

DEPT. OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE, OTTAWA, July 7, 1898.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 28th ult., *re* sale of condemned stores, I have the honour to inform you that the rifles referred to were obsolete and condemned as unfit for service by the Annual Boards of Survey from year to year. They were altogether unfit for the present requirements of the militia. The sale was not by auction, but by private tender, by order of the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence. There are no vouchers in the case.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Auditor General.

B. SULTE, *Act. D. M. of M. & D.*

Re Insurance on Stores.

AUDIT OFFICE, OTTAWA, June 29, 1898.

SIR,—On your July return, \$555.64 came to account from the N. W. T. Exhibition. In this amount are included two payments of \$24 each for insurance.

Presumably these amounts were paid out and charged to some account. If so, they should be treated as refunds, if the charge and repayment were in the same year; otherwise, they should be credited to Casual Revenue.

I may call your attention to the Order in Council of July 5, 1881, which recommends that the Government should underwrite its own risks, as well on movable as immovable property; and that all existing policies should be suffered to lapse and no new ones effected.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.

J. L. McDOUGALL, *A.G.*

DEPT. OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE, OTTAWA, July 4, 1898.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to \$48 insurance on stores (July return, \$555.64), I have the honour to inform you that this insurance was on property loaned to the North-west Territories Exhibition, and was paid by the Department of the Interior, but included by that department for losses and shortages of camp equipment returned. This amount was afterwards refunded to the Interior Department by this department.

In reply to the last paragraph of your letter, I beg to state that this department has no insurance policies current.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Auditor General.

C. EUG. PANET, *Colonel, D. M. of M. & D.*

Re Miscellaneous Receipts.

AUDIT OFFICE, OTTAWA, December 15, 1898.

SIR,—On your revenue return No. 37, of July 21, 1898, appertaining to the accounts of 1897-98, there appears a deposit receipt for \$25.55.

It seems that this payment was paid by Messrs. Hamburger, Rogers & Co., for an advertisement in the Canadian Army List. Please let me know what advertisement this was and what year of publication of the Canadian Army List. In the publication for 1897-98, there are two advertisements, one from Bessin & Co., covering a full page, and one from the Hamilton Powder Co., covering one-half page. Were these advertisements paid for, and if so, when did the payments come to account?

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.

J. L. McDOUGALL, *A.G.*

DEPT. OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE, OTTAWA, Jan. 10, 1899.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 15th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that the payment of \$25.55 made by Messrs. Hamburger, Rogers & Co., is for their advertisement in the Canadian Militia List, one page, during one year expiring 30th June next.

With regard to the other two advertisements mentioned in your letter, there does not appear to have been anything paid by these firms so far, but the department will call their attention thereto and urge an early settlement.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Auditor General.

L. J. PINAULT, *Lt.-Col., D. M. of M. & D.*