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Military District No. 7, Quebec, losing its identity and becoming merged in the fourth divisional command. For reasons of sentiment, this disappearance of one of the older and larger military districts seems open to objection.

16. The most important question to discuss is the provision of the necessary staff. The subjoined table shows the composition of a typical English command headquarters and a Canadian command headquarters side by side:—

<i>England.</i>	<i>Canada.</i>
1 G.O.C. in C.	1 G.O.C.
1 Asst. Mil. Sec.	
1 A.D.C.	
2 General Staff Officers.	
1 General Officer in charge of Administration.	1 C.S.O.
1 Officer Adj. Gen. Staff.	1 D.A.A.G.
1 Officer Q.M.G. Staff.	
1 Chief Engineer.	1 Command Engineer.
1 Staff Officer, Engineers.	
1 Asst. Director Supplies and Transport.	1 Sen. A.S.C. Officer.
1 Principal Medical Officer.	1 Principal Medical Officer.
1 Staff Officer to P.M.O.	
1 Principal Veterinary Officer.	1 Principal Veterinary Officer.
1 Asst. Director Ordnance Stores.	1 Senior Ordnance Officer.
1 Command Paymaster.	1 Command Paymaster.
1 Dept. Asst. Director of Remounts.	
1 District Barrack Officer.	

17. The following table shows the composition of the headquarters of an English territorial division and a Canadian military district side by side:—

<i>England.</i>	<i>Canada.</i>
1 G.O.C.	1 D.O.C.
1 General Staff Officer.	1 D.S.A.
1 Dep. Asst. Adj. and Qr. Mr. General.	1 P.M.O.
1 Administrative Medical Officer.	
1 Sanitary Officer.	
1 O.C.R. Artillery.	
1 Staff Captain, Artillery.	
1 O.C.R. Engineers	

18. It will be observed that, while the Canadian command headquarters are by far the smaller, the two run on parallel lines, and the work of the office is similarly allotted. There would be no difficulty, therefore, in expanding the Canadian command headquarters as desired.

19. It will be seen that the same remark generally applies to the Canadian district headquarters as compared with an English division, but that the English organization has, in addition, an O. C. artillery and an O. C. engineers.

20. So far, therefore, as system goes, there is no difference in principle; and the Canadian command headquarters could remain as it is, with certain additions to its staff, principally an officer to perform the duties of the 'general officer in charge of administration.' Again, inasmuch as, in a division, the O. C. artillery would probably be a selected senior artillery officer of the active militia, and as the same course might be followed for the O. C. engineers, where no senior officer of the permanent force was available, a district headquarters might easily be transformed into a divisional headquarters.

21. The serious difficulty is that, while we perhaps have a sufficient total number of permanent staff officers, we have but a very few who are properly trained and fully understand a staff officer's duties. This is noticeable already where there are only four commands to be provided for, and the efficiency of the force already suffers thereby.