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At which were present :

MR. W. M. DAVIS,

President.

MR. FRED. W. WHITE,

Secy.-Treasurer. *JS*

CAPT. E. H. TAYLOR.

MR. B. W. YATES.

CAPT. H. E. WISE.

CAPT. D. MACPHERSON.

CAPT. E. F. WURTELE.

MR. E. H. DRURY.

CAPT. G. H. OGILVIE.

MR. A. E. HODGINS.

MR. H. H. HOGAN,

MR. R. W. LEONARD.

MR. A. K. KIRKPATRICK.

MR. G. R. HOOPER.

MR. W. G. WARNER.

MR. C. R. COUTLER.

MR. R. B. JACK.

DR. F. POWELL.

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 \$111.02.

Moved by Captain MacPherson, seconded by Mr. Drury,
That Captains Wurtele and Ogilvie be appointed auditors.—
Carried.

The president then addressed the meeting, going over the work done by the Club during the past year, and stating that certain changes in the By-laws were necessary and urgent for the more efficient working of the Club business. The President also expressed his pleasure at the decidedly representative character of the meeting.

Moved by Mr. A. K. Kirkpatrick, seconded by Captain E. F. Wurtele,

That the R. M. C. Club wish to draw 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 para. 136, Regulations R. M. C.—Carried.

Moved by Capt. MacPherson, seconded by Mr. Drury,

That in By-law II. the words, "The cadets and the Royal Military College generally" be struck out, and that the words, "and the graduates of the Royal Military College generally" be added.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Yates,

That to end of By-law V. the words "as cadets" be added.—
Carried.

Moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Yates,

That in By-law VIII. the words, "shall be Honorary President of the Club" be struck out and the words, "may be elected at the annual meeting Honorary President of the Club" be added.—Carried.

Moved by Captain MacPherson, seconded by Captain Taylor,

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That in By-law XII the words "at which twenty members must be present" be struck out.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Yates,

That in By-law XIII the words "when five shall form a quorum" be struck out, and the words "subject to appeal to the Club at the next Annual General Meeting" be added.—Carried.

Moved by Captain Wise, seconded by Captain MacPherson,

That the Royal Military College Club convey to Major-General Oliver, C.M.G., their sincere congratulations upon his investiture as a companion of the distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George, and further their appreciation of his services as Honorary President of the Royal Military College Club.—Carried. ✓

Moved by Captain Wurtele, seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick,

That the Royal Military College Club are in favour of the publication of a College Journal as proposed by the Rev. Mr. Jones, and that the same be the official organ of this Club.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hodgings, seconded by Captain Taylor,

That the next Annual Meeting of the Club be held in Toronto.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Coutlee, seconded by Mr. Drury,

That on account of the necessary attendance of the Secretary-Treasurer at all meetings, and in view of his gratuitous services, which are an inestimable benefit to us; it seems proper that the necessary expenses incurred by him be borne by the Club.—Carried.

Moved by Captain MacPherson, seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick,

Resolved that the Members of the Royal Military College Club, having learned with profound regret of the death of the Hon. Thomas White, the father of our worthy Secretary, desire to express their sincere sympathy with Mrs White and her family in their sad bereavement, and that the President be directed to send Mrs White a copy of this resolution.—Carried.

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

President, W. M. Davis, Esq., C.E., Woodstock, re-elected; Vice President, A. K. Kirkpatrick, Esq., C.E., Kingston; Secretary Treasurer, Fred. W. White, Esq., C.E., Ottawa, re-elected.

Committee of Management—

L. H. Irving, Esq., Toronto.

Captain D. MacPherson, Montreal.

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

B. W. Yates, Esq., C.E., Detroit, Mich.

Captain L. A. Denison, London.

Moved by Mr. Hodgings, seconded by Mr. Davis,

That this meeting do now adjourn.—Carried.

The annual dinner was held in the Windsor Hotel in the evening. Covers were laid for twenty six and a most enjoyable time was spent. Letters of regret were read from the Hon. Sir A. P. Caron, K.C.M.G., Minister of Militia and Defence; Lt.-Genl. Sir Fred. Middleton, Col. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence; Col. Walker Powell, Adjutant General of Militia and several members of the Club.

The guests present were: R. S. White, Esq., M.P., R. G. Leckie, Esq., Capt. Henshaw, Victoria Rifles, A. D. Taylor, Esq., H. B. Yates, Esq., Dr. Corsan, Royal Scots.



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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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FOR THE YEAR 1888.

The year just closed has been fairly successful. The membership has increased from 68 to 83, and of these only three are on my 'list' as wanting employment.

I have not discontinued my efforts to get a definite answer to our letters of the 16th February and 21st October 1886 asking that certain changes be made in the regulations as regards the Graduates attending Annual Drills, their promotion in the Militia Force, &c., &c., but an answer seems to be as far off as ever.

I regret to inform you that last March the Minister of the Interior informed me that our application to have the term of apprenticeship for D.L.S. shortened, and the final examination done away with for graduates of the Royal Military College, was reported against by the Dominion Board of Land Surveyors, and in the face of their report the Minister did not feel justified in making any changes in the act.

Early in February last the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting were sent to all the ex-Cadets whose addresses were known to your Secretary.

Last month the addresses of all Graduates and Ex-cadets as far as known were printed in pamphlet form and sent to all Graduates and Ex-cadets. Two batches of circulars were sent out in connection with the present meeting and a third circular was sent to those who signified their intention to be present.

Numerous reminders that subscriptions were due went out from time to time during the year to those in arrear, but some few have not yet responded. The finances of the club are in a very satisfactory state.

Amount handed over from 1887.....	\$80 30
Amount received from subscriptions.....	44 37
Interest for 1888.....	3 21
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Total	\$127 88
Amount expended.....	16 86
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Balance in hand.....	\$111 02
Against this there is a liability for printing, not charged, as the accounts have only been returned since the books were balanced, and amounting to.....	\$21 75
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Leaving a net balance for 1888 of.....	\$89 27

General Oliver having resigned his position as Commandant of the Royal Military College, his successor, General Cameron, was asked to become our Honorary President in accordance with By-Law VI but taking exception to By-Law No. II General Cameron declined the honour, after further correspondence, however, he was induced to consider his decision but has not yet officially notified me of his acceptance.

I regret to say that there is not enough attention paid to the circulars sent out and too much tardiness in answering. Out of 97 circulars sent asking a vote on the place of meeting only 36 replies were received and out of the same number calling meeting and asking who was coming 25 replies came in. A little more thoughtfulness and a little more promptness on the part of the members would greatly simplify the work of the Officers of the Club. The same feeling on the part of the members is shown perhaps more strongly in the matter of sending a change in their addresses.

It is to be hoped that the members will one and all do better in these matters in the future.

FRED. W. WHITE,

Secretary-Treasurer,

R. M. C. Club.

Ottawa, January 15th, 1889.