that they have not received a step of substantive rank during the interval. 3. Officers performing the duties of Adjutant will be allowed 50 cents extra per diem."

Paragraph 37 of the Regulations for the Permanent Corps, 1889, is cancelled.

HEADQUARTERS, 8th July, 1897.

ACTIVE MILITIA APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND RETIRE-MENTS.

HEADQUARTERS' STAFF.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to permit Lieutenant-Colonel de la Cherois T. Irwin to resign his appointment of Assistant Adjutant-General for Artillery at Headquarters.

The General Officer Commanding cannot permit Lieutenant-Colonel Irwin to retire from the staff of the Militia without placing on record his high appreciation of that Officer's devotion to duty during the 25 years that he has served in the Permanent Corps and on the Headquarters' Staff. The General Officer Commanding believes that the present high state of efficiency of the Artillery arm in Canada is due to a large extent to the services of Lieutenant-Colonel Irwin.

Lieutenant-Colonel Irwin is transferred to the Canadian Artillery Reserve of Officers.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Henry Cotton, District Officer Commanding Military Districts Nos. 3 and 4, has been detailed to perform the duties of Adjutant-General until further orders, vice Irwin, retired. 5th July, 1897.

INFANTRY AND RIFLES.

The Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry.—To be Surgeons-Major: Surgeon-Major William Nattress, from the "Queen's Own Rifles of Canada," vice Strange, deceased; and Cassius Wilkinson Belton, Esquire, M.D., vice Hanavan, deceased. 17th June, 1897.

ANECDOTES.

A COMFORTING COMPANION.

THE LATE DUKE OF KENT was a most determined enemy to drunkenness, and whenever he found a sober man he was his sincere friend. In Nova Scotia, rum in those days was very cheap, and mixed with water was the common