

of the men of the Sault, was confined to sentry go and patrolling of the roads.

On October 17th 1867 Colonel Durie the Assistant Adjutant General, who at one time commanded the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, arrived on a tour of inspection and three years later the local force was enthused by the passing through the town of the Red River Expedition under Colonel Wolsley.

A number of the local company volunteered for service under this officer and accompanied him through the vicissitudes of the campaign. Among the officers with Colonel Wolsley at the time were Captain (afterward General) Buller and Lieutenant Hewish who was killed in action in Egypt.

It was owing to the unfriendly attitude of the United States authorities on this and one other occasion in refusing British troops passage through their territory in their journey to the Canadian West, that the Government of Canada undertook the construction of the ship canal and locks which stand to day at Sault Sainte Marie as one of the great engineering feats of the 19th century.

Apropos of the campaign of 1870: Lieutenant T. A. P. Towers not long since received a "Distinguished Service" Medal and an

