

- Sergeant Genest, Nicolet Seminary, Nicolet.
 " Hamann, Bishops College, Lennoxville.
 " Billman, St. Mary's College, Montreal.
 " Billman, St. Thérèse College, St. Thérèse de Blainville.
 " Billman, Bourget College, Regaud.
 " Billman, Three Rivers Seminary, Three Rivers.
 " Sloane, St. Hyacinthe College, St. Hyacinthe.
 " Sloane, Joliette College, Joliette.
 " Hewlett, St. Anne's College, St. Anne de la Pocatière.

They have also been lent to give instruction at the infantry schools, Sergeant Genest, Montreal; Sergeant Hamann, Toronto. They have also been utilized, but not to the extent they might have been, in training various infantry battalions; but the Collegiate institutions of the Province of Ontario have not yet availed themselves of the advantages offered.

I have received an offer from two gentlemen who formerly served in the Royal Artillery and in connection with "A" and "B" Batteries, to raise a couple of batteries of artillery in Kingston, but am informed by others that the population of this city is not sufficient to maintain them in addition to the infantry battalion. The loss to the infantry battalion would perhaps be less felt as the Queen's College has applied to form two companies in connection with the 14th Battalion.

Each year a detachment of men have volunteered from "B" Battery for the Mounted Police, and I have heard good reports of their conduct and abilities. This year eight men volunteered and were accepted.

The Total Abstinence Society, which has been maintained in connection with the "B" Battery since its formation, at present numbers forty-five members. It has been productive of much good; many former members of the battery are filling responsible positions in civil life, mainly owing to the habits of sobriety and discipline acquired in it.

The usual good conduct of the battery was marred soon after arrival in Kingston by some half-dozen bad characters who have been punished and discharged. The increased amount of compensation demanded for discharge of men of good character, by recent order, is working badly. The sum is nearly as large as that formerly necessary to obtain release from twenty-one years' service in the British army, and far above the value of the half-worn clothing for which it is supposed to be compensation. The Canadian service, from its limited character, offers little promotion and no pension, and I think it more advantageous in a new country to let men take their discharge (at the end of the year, before the issue of new clothing, without loss to the Government,) when they can obtain employment in civil life, otherwise desertion or bad conduct may by some be selected as a means of discharge. A land grant, under proper conditions, to men of "A" and "B" Batteries of good conduct, after a certain period of service, would benefit the service and the North-West Territory, where trained soldiers may some day be required.

The change of the gunnery schools interfered seriously for some time with the courses of instruction. On a smaller scale much the same results as might at first be expected from changing the command and instructional staff and garrison of Shoeburyness and Woolwich, supposing they were 300 miles apart, French being the language of the majority in one Province and English that of the other. The ultimate results may be beneficial, especially if the two schools are made a single organization. Officers and men did not join after the first report of the intended change, nor for some time after arrival. For the last two months, however, the applications have been more numerous than I have been permitted to take. I trust the recommendation to increase the number of short course by five officers and twenty N.C. officers and men, during winter, with a corresponding decrease in summer, (which would bring the expenditure within the year's estimate) will be sanctioned without delay, as the winter is passing rapidly and it is the season when the close of farming operations allows the best class of militia men to join.