. If there be no other nominations the member nominated shall be declared elected. If there be more than one member proposed and seconded, a ballot shall be held forthwith for such election; the candidate receiving the greatest number of ballots shall be declared elected. If there be a tie, a new ballot is to be held, and those only who received the greatest number of ballots are again to be balloted for for such office. Should this second ballot still show a tie, the Presiding Officer shall have the casting vote.—Lost.

Moved by Capt Dixon, seconded by Mr. J. White,

By-law ?:—" The Secretary-Treasurer shall be entitled to receive his necessary travelling expenses (if any) to and from his home (within 400 miles) to attend the Annual General Meeting of this Club."—Carried.

Moved by Capt. D. MacPherson, seconded by Mr. D. C. Campbell,

That in consideration of the increasing and onerous duties devolving upon the Secretary-Treasurer of the Club,

he shall be paid \$100 per year as a partial compensation for the time devoted to the interests of the Club.

A discussion here took place about the raising of the fees of the Club, and after deliberation the matter was allowed to drop.

A discussion also took place as to the desirability of employing a shorthand man to take the proceedings of the meeting, but the matter was held over for future consideration.

Moved by Mr. Lambe, seconded by Mr. Stewart,

That the members of this Club shall always wear such a badge of distinction as shall be approved of by the Officers and Committee, and that the badge may be obtained on application to the Secretary.

The elections of Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows.

President, Cap'tain S. A. Denison, (re-elected.)

1st. Vice President, Major A. B. Perry.

2nd. Vice Preident, Mr. J. Houliston.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. F. W. White.

Committee of Management : Captain Irving, Captain MacPherson, Captain E. F. Wurtele, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lambe.

Moved by Major Perry, seconded, by Mr. Lambe.

That a vote of thanks be tendered to the President for his interest and energy in and on behalf of the Club.—
Carried unanimously.

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Moved by Mr. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. Campbell,

That a vote of thanks be tendered the Secretary-Treasurer.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Sillmore,

That this meeting do now adjourn.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER
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ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CLUB
FOR THE YEAR 1891.

The year just closed has added nine new members to the Club, and although not marked by any special matter of importance, still, was very promising for the future.

Your Secretary sent out the proceedings of last year's meeting to all the members of the Club, and also notices of all arrears in dues.

Major General Oliver was notified that he had been elected an honorary member.

Captain MacKay and Lieut. Stairs were notified of the resolutions of congratulation passed at the last annual meeting.

I have great pleasure in being able to state that through the exertions of our President, a notice of motion has been made before the benches of Ontario to put Graduates of the R. M. C. on the same footing as University Graduates.

I would like to bring before the meeting in this connection that an Act was passed a year ago in the Quebec Legislature to dispense with the Matriculation Examination in the case of University Graduates who take up the learned professions, and to suggest that your Committee take the matter up and urge on the Quebec Government the justice of placing Graduates of the R.M.C. on the same footing.

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I regret to say that no material progress has been made in regard to that portion of my last year's report, which deals with the Institute of C. E. recognising the College as a School of Engineering.

It is a matter of great gratification to us all to know that the British East African Co., has applied to the Commandant of the College for graduates to enter their service.

The financial condition of the Club is very good, and a comfortable balance remains to us after deducting the usual expenses of the year, as the following statement shows:—

Amount handed over from 1889..	\$107 96
Amount of subscriptions received .	54 00
Interest.....	4 92
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Amount expended 1890.....	39 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$127 88

I wish again to draw attention to the dilatory manner in which the fees are paid, and to request that each and every member will make a point of paying up promptly, not only their arrears, but also their annual subscription; and also that members generally will make a point of answering all circulars, &c., sent them. The thanks of the Club are due to the Officers for their careful attention to all business affecting the welfare and interest of the Club generally.

FRED W. WHITE,

Secy.-Treas., R. M. C. C.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23rd, 1891.