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COLONEL WALKER POWELL.

The name of Walker Powell is a familiar one to every student of the Militia General Orders; and there are few officers of the force who have not at some time or times watched the "Gazette" with considerable interest. For over 17 years Colonel Powell has, as Adjutant-General of Canada, superintended and been responsible for our Army Lists, and we have pleasure in presenting his portrait in this issue. The following brief sketch of his life will also be of interest:

Colonel Powell was born in Norfolk County, Ont., on the 10th of May, 1828. His paternal grandfather was a United Empire Loyalist, born in the old Province of New York in 1763. In 1783 he landed in New Brunswick, where he married Miss Ruth Wood, and after thirteen years' residence in that province he moved to Upper Canada, where he died in 1849. Colonel Powell's father was Israel Wood Powell, who had married Miss Melinda Boss. He was a man of fine character, public-spirited and generous, devoted to Canada and the Empire. He served as justice of the peace, county warden and lieutenant-colonel of Militia. His son, Walker, was educated at Cobourg. He served on the Board of School trustees, of which he was chairman for a time, was a justice of the peace and a member of Norfolk County Council. In 1856 he was chosen warden, and from 1857 to 1861 represented the county in the Legislative Assembly. In 1847 he began his connection with the Canadian Militia. In that year he obtained a commission in the First Norfolk Battalion. Until the 19th of August, 1862, he served in it as lieutenant and adjutant. He was then solicited to become Deputy Adjutant-General for Upper Canada, and discharged the duties of that responsible position in a time of disquietude so as to win the confidence of the public and the Government. On the 1st of October, 1868, he was promoted to be Deputy Adjutant-General for the dominion; in 1873 Acting Adjutant-General, and on the 21st of April, 1876, Adjutant-General. All through his long connection with the militia, Colonel

Powell has shown ability and zeal, and his services have undoubtedly tended to promote the efficiency of the force. He was largely instrumental in organizing the Royal Military College, Kingston, and in the formation of military schools. Nor has his pen been idle, some of his writings on military subjects having attracted much attention



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in high quarters and had a most beneficial effect. In 1853 Col. Powell married Miss Catherine Emma Culver, daughter of Colonel Joseph Culver, who died in 1855, leaving one child, now the wife of ex-Mayor McLeod Stewart, of Ottawa. He married again in 1857 Mary Ursula, daughter of Adam Bowlby, Esq., of Norfolk, by whom he has had five children, of whom four survive.

We have but four Colonels in the Canadian service, all highly honoured for their services and efficiency. Of these, Colonel Powell is the senior in rank, and by no means junior in the degree of esteem with which he is regarded by members of the force.

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

In our last issue we gave a detailed list of the results of the League match of 28th May, basing our figures on the score-sheets received by the secretary, and which we understood to comprise the final accepted returns of the match. After going to press, however, we learned a further batch of score-sheets had been received and that a large number of returns of that same match were still to arrive. Under these circumstances it is evident that if the committee countenance the gross carelessness on the part of the battalions whose scores have not yet come in by allowing their returns to count, it will be a considerable time yet before the final ranking of competitors in the first match can be accurately given. This week we will therefore not publish the eight returns last received, but in next issue hope to be able to give the true and final results. It is scarcely credible that men who call themselves soldiers should treat the League in this way, withholding, through sheer laziness, the official returns that should and could have been in the secretary's hands within four days, the extreme west alone excepted. The committee have, however, the remedy in their own hands; if the signed sheets are not received by a certain specified day, varying according to distance from Toronto, they should cut such scores absolutely out of the competition.

CHANGES IN QUEBEC DISTRICTS.

The redistribution of Military Districts 5 and 6 is the most interesting event in Quebec militia circles, and has given rise to considerable discussion. It is unquestionably an improvement on the former arrangement which made each district irregular and confusing to a degree, and practically threw the