

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CLUB

HELD IN KINGSTON,

AT THE BRITISH AMERICAN HOTEL,

ON THE 11TH MARCH, 1892.

At which were present :

CAPT. S. A. J. DENISON, - - - - President.
MR. FRED W. WHITE, - - - - Secy.-Treas.

CAPT. A. H. VANSTRAUBENZEE, R. E.	MR. A. HAMILTON.
CAPT. ERNEST F. WURTELE, R. L.	MR. H. A. PANET.
CAPT. A. G. G. WURTELE, R. M. C.	CAPT. J. B. COCHRANE, R. M. C.
CAPT. V. B. RIVERS, R. C. A.	CAPT. F. M. GAUDET, R. C. A.
MR. J. A. MOREN, R. A.	CAPT. W. F. VANBUSKIRK.
MR. E. H. DRURY,	MR. H. E. BURSTALL, R. C. A.
MR. J. F. E. JOHNSTON.	MR. W. B. CARRUTHERS.
MR. B. FRASER.	MR. R. W. LEONARD.
MR. J. GUNN.	MR. R. E. KENT.
MR. GEO. PERLEY.	MR. E. T. B. GILLMORE.

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

The minutes of the last meeting as printed were taken and adopted.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read his report which showed a balance in hand of \$47.21.

Moved by Capt. A. H. VanStraubensee, seconded by Capt. A. G. G. Würtele,

That Messrs. R. E. Kent and B. Fraser be appointed Auditors.—Carried.

The Auditors having reported the books correct it was

Moved by Mr. F. W. White, seconded by Mr. Fraser,

That the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, as read, be adopted.—Carried.

The President then addressed the meeting, going over the work of the past year and dwelling specially upon the advantages to the Graduates of the Royal Military College to be derived from the successful ending of the negotiations with the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Moved by Captain Ernest F. Würtele, seconded by Mr. E. H. Drury,

That the Annual Subscription of all Ex-Cadets eligible for Membership, for the first three (3) years after leaving College, be One Dollar (\$1.00), and that the Annual Subscription for all Members or Ex-Cadets who are three (3)

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years out of the College, be Two Dollars (\$2.00). The latter rate to commence with the year 1893.—Carried.

The question of having the proceedings of all meetings taken in short hand and a verbatim report printed for circulation was then discussed but allowed to drop, the general opinion being that the finances of the Club did not warrant such an expenditure at the present.

The question of all members wearing a distinctive badge was then discussed and after a short debate it was :

Moved by Mr. E. H. Drury, seconded by Mr. R. W. Leonard,

That Captain V. B. Rivers, Captain J. B. Cochrane and Mr. W. B. Carruthers be a committee with full powers to look into and adopt a badge to be worn by Members.—Carried.

The President then read a letter from Mr. E. J. Dixon, complaining of the loose way in which the affairs of the Club had been managed.

Also a letter from Captain Duncan MacPherson *re* the Mackay Memorial.

After discussion, it was :

Moved by Captain A. H. VanStraubensee, seconded by Mr. F. W. White,

That a Committee composed of Captain A. H. VanStraubensee, Captain Duncan MacPherson and Mr. R. W. Leonard be appointed to take charge of the Mackay

Memorial with full powers to act on the following proposals, viz :

1st. That his last photograph be enlarged and two copies obtained, one to be presented to the Royal Military College and the other to Captain Mackay's father.

2nd. That a memorial brass be placed in some Church in Kingston, and that if the memorial takes this form, his father be asked to decide what Church it shall be placed in.

3rd. That in one of Miss Daniell's Soldiers Institutes a cubicle be founded and named after Captain Mackay.

4th. That should a philanthropic object be decided on, it should be in a charitable institute in Canada.

This Committee also to have power to receive subscriptions.—Carried.

An adjournment then took place for luncheon.

On reassembling, it was

Moved by Captain Ernest F. Würtele, seconded by Capt. J. Moren,

That the following be added to the By-Laws and Constitution of the "Royal Military College Club":—

"REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.

" Any officer may be removed from office upon conviction of continued neglect of duty, or violation of the Rules of the Club, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Officers of the Club present at a meeting called for that

“ purpose, and of which due notification is given to the party
“ implicated.

“ When circumstances prevent a meeting of the Officers
“ for that purpose, the vote will be by mail.”—Carried.

Moved by Captain Ernest F. Würtele, seconded by Mr.
F. W. White,

That the following letter be read, printed, and the sugges-
tions therein be adopted.—Carried.

Quebec, 1st March, 1892.

*To the President and Members Royal Military College Club,
Kingston, Ontario.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, the
following proposition, having reference to the manner in
which the business administration of this club should be
carried on.

The object in view is to place matters on a basis at the
present time as will tend to reduce as much as possible the
work which has to be performed by the Secretary-Treasurer.

His duties will increase yearly, owing to the Royal
Military College sending out Graduates annually, and in
addition to this, it is expected that all such who have not
joined the Club to date, will do so on some future occasion,
which will constantly increase the work to be done by him.

As my ideas may appear to demand a rather large outlay
of the funds of the Club in order to meet the requirements

herein mentioned, I may state that in my opinion the result will in the end justify the expenditure now proposed to be incurred.

Your attention is desired in particular to these suggestions, not only with a view of getting your approval, but for the purpose of enabling you to suggest changes or additions or the two combined if found necessary.

I respectfully suggest that the following books be procured at once :—

- 1 Cash Book.
- 1 Journal.
- 1 Ledger.
- 1 Address Book.
- 1 Letter Record Book.
- 1 Minute Book.

I would further suggest that the above be of a uniform size, as to breadth and length, so as to permit their being packed in a case to be made for the purpose, so as to facilitate transportation from place to place as circumstances direct.

I deem it of the utmost importance that these books should be taken to every Meeting, as a means of reference and for the purpose of being audited.

The books to be printed specially for the Club and ruled in accordance with the requirements in each case.

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designed for the purpose of a general book for Club accounts and for the purpose of keeping an account with each individual member. It is desirable to have the latter part carried out to enable the Secretary-Treasurer to ascertain quickly the standing of any Member.

The Address Book is for the purpose of keeping a convenient record of addresses and changes which occur from time to time, and so arranged as to facilitate reference with as little trouble as possible.

The Letter Record Book has places ruled to enter date of receipt and answer thereto and subject of letter. This will give the Secretary-Treasurer a record which may come in useful on future occasions.

ESTIMATED COST.

I have received an estimate of the approximate cost of the six books in question and which in the one case will come to \$23.00 and in the other to \$25.00, including Indexes, the difference in price is owing to the quality of the paper being better in the latter price.

Trusting this matter may receive your favourable consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST F. WURTELE,

Captain R. L.

Moved by Capt. Ernest F. Würtele, seconded by Mr. E. H. Drury,

That the following letter be read, printed and the suggestions contained therein adopted.—Carried.

Quebec, 1st March, 1892.

*To the President and Members Royal Military College Club,
Kingston, Ontario.*

GENTLEMEN,

RE : BADGE FOR HEAD-DRESS.

Par. 252, Regulations and Orders 1887, reads :—

“ Graduates of the Royal Military College of Canada, holding rank in the Militia, but not at the time belonging to any Corps of Active Militia, will wear the Infantry uniform when they desire to appear in uniform with the exception that the badge or head-dress will be, instead of a numeral, the College crest encircled with Motto, surmounted with Imperial Crown. Crest, a mailed Arm upholding a Maple Leaf. Motto, ‘ Truth, Duty, Valour.’ ”

I communicated with the Department of Militia and Defence with regard to the badge above mentioned, with the object of ascertaining whether they had or proposed to get them in store, to be issued upon payment to such as were in want of them.

The answer received was to the effect that they had no intention of doing so.

As it is a matter which would be inconvenient for any one Ex-Cadet to procure, I would suggest the advisability of the Club taking the matter up and placing themselves in communication with some firm who would manufacture them, with the object of getting rates and if found reasonable, that the Club get a number of them, to be issued to such who may desire to avail themselves of wearing the same and at cost price.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST F. WURTELE,

Captain, R. L.

Attention was called to Paragraph 136, Regulations Royal Military College, which reads as follows :

“ So soon as there are a sufficient number of eligible Graduates, appointments to permanent Military Corps will be made solely from this list ; and after sufficient length of service and rank has been obtained by Graduates, Permanent Militia Offices will be filled therefrom.”

After discussion it was :

Moved by Captain J. A. Moren, seconded by Mr. E. H. Drury,

That a deputation of the Officers of the Club wait upon the Minister of Militia in regard to this Paragraph in the Regulations of the Royal Military College, with the object

of having this clause carried out in the future if possible. — Carried.

Moved by Mr. E. H. Drury, seconded by Captain Ernest F. Würtele,

That the Club request the Militia Department to allow Graduates of the Royal Military College to attend a course at some one of the Permanent Military Schools for a period of two or three months, and that such a course be allowed to count for one Annual Training.—Carried.

Moved by Captain A. H. VanStraubensee, seconded by Mr. R. W. Leonard,

That with a view to increasing the supply of Cadets at the Royal Military College, the Militia Department may see fit to allow the entrance examination to that required for matriculation for the Universities.—Lost.

Moved by Captain J. B. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. W. B. Carruthers,

That the fee be decreased One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per Annum at the Royal Military College with a view of increasing the number of Cadets.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. E. H. Drury, seconded by Captain J. A. Moren,

That the By-Laws be so altered to admit of a Chaplain and that the Rev. Mr. A. Daniel be made Chaplain of this Club.—Carried.

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

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Vice-Presidents:—Mr. Fred W. White, C. E., Militia Department, Ottawa.

Capt. A. H. VanStraubensee, R. E., Royal Military College, Kingston.

Secretary-Treasurer:—Captain Ernest F. Würtele, R. L., Quebec.

Committee of Management:—

Captain Duñcan MacPherson, Montreal.

Captain S. A. J. Denison, R. S. I., London.

Captain J. B. Cochrane, R. M. C., Kingston.

Mr. R. W. Leonard, C. E., Kingston.

Mr. D. C. Campbell, C. E., Ottawa.

After tendering a vote of thanks to the retiring President and Secretary-Treasurer the Meeting adjourned.

The Seventh Annual Dinner was held at the British American Hotel in the evening.

Covers were laid for thirty-two, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Regrets were received from the Hon. Mr. Bowell, Minister of Militia, Colonel the Hon. C. E. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia, Major-General Herbert, C. B., G. O. C., Colonel Powell, Adjutant General, Lieut.-Colonel VanStraubensee, D. A. G., Military Districts 3 and 4, Captain Streatfield, A. D. C. to G. O. C., Major Mayne, R. E., Surgeon-Major

Neilson, R. C. A., Major Drury, R. C. A., Dr. Duval and Dr. J. Waddell.

The Guests present were :

Major-General Cameron, C. M. G., Lieut.-Colonel Cotton, R. C. A., Lieut.-Colonel McGill, R. M. C., Captain English, R. A., Captain Huskisson, R. E., Prof. Carr Harris, C. E., Prof. Forshaw Day, R. C. A., Prof. Martin, B. A., Gentleman Cadet B. S. M. Dumble, Major Drennan, K. F. B., and R. T. Walkem, Esq., Q. C.

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

The membership has been increased by eleven during the past year, and although quiet the year has been marked by the close of the negotiations with the Law Society of Upper Canada, and the result is the following enactment:—

“The Benchers of the Law Society in Convocation assembled enact as follows:—

“1. A Cadet of the R. M. C. who has received his diploma of graduation shall be entitled to be admitted on the books of the Law Society as a student at law or articled clerk on and subject to the same terms and conditions as a graduate in the Faculty of Arts is or shall be for the time being be entitled to admission thereon.

“2. Every such Cadet shall be entitled to be called to the Bar and to be admitted and enrolled as a Solicitor after the like period of service and on and subject to the like terms and conditions as or shall be for the time being be applicable to a graduate in the Faculty of Arts.

“3. The provisions of these rules shall apply retrospectively so as to entitle any such Cadet who has heretofore been admitted on the books of the Society and has not yet been called to the Bar or admitted and enrolled as a Solicitor to apply to be so called or admitted and enrolled

“ after the like period of service as is required in the case
“ of graduates in the Faculty of Arts.”

I regret extremely to have to inform the Club of the death of Captain H. B. Mackay, R. E., D. S. O., which occurred in Africa, and who was perhaps the most distinguished Graduate of the Royal Military College.

I have also to inform you of the death of M. George W. Shaw who was killed in Montreal by a fall from a horse.

The financial condition of the Club continues good as the following statement shows:—

Amount handed over from 1890.....	\$127.88
Amount received.....	27.00
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Amount expended.....	\$154.88
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Balance in hand.....	47.21
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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, etc., sent to them.

FRED. W. WHITE,
Sec.-Treas. R. M. C. Club.

Ottawa, March 10th 1892.