

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 4th December, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS (32).

ACTIVE MILITIA.

No. 1.

Artillery.

Lieut. Colonel Strange, Major in the Royal Artillery, has been already appointed an Inspector of Artillery and Warlike stores for the Dominion, but it is desirable his services in respect thereof should, until further orders, be confined, as heretofore, to the Province of Quebec, where his important duties as Commandant of "B" Battery, School of Gunnery, require his continual presence.

No. 2.

Major Irwin, Captain the Royal Artillery, is appointed temporarily an Assistant Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores for the Dominion—his services, in respect thereof, will, until further orders, be confined to the Province of Ontario, being likewise Commandant of "A" Battery, School of Gunnery, in that Province.

No. 3.

All requisitions for Battery and other Artillery Stores preferred by Commanding Officers of Artillery Corps will be transmitted, until further Orders, through the District Deputy Adjutants General to the above named Inspector and Assistant Inspector of Artillery, in the respective Provinces, for submission, with their departmental remarks to Head Quarters.

No. 4.

Boards of Survey.

In order to provide for the better efficiency of the Militia service in respect of Forts, Magazines, buildings and works at and about District Head Quarters, and of the Stores and Munitions of War in Militia Store charge in each Military District, as well as of all Ordnance, Ammunition and other stores, at Charlottetown, P. E. I., Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, London, Fort Garry, Man., and Victoria B. C., an inspection will, in future,

be made during the month of January in each year.

The Boards of Survey in each District will be composed of the District Deputy Adjutant General and the Storekeeper. In the Province of Quebec the Officer exercising the duties of an Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores; in the Province of Ontario, the Officer appointed as Assistant Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores; and in Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia, the next senior officer of the Active Militia present at the station, will assist as members of the above Boards in their respective provinces.

Lieut. Colonel Jagg, late Royal Artillery, will be so good as to assist as a member of the boards in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The duties of the Boards will be to ascertain the state and number of the Stores and Ammunition in possession of the Military Storekeeper as shown, and borne on the District Store Ledger—the examination of all Military and other buildings in militia charge—and to make an inspection of the Ordnance, Ammunition, Warlike and other Stores and Munitions in possession of the Storekeeper, and of the Commandants of the Schools of Gunnery respectively. To report the state and condition of the Buildings, Stores and Works—to furnish a list of such Stores of every kind as the Board may consider obsolete or unserviceable, with a recommendation as to their disposal, together with a return of such articles, buildings, or other works as may require repair, and a statement as to the nature and extent of the repairs considered necessary.

The Boards of Survey will be guided by the special directions attached to War-office letter of 7th November, 1859, as far as they can be applied to the militia service of Canada, especially those relating to the Artillery branch, and Nos. 1, 3 and 5 Military Store branch.

The Deputy Adjutants General of the several Districts will communicate with the respective officers appointed to form these Boards with a view to fixing the most convenient day of assembly.

No. 5.

The Officer Commanding the Detachment of "B" Battery on St. Helen's Island, will exercise his men in the use of the Fire Engine one day in each month, reporting the result to the Officer Commanding the Battery.

No. 6.

The sum of twenty dollars each per annum, has been authorized to assist the men's Library and Reading Rooms of "A" and "B" Batteries, Schools of Gunnery. Such allowance to commence with the current financial year.

No. 7.

Referring to General Orders (13) 2nd June 1874, paragraph No. 4. The preamble of the Order in par. No. 1, explains why it was necessary to diminish the number of Active Militia to be drilled this year, 1874-75, and it must be understood the reason for selecting the Grand Trunk Brigade for exemption from annual drill was owing to its strength and its general efficiency being such as to enable its drill this year, being dispensed with.

The Major General has no doubt of the thorough efficiency of the Brigade from the opinion he was enabled to form when inspecting their excellent armouries.

No. 8.

Referring to paragraph 10 of General Orders (14) 3rd June, 1874, Deputy Adjutants General will send to Head Quarters without delay, their reports relating to the Annual Drill of the current year.

No. 9.

Colonel J. W. Laurie, of Her Majesty's Army, having also held a commission as Colonel in the Militia of Nova Scotia, is confirmed as such in the Militia of the Dominion taking rank from 3rd May, 1862—the date of his original commission—under the provisions of section 33, par. 2 of the Militia and Defence Act of 1863.

No. 10.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

38th "Brant" Battalion or "Dufferin Rifles."

The following officers of 38th Battalion having absented themselves from the annual drill ordered for their Battalion for 1873-74, their services are hereby dispensed with:—

Major Hiram Dickie is placed on the retired list retaining rank.

Captain and Brevet Major David Spence, No. 3 Company, is also placed on the retired list, retaining his brevet rank.

Captain and Brevet Major Henry Lemmon, No. 4 Company, Captain and Brevet Major David Curtis, No. 2 Company, and Captain Frederick G. De Hammet, No. 1 Company, are removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

The Deputy Adjutant General of Military District No. 2 will forthwith take steps to secure the Arms, Clothing, and other public property issued to the Captains thus removed.

An inventory will be made and all deficiencies reported immediately to Head Quarters in order that the necessary steps may be adopted with regard to them.

By Command of his Excellency the Governor General.

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Deputy Adjutant General of Militia, Canada.