

The Medical Officer of this Regiment is Hon. Lt.-Col. M. A. Currie, appointed December 14, 1904.

The Chaplain of this Regiment is Hon. Lt.-Col. the Rev. W. J. Armitage, appointed April 16, 1913, whose services, owing to the Regiment's isolation, are required.

The Commanding Officer of this Battalion is Lt.-Col. H. L. Chipman, appointed 3rd May, 1910. This officer, however, is not at present in active command of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, as he was seconded to command the Composite Battalion stationed at Wellington Barracks, Halifax, on the 9th August, 1915.

3 and 4. The pay of Lt.-Col. A. King and Lt.-Col. H. L. Chipman, when on active service, is \$5 per diem, with subsistence allowance of \$1.50 per diem, and field allowance of \$1.25 per diem, and that of temporary Lt.-Col. R. B. Simmonds (who draws Major's pay) is \$4 per diem, with field allowance of \$1 per diem and subsistence allowance of \$1.50 per diem. These three officers give their whole time to their military duties.

The pay of Hon. Lt.-Col. M. A. Currie, Medical Officer, when on active service, is \$4 per diem, with \$1 per diem field allowance and \$1.50 per diem subsistence allowance. This officer gives six hours a day to military duty.

The pay of Hon. Lt.-Col. the Rev. W. J. Armitage, when on active service, is \$5 per diem, with no allowances. This officer also performs certain duties as rector of St. Paul's Church, Halifax.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH-SPEAKING MAIL CLERKS.

Mr. EDWARDS:

1. Is it correct, as reported at a convention of mail clerks, that when from twenty-five to thirty of these English-speaking clerks in Ontario enlisted, their places in the province of Ontario to as far west as Sarnia were filled by able-bodied French Canadians?

2. Could returned soldiers not have been obtained to fill the vacancies caused by the enlistment of those English-speaking clerks?

Mr. DOHERTY:

1. No. Only one French Canadian employed in Ontario to replace mail clerks who enlisted, and he had been discharged as medically unfit.

2. Returned soldiers were obtained in every case where it was possible to get them.

LIEUTENANT JOHN D. McNEILL.

Mr. CARROLL:

1. Has Lieutenant John D. McNeill, of the 25th Battalion, C.E.F., formerly of Whitney Pier, Sydney, been promoted to the rank of captain?

2. If so, when?

[Sir Edward Kemp.]

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1. Appointed Acting Captain 25th September, 1916; authority London Gazette.
2. Particulars of date and number of Gazette not yet received.

MR. ISIDORE LACASSE.

*Mr. DELISLE:

1. Was Mr. Isidore Lacasse, of St. Henedine, employed in the Department of Public Works at the City of Quebec?
2. If so, did he resign?

Mr. REID: The answer to each of these questions is, No.

167th BATTALION.

Mr. DELISLE:

1. Has Mr. Payne been commissioned to make an inquiry in the matter of the officers of the 167th Battalion?
2. If so, how long is it since he was so commissioned to make this inquiry?
3. What is his salary, and what is his profession?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1 and 2. No. Mr. Payne was employed to assist the Deputy Inspector General in his inquiry.

3. Mr. Payne is a hand-writing expert, and, on the advice of the Department of Justice, his services were loaned by the Post Office Department on the 29th of June, last. This department has no official knowledge as to his salary. He is a civil servant employed in the Post Office Department.

Mr. DELISLE:

1. Have Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. Langton and Major Deaken been commissioned this year to make an inquiry at Quebec in the matter of the 167th Battalion?

2. If so, has the said inquiry taken place, and have the officers of the said battalion been heard?

3. At whose request had the said inquiry been granted?

4. What has been the result of this inquiry?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1, 2, 3 and 4. An investigation into the affairs of the 167th Battalion was applied for by the Officer Commanding, and also by the Pay Department Branch of the Inspector General. As the investigation concerned matters of pay, canteen and regimental funds, it was not necessary to go to the expense of holding a court of inquiry, as there are officers specially appointed at militia headquarters for this purpose, and an investigation was made by Colonel Langton, deputy inspector general, at the beginning of this year.

This investigation disclosed grave irregularities. The matter was, accordingly, re-