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At which were present :

CAPT. W. M. DAVIS, President.
MR. FRED. W. WHITE, Secy. Treasurer.

MR. F. J. DIXON. MR. G. E. LAIDLAW.
MR. L. HOMFRAY IRVING. MR. KENNETH CAMPBELL.
MR. B. McLENNAN. MR. W. A. H. KERR.
MR. J. H. LAURIE. MR. J. A. SMART.
CAPT. W. VAN BUSKIRK. MR. R. A. BROCK.
CAPT. S. A. DENISON. MR. J. D. MACKAY.
MR. W. C. BROUGH. MR. A. KELLY EVANS.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, confirmed and signed by the President.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read his report, which showed a cash balance in hand of \$107.96.

Moved by Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Dixon,

That Captain Van Buskirk and Mr. McLennan be appointed Auditors.—Carried.

The Secretary then read letters from Captain E. F. Wurtele advocating the publication of a monthly journal in connection with the Club, and from Captain D. MacPherson and Mr. R. W. Leonard advocating the election of the officers of the Club by ballot, and from Mr. R. W. Leonard advocating the reading of papers at the annual meeting. After an informal discussion, it was decided to let these matters remain over till the next annual meeting.

The Auditors having reported the Treasurer's accounts to be correct ;

It was moved by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Evans,

That the report of the Secretary-Treasurer be adopted and printed for circulation among the members.

The President then addressed the meeting. Going over the work of the past year, he congratulated the Club upon its ever increasing membership. The President stated that he considered that three months' notice should be given to the Secretary of all motions for the changing of the By-laws, in order that every member could be furnished with a copy of such motions, and so have time before the meeting to consider whether or not such changes would be beneficial, and be prepared to more fully discuss the proposed changes at the meeting. Touching the question of election of officers by ballot, the President considered that the greatest difficulty in such a case would be the nomination of the officers, which would have to be done a year ahead, and during that time the nominees might have left the country, and he

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pointed out the necessity of the officers being within reach of the headquarters of the Club in order to facilitate the proper management of the affairs of the Club. The President also pointed out the desirability of the Royal Military College being recognised as an engineering institution by the Institute of Civil Engineers, and hoped that it would be arranged during the coming year. The President also spoke of the necessity of having any papers that might be read before the Club of a non-professional character, in order that such papers would be interesting to all the members and prevent the Club becoming in any sense a professional institution. The President thanked the members for having accorded him two terms of office and stated his intention of retiring from the Presidency, and closed his remarks by stating his appreciation of the efforts of the Secretary in the interests of the Club.

Mr. Dixon brought up the question of the employment of ex-cadets in the Civil Service, and the question received a great deal of discussion, but as no motion was placed before the chair on the matter, it was allowed to drop.

Moved by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Campbell,

That the following be inserted after V in the By-laws: "Gentlemen who are, or at any time have been, connected with the Royal Military College may be elected 'honorary members,' by unanimous vote, at any annual general meeting of the Club."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Kerr,

That By-law VIII be struck out, and the following substituted: "In addition to the officers named in By-law VI, there may be elected at any annual general meeting an 'Honorary President' of the Club, who shall hold office for the ensuing year."—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw,

That the following additions be made to By-law XXIII: That the word "first" be inserted after the word "must," so as to read "The case must first be investigated," etc., etc.; and that the following be added after the last word "meeting": "whose decision shall be final."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Irving, seconded by Captain Denison,
That two Auditors be elected at each annual general meeting, who shall report on the state of the books at that meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Laurie,
That any member who does not attend the annual general meeting may send any motion to that meeting, which shall be received.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. Murphy,
That in the interests of the Royal Military College Club, and in view of By-law III ; in future, all annual general meetings of this Club be held in Ottawa, the headquarters of the Club.

Moved in amendment by Captain Denison, seconded by Mr. Laurie,

That the annual general meeting of the Royal Military College Club shall be held in rotation at each of the following centres : Ottawa, Kingston, Montreal and Toronto.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Brough,

By-law—XIII B. That the order of business at every annual general meeting shall be as follows :

- (a.) Reading of minutes of last meeting.
- (b.) Report of Secretary-Treasurer.
- (c.) Report of Auditors.
- (d.) Report of Managing Committee.
- (e.) Report of any other Committee or Members.
- (f.) Unfinished business from last meeting.
- (g.) New business.
- (h.) Election of Officers.

The officers elected assume office the day following the annual meeting.—Carried.

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Moved by Mr. Irving seconded by Mr. Dixon,

That the following be added to By-law VII: "To whom shall be delegated the entire direction and management of the affairs of the Club."—Carried.

Moved by Captain Van Buskirk, seconded by Mr. Dixon,

That the following words be added to By-law XXII: "Provided that notice in writing shall have been given to the Secretary for the purpose of distribution among the members by the first day of December preceeding the annual general meeting."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Captain Denison,

That Major-General John Ryder Oliver, C.M.G., late R.A., formerly Commandant of the Royal Military Collège, be elected an honorary member of this Club.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Evans,

That the congratulations of this Club be sent to Lieut. Stairs, R.E., on the successful termination of his hardships in Central Africa, and the manner in which he has upheld the good name of the Royal Military College.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. F. J. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw,

That this Club tender its sincere congratulations to Captain H. B. Mackay, R.E., D.S.O., upon his promotion, and its appreciation of the honor conferred by Her Majesty in appointing him a member of the "Distinguished Service Order" for services in Africa.—Carried.

Moved by Captain Denison, seconded by Mr. Dixon,

That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the President for his untiring efforts on behalf of the welfare of the Club.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Evans,

That the thanks of this Club be tendered to the Secretary-Treasurer for his prompt attention to the business and interests of the Club during the passed year.—Carried.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

President, Captain S. A. Denison, Infantry School Corps, London, Ont.

Vice-President, W. A. H. Kerr, Esq., Toronto.

Secretary-Treasurer, Fred. W. White, Esq., C.E., Ottawa, (re-elected.)

Committee of Management:

Captain D. MacPherson, Montreal, Que.

E. H. Drury, Esq., C.E., Ottawa, Ont.

Captain E. F. Wurtele, Quebec, Que.

Captain W. F. Van Buskirk, Stratford, Ont.

B. McLennan, Esq., C.E., Montreal, Que.

Moved by Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Evans,

That this meeting do now adjourn.—Carried.

The annual dinner was held in the Queen's Hotel in the evening. Covers were laid for eighteen, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The Secretary read letters of regret from the Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario; the Honorable Sir A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia and Defence; Lieut.-General Sir Fred Middleton; Colonel Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence; Colonel Powell, Adjt.-General of Militia; Major-General Cameron, Commandant Royal Military College; Lieut.-Colonel Otter, D. A. G. Second Military District; Lieut.-Colonel Fred. C. Denison, C.M.G.; Major Vidal, Infantry School Corps; James Sutherland, Esq., M.P.; R. S. White, Esq., M.P.; Commander Law, Military Secretary; and several members of the Club.

The guests present were Major Delamere, Queen's Own Rifles; Captain Baldwin, 2nd Regt. Cavalry; and Lieut. Lowe, Grenadier Guards.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TREASURER

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FOR THE YEAR 1889.

The year just closed has been one of the best which the Club has yet experienced. The membership has increased from 83 to 100, and I have not got a single member on my list asking for employment.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, I drew the attention of the Militia authorities to the injustice done to the graduates of the Royal Military College by making appointments to the permanent forces, of unqualified officers, in violation of Par. 136, Regulations R. M. C., but received no reply.

I also sent to Major-General Oliver the congratulations of this Club on his investiture as a companion of the distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George, and expressed our appreciation of his services as Honorary President of the Royal Military College Club.

I am very sorry to state that the proposed college journal which was to have been published, and which this Club was to make its official organ, has fallen through, owing to the Commandant of the College objecting to our having representation on the Committee of Management. I may say that quite a few of the members of the Club are strongly in favor of the publication of some such paper in connection with the Club, and, in my humble opinion, the matter is well worth our earnest attention.

The Proceedings of last year's meeting, together with a printed copy of the By-laws and Constitution, was sent to every member.

Those in arrears of dues were notified to that effect, and, I regret

to say, have not all responded in that hearty manner which we have a right to expect.

The most important event which has transpired during the year, to us, was the publication of a General Order on the 30th March, 1889, which reads as follows:

"No. 4.

"ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

"Graduates having rank in the Militia.

"Adverting to par. (1) of No. 2 of G. O. (3), 6th February, 1880, a Graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada who has been appointed a Lieutenant in the Militia, may, if not an officer of an Active Militia corps, be promoted Captain in the Militia, provided that within ten years from date of his graduation he has performed at least five annual drills in a camp of exercise, attached temporarily as an officer to a corps of the Active Militia in camp."

This is an answer to our letters of the 16th February and 21st October, 1886, which had long been pigeon-holed, and which would still be there had it not been for the very untiring efforts of our worthy President, Mr. W. M. Davis, with the co-operation of Messrs. J. Sutherland, M.P., and R. S. White, M.P. To these gentlemen the thanks of the Club are due for the very great interest shown by them in its affairs, and for their successful efforts in our behalf against untold opposition.

As there seems to have been very general satisfaction expressed by the members with the list of addresses of ex-cadets published last year, and as the same has proved a great convenience to all, I would suggest that the Secretary be instructed to publish the addresses annually, for distribution, and, between each such publication, to issue once a year a slip giving any changes of addresses that may have occurred since the last publication.

It has been brought to the notice of your Secretary that the Royal Military College is not recognised as an engineering institution by the Institute of Civil Engineers. This is a most important matter to all graduates of the College and especially to those who adopt the pro-

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profession of civil engineering. It is most important, therefore, that this matter be rectified, and I am glad to be able to state that the Militia Department are now considering what will be the best way to succeed in having the College recognised by the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Another important matter to us is that of having the law course shortened for graduates of the College, and I am of opinion that it would be in our interests to appoint a committee to gather information respecting this matter, in order that the officers of the Club may act in whatever way may seem best to them to bring this matter to a successful issue.

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

Amount handed over from 1888:	\$111 02
Amount of subscriptions received, 1889.	47 00
Interest for 1889.	4 05
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Amount expended, 1889	54 11
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Cash in hand, 31st Dec., 1889.	\$107 96

I wish 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, in accordance with By-law XI, and also that members generally will answer all circulars, etc., sent them, without delay.

The thanks of the Club are due to the officers for their careful attention to all business affecting the welfare and interests of the Club generally.

FRED. W. WHITE,
Secretary-Treasurer,
R. M. C. Club.

OTTAWA, January 23rd, 1890.