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At which were present :

DUNCAN MACPHERSON,	President.
FRED. W. WHITE,	Sec.-Treasurer.
A. G. G. WURTELE.	W. M. DAVIS.
G. FERLEY.	R. LAURIE.
J. WHITE.	S. A. DENSON.
G. R. HOOPER.	D. C. CAMPBELL.
F. ANDERSON.	H. GREENWOOD.
W. J. STEWART.	G. BOWIE.
A. VAN STRAUBENZIE.	L. M. LAMBE.

The meeting being called to order, the President took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and signed by the President.

Captain Wurtele and Mr. W. M. Davis were appointed Auditors, and after inspecting the books; reported the Treasurer's accounts to be correct.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read his report, which showed a cash balance in hand of \$80.30.

Moved by Capt. Denison, seconded by Mr. Greenwood,

That the report of the Secretary-Treasurer be adopted and printed for circulation.—Carried.

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

That the order of business at the next regular annual meeting shall be as follows:—

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

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

That the next Annual Meeting be held in Toronto.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Hooper,

That the next Annual Meeting be held in Montreal.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. J. White, seconded by Mr. Stewart,

That the next Annual Meeting be held either in Toronto or Montreal, according to the wish of the majority of the members.

The amendment to the amendment was then put to the meeting and carried.

Moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hooper,

That if the next Annual Meeting is held in Montreal, it be held about the same time as the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers; or, if held in Toronto, then on the second Friday in February.—Carried unanimously.

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

That, for the guidance of future meetings, it be recorded as the opinion of this meeting that Rule XXII of the By-Laws and Regulations should be repealed.—Carried.

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

That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the officers of the Club, especially to the Secretary-Treasurer, for their prompt attention to the business and interests of the Club during the past year.—Carried unanimously.

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

President, W. M. Davis, C.E., Woodstock, Ont.; Vice-President, Capt. S. Denison, Toronto; Sec.-Treasurer, Fred. W. White (re-elected), Ottawa.

Committee of Management:—

Captain Straubenzie, R.E., Kingston.

L. H. Irving, Toronto.

D. MacPherson, C.E., Montreal.

R. W. Leonard, C.E., Spring Hill, N. S.

F. J. Dixon, Montreal.

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

That this meeting do now adjourn.—Carried.

In adjourning the meeting the retiring President, Mr. MacPherson, referred to the work the Club had done and the necessity of every

member doing his utmost for its welfare. He also expressed his appreciation of the honor the Club had conferred on him by having elected him to preside over them for two consecutive years, and his pleasure at their choice of their new President, and expressed his readiness to do all in his power for the benefit of the Club at all times.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Russell House in the evening, and covers were laid for 26.

The guests were: Lieut.-General Middleton; Col. Powell, Adjutant General; Major-General Oliver; Lt.-Col. Fairclough, R. A.; Lt.-Col. Cotton, R.C.A.; McLeod Stewart, Mayor of Ottawa; Mr. James Johnston; Mr. P. Taylor.



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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER
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FOR THE YEAR 1887.

The year just closed has been very successful. The membership has increased from 45 to 68, and of these I only know of three who are out of employment.

I have, from time to time, during the last year made strong efforts to get an answer from the Militia Department to our communications of the 16th February and 21st October, 1886, asking that certain changes be made in the regulations as regards graduates attending annual drills, their promotion in the Militia force, &c., &c., but I am sorry to say without success.

According to instructions, I forwarded on the 2nd February last, copies of the resolutions passed at the last Annual Meeting, and expressing the regret with which the Club had heard of the death of two of its members, Mr. Harold Keefer and Capt. E. Denison, and also of the death of Dr. Bayne, to Mr. T. C. Keefer, of Ottawa; Captain S. Denison, of Toronto, and Mrs. Bayne.

I also interviewed the Minister of the Interior with a view to having the final examination, D.L.S., done away with for graduates of the R. M. C., and asked that the term of apprenticeship be shortened, and the matter is now under the consideration of the Department.

In April last a circular was sent to all Graduates of the College together with a copy of the by-laws, and inviting them all to

join our Club. This was responded to in a hearty manner by quite a number of those who obtained commissions in Her Majesty's Regular Army.

Numerous reminders that subscriptions were due were also sent to several members at different times during the year, but these did not meet with the success which the Club has a right to expect, and it is to be hoped that in future the members who are now in arrears will be more prompt in their payments.

The finances of the Club are in a very satisfactory state.

Amount handed over from 1886.....	\$ 52 86
Amount received from membership up to the 20th January, 1888.....	44 37
Total.....	\$ 97 23
Amount expended to 20th January, 1888.....	16 93

Balance in hand..... \$ 80 30

A large number of the members are very careless about notifying the Secretary of any change in their address, and the importance of this cannot be exaggerated, as the Secretary is, in many cases, unable to send the address of a member to anyone asking for it, and is also unable to communicate with such members on business connected with the Club.

I would strongly recommend that a circular be issued to all members, asking their employment and for some permanent address that will always find them, and that the information so obtained be compiled and printed for distribution.

FRED. W. WHITE,

Secretary-Treasurer,

R. M. C. Club

Ottawa, Jan. 20th, 1888.