

Historical Records of the Canadian Militia.

IV. THE SIXTY-SEVENTH BATTALION "CARLETON LIGHT INFANTRY."

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 8, WOODSTOCK, N.B.

MOTTO "Fidelis Patriæ."

THIRTY years have passed away since the Loyalists landed at St. John, and England and the United States are again at war.

The sons of the pioneer settlers have grown into vigorous manhood. With the spirit of their fathers and a new born zeal expressed in the motto *pro aris et focis*, they spring to arms at the call of their country.

A regiment of New Brunswickers, the 104th, is organized, and occupy the barracks at Fredericton.

A company officered by Capt. Richard Ketchum, Lieut. John Dibblee and Ensign Morehouse—the quota from this district—then the second Batt. York County Militia—marched to Fredericton to be enrolled with other corps of embodied militia from various parts of the Province.

The first entry in the "Order Book" of Capt. Ketchum's Co., reads :—

HEAD QUARTERS, Jan. 2nd, 1813.

Militia General Orders—

His Honor, the President, hath been pleased to appoint Major John Murray Bliss to command the Embodied Militia.

William F. O'dell is to be the Paymaster until his services are requested as a Field Officer.

(Signed), J. GUBBINS.

To Major J. Murray Bliss, Lieut.-Col., Adj. Gen. Militia.

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The second order reads :—

January 3rd, 1813.

Regimental Order—

The commanding officer approves of the following non-commissioned officers who have come in with Capt. Ketchum's company of the 2nd Batt. York County Militia :

Sergeants—Samuel Raymond, Hartley, Dickenson, and has appointed Corporals—Connor, Clair, John Flannagan."

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Many of the descendants of the officers and N. C. O's. of this company are known and respected in Carleton County at the present time.

A son of the above named Sergt. Raymond seized the first armed posse of Americans found encamped on the disputed territory and assisted in having them conveyed to Fredericton in the winter of 1838.

There are many entries in this order-book of exceeding interest, but a few more extracts must suffice.

The 104th Regiment to march for Canada.

FREDERICTON, 10th Feb. 1813.

Garrison Orders—

On Friday next the Major General will see the Light Company of the 104th Regiment with such men as are to march with it; they are to parade at the usual hour of Garrison Parade completely equipped in marching order with every appointment, snow-shoes, moccasins and provisions; * it is expected no individual of this detachment is to be absent on this occasion.

The movement of the Regiment being postponed a couple of days, they are to take the proportion of the Garrison guards, but without interfering with the inspection of the above named company's.

The 104th Regiment—The Captain of the day and Garrison guards tomorrow.

H. W. HAILES,
Brigade Major.

A detachment from Capt. Ketchum's company, under the command of Ensign Morehouse, to proceed at the head of the column to the Grand Falls.

General District Orders.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 11, 1813.

The detachment of militia are to receive 9 days provisions, to last them to the Grand Falls—150 miles—at which post they will be victualled for their return.

These several issues are to be made by the commissariat on the day preceding the movement of each division, upon a requisition from the commanding officer of the Regiment.

H. W. HAILES,
Brigade Major.

R. O., FREDERICTON, 12th Feb., 1813.

A sergeant and 18 men of the embodied militia march tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock, for the Grand Falls, under the command of Ensign Morehouse.

H. W. HAILES,
Brigade Major.

The Iron Duke is reported to have said that there is but one feat performed by a British Regiment of which he was jealous, viz., the march of the 104th Regiment of New Brunswick, in mid-winter, on snow-shoes, from Fredericton to Quebec.

The following would seem to indicate eight regiments as the available force at that early period, and is very creditable to New Brunswick.

Militia General Orders

HEADQUARTERS, FREDERICTON,
February 15, 1813.

The following arrangement is to take place whenever five or more regiments of militia from there assemble together,—the same having been determined by ballot, and is to continue in force during the present war.

St. John County Regiment,	No. 1.
Sunbury " "	" 2.
Charlotte " "	" 3.
Westmoreland " "	" 4.
Northumberland " "	" 5.
York County " "	" 6.
King's " "	" 7.
Queen's " "	" 8.

The Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to appoint Christopher Hatch, Esq., Assistant-Quartermaster-General to the militia forces, with the rank of Major.

By order of the Adjutant-General.

ARCH. McLEAN,
Asst. Adjutant-General.

After three invasions by the Americans in 1812 and 1814, in the attempt to conquer Canada, and a loss of 50,000 men, they were willing to come to terms, and a treaty was signed at Ghent, December 24, 1814.

A skeleton only of the 104th Regiment returned to Fredericton to be disbanded. From having been placed in the front of many hard fought battles, its losses were heavy, and the courage and conduct of the Regiment, on all occasions, elicited from Generals in command the highest encomiums.

In 1837 the French of Quebec arose in rebellion, and to baseless claims colour was given by the drilling of men in Maine and Vermont, and a descent threatened upon our frontier.

General Sir John Harvey, the winner of high honors at the battles of Stoney Creek and Lundy's Lane, was the Governor of New Brunswick. The gallant 36th Regiment, of Salamanca fame, commanded by the veteran soldier Col. Maxwell, was ordered from Fredericton to Woodstock, also a fine battery of volunteer artillery, and a troop of volunteer cavalry, each well drilled and equipped. The Fredericton Volunteer Rifle Company took the garrison and outpost duties during the absence of the regular troops. A battalion was organized at Fredericton and occupied the Park bar-

* These were conveyed by the soldiers of the 104th Regiment on tobogans.