

FROM BUGLER TO COLONEL; HIS RECORD OF SERVICE

Beverly R. Armstrong's Appointment to Command 3rd Regiment Canadian Artillery, Rounds Out Fine Career of Military Service--New Commandant Entertains His Officers at Dinner.



Col. Beverly R. Armstrong.

At the Union Club an interesting gathering was held last evening when Lieut. Col. Beverly R. Armstrong, who has been gazetted commandant of the Third Regiment Canadian Artillery in succession to Lieut. Col. J. B. M. Baxter, retired, was host at a dinner tendered to his brother officers of the regiment and other military guests.

The gathering was an interesting one, marking in an informal way the taking over of his new command by Lieut. Col. Armstrong, who has already had a distinguished military career. The guests of the evening in the uniform of their respective corps, the handsome appointments of the table, the beauty of which was enhanced by the magnificent silver cups of the regiment, which adorned the tables, made the scene a brilliant one.

The exercises which followed the dinner included a lengthy toast list, solos by Capt. Fred McKean, Capt. Peters, A. Colby Smith, Maj. A. E. Massie and Signor Manetta. An orchestra from the Artillery Band furnished a musical programme during the dinner.

In addition to the officers of the Third Regiment Canadian Artillery, those present were Lieut. Col. J. B. M. Baxter, former commanding officer; Col. J. D. McAvity, Captains Miller, Peters and Ronald McAvity, of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers; Lt. Col. Wedderburn and Capt. Campbell, of the 8th Princess Louise Hussars; Maj. McLean, of the 28th Dragoons; Maj. A. E. Massie and Capt. McKean, of the Army Service Corps; and Maj. T. Dyson Walker, of the Army Medical Corps.

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MARRIED.

McKEL-BROWN--At the residence of the officiating clergyman, 144 Broad street, January 23rd, William Bertie McKel, of Greenwich, K. Co., and Susan Ann Brown, of Chipman, N. B., were united in marriage by the Rev. H. A. Cady.

LOST--A black Persian lamb collar between the east side forty fouts and the Nickel theatre by way of Prince William, King and Cornwall streets. Finder please leave at Standard office.

Forty years in use, 20 years the standard, prescribed and recommended by physicians. For Women's Ailments, Dr. Maria's Female Pills, at your druggist.

Corps; Maj. J. M. Robinson, of the 2nd Regiment; R. Hugh Bruce and D. Arnold Fox.

The host of the evening had on his right Col. J. L. McAvity and on the left Maj. T. Dyson Walker.

The Toast List.

The programme of toasts opened with that to the King which was received with the usual honors, after which "The Sister Corps" was proposed. The responses to the toast were given by Col. Westburn and Col. Campbell for the Hussars; Maj. McLean for the 28th Dragoons; Col. J. L. McAvity and Capt. Miller for the 62nd St. John Fusiliers; Maj. T. Dyson Walker for the Army Medical Corps.

The toast to the former commanding officers was proposed by Capt. Walter A. Harrison and in response Col. J. R. Armstrong and Lieut. Col. J. B. M. Baxter were heard in interesting addresses.

The toast to the junior officers of the artillery was proposed by Maj. Harry Harrison and responded to by C. F. Inches, S. Allan Thomas and D. King Hazen. The toast to the host of the evening, the new commandant, Lieut. Col. Armstrong, was proposed by Maj. Massie, who in the course of a brief address paid a glowing tribute to the distinguished services rendered by Lieut. Col. Armstrong during his career and congratulating him on his appointment to his new office.

Future of the Regiment.

In replying to the toast in his honor, Lieut. Col. Armstrong after expressing his appreciation of the good wishes tendered him by Maj. Massie, on behalf of the gathering, outlined the future of the regiment to the command of which he has been appointed, the status of which is to be Garrison Artillery with movable armament. The same system of training and gun practice which was found most satisfactory in the past is to be continued. The changes in the staff of officers, occasioned by the vacancies and the new list were announced.

For the last two or three years there has been considerable uncertainty as to the future of the Third Regiment Canadian Artillery. Previous to that time the corps had been composed of three heavy artillery batteries armed with 4.7 Q. F. guns. The report on the Canadian militia after his tour of inspection made about that time, was that there was too much heavy artillery in the militia in proportion to the other branches of the service, and he also reported that the force was slightly below its proportion of field artillery.

At the point where, in the general scheme of defence, it appeared to the Militia Authorities that heavy artillery was least needed was here at St. John, and it was therefore proposed to change the batteries of this regiment to field artillery, which would entail their going to camp for a fortnight's training, besides the four days' gun practice at Petawawa for detachments of 40 non-coms. and men per battery with all battery officers.

For a corps raised in a city such a course of training would have been impracticable, as neither the officers nor all the men could arrange to take so long a holiday at the particular time set down for training. In the practical working out of recruiting, it frequently happens that in one employ, or in the case of larger establishments in some department of that establishment, a majority of the clerks or mechanics belong to one unit of the militia, and even if the employer is patriotically inclined he could not be expected to cripple his whole business or that of one department by letting most of his men off at the same time.

These and other objections were ably pointed out to the Militia Council by the late commanding officer Lieut. Colonel J. B. M. Baxter, in a correspondence extending over two years, during which various compromises were suggested. The matter was finally settled last week when Col. Baxter's term of command had expired, and in a manner that is entirely satisfactory to all ranks of the 3rd Regiment.

Strength to be Unchanged.

The strength of the corps is to remain as heretofore, namely:

Three batteries each of 119 of all ranks, besides the Regimental Staff, while its exact status is to be Garrison Artillery with movable armament. The system of training and gun practice is to be that found most satisfactory in the past, namely, evening drills during a portion of the year, and gun practice by a detachment of 40 from each battery at Petawawa, the three detachments proceeding there together by special train.

New Officers Announced.

The regiment being short of officers and a number of others having left the province, it was deemed best in the interest of the corps on Lieut. Col. Armstrong assuming command, to practically reorganize the commissioned ranks. For this purpose the present officers most generously agreed to place the matter of promotion and seniority entirely in the hands of the commanding officer, and to give any waivers of seniority or right to promotion asked for by him. The officers remaining with the regiment are: The Venerable Archdeacon Raymond, chaplain; Dr. Stuart S. Skinner, surgeon captain; Captain Walter A. Harrison, who vacates the position of quartermaster and becomes adjutant; Majors W. H. Harrison and J. T. McGowan; Captains F. C. Mace and L. T. Allen, and Lieutenants Gen. A. Gumbell, R. St. George, R. E. L. Macdonald, R. A. Hise and A. Colby Smith.

Former officers of the corps who are again taking out commissions are

Messrs. Sherwood A. M. Skinner, as paymaster; John R. Sayre, T. E. Ryder and D. King Hazen. Other commissions are: William R. Mathews, Cy. F. Inches, W. Wilton Confield, Allen Thomas, Co. F. Maclean, Frank Morrison, Carson Flood and I. F. Frohlich, all of whom with the exception of Mr. Flood, who is absent from the city, and Mr. Mathews were present at the dinner last evening.

The address of Lieut. Col. Armstrong brought the toast list to a close after which the musical programme was carried out. Three cheers were given for the host of the evening after which the musical numbers were finished and the gathering dispersed after singing God Save the King.

Col. Armstrong's Career.

The appointment of Lieut. Col. Armstrong to the command of the Third Regiment comes in the form of a well deserved promotion. From bugler to commandant of the regiment is a long and distinguished military career of the host of last evening has been an especially honorable and distinguished one for one still in young manhood. During the past year on what is the day of bugling and the present he has been active service in the cause of the flag, and in the Boer War played a prominent part. The record of his services as member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons during that campaign, and the Queen's medal which he received as recognition of these services show the prominent part he played in the war.

Col. Beverly R. Armstrong was appointed lieutenant colonel and commandant of the Third New Brunswick Regiment Canadian Artillery as of the 30th September last. Col. Armstrong's first connection with his regiment was as a bugler, in which rank he served for several years, and later he served as a gunner. In 1884 he was granted a commission as lieutenant and qualified at the School of Artillery, Quebec, the year following. In 1888 he was promoted to captain and to the command of No. 1 Battery. At that time the batteries were on what is known as the smaller establishment and were commanded by captains.

Went to South Africa.

When the war broke out in South Africa, Capt. Armstrong applied for a commission in the first contingent, but not having the proper political leaning for that time, failed to obtain one. He applied again a few months afterward for a commission on the second contingent, but falling again, he resigned his commission, and on the 21st of August, 1899, he joined the First Canadian Mounted Rifles, afterward called the Royal Canadian Dragoons, for service in South Africa. The record of his services in that campaign is taken from the Quarterly Militia List of Canada as follows:

"Armstrong, B. R. (B. Snd. C. M. R.) South African War, 1899-1900. Operations in Orange Free State, February to May, 1900, including actions at Yeter (5-6 May); Operations in Transvaal in May and June, 1900, including actions near Johannesburg (29 May), Pretoria (4 June) and Diamond Hill (11-12 June); Operations in the Transvaal in July, 1900. Wounded. Queen's medal with four clasps."

Corporal Armstrong, as he then was, was awarded the Queen's medal, and had the great honor of being presented to Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle. He was the last returned soldier with the exception of Lord Roberts to be so honored.

On his return to St. John the Barbicours' Medal was presented to him with an illuminated address and a silver loving cup.

Col. G. West Jones who then commanded the 3rd Regiment, proposed that he should resign his commission, and finding that it had not come forward or been granted, Captain Armstrong resumed his duties with his former regiment. In 1903 he was appointed adjutant and promoted to major in 1905. In 1909 he was granted the Victoria Cross medal. At the divisional camp, Sussex, of 1904 to 1907, inclusive, Col. Armstrong, then Captain and Major, acted as A. D. C. to Col. George Rolt White, then camp commandant. Col. Armstrong is a lawyer by profession, and is a member of the real estate firm of Armstrong and Brice.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime--Fresh Northwest-erly winds; fair and colder.

Toronto, January 27--The weather has turned colder today in Ontario and Quebec, while rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces. It has been cold in Manitoba and quiet mild in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	36
Vancouver	34	42
Calgary	22	50
Edmonton	34	44
Prince Albert	4	20
Moosejaw	22	23
Winnipeg	26	4
Port Arthur	4	6
Perry Sound	8	18
Toronto	22	30
Kingston	22	28
Ottawa	12	16
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VICTIM OF GAS BODY EXPLOSION IS DEAD

His Two Companions Although Badly Burned Still Survive Awful Experience -- Was Thrown Against Boiler.

Halifax, Jan. 27--Two men were injured and one killed in an accident at the dockyard this morning. Kenneth Halpin, Wm. Sullivan and Gates were at work upon a gas body, recently brought into port and placed on the pier for overhauling, when it exploded and all three men were burned. Gates was thrown by the force of the explosion against an iron boiler nearby, and had an arm broken and shoulder dislocated. He died tonight.

BANK ACT UP TODAY

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 27--The placing of an additional weapon in the hands of bank shareholders will likely be discussed in the House tomorrow when consideration of the Bank Act is resumed. It will be remembered that the revision proposed by Hon. W. S. Fielding in 1910 provided that the shareholders of a bank might be allowed to appoint an auditor of their own choosing in order to satisfy themselves of the exact situation of the bank's affairs. In the Fielding bill Hon. W. T. White has made it mandatory in the measure now before the House, power being given to a majority of the shareholders to appoint their own auditor who is clothed with authority to make a complete scrutiny of the bank affairs. The suggestion has since been made that the appointment of an independent auditor by a minority of shareholders be made permissive, such an appointment to be allowed when desired by a majority of any twenty-five or thirty per cent. of the shareholders. There is every likelihood of the government agreeing to the addition of some such provision if considered desirable by the House.

TURKISH DELEGATE BITTER OVER DECISION OF ALLIES

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whatever. The object of all conferences always has been to find a compromise through mutual giving way. "If the Allies had played a noble part by renouncing Adrianople Turkey might have become the friend and ally of Bulgaria, as Austria became the friend and ally of Germany after the war of 1866. By claiming Adrianople if Bulgaria ever gets it, there will be an insurmountable gulf between the two countries and the two races. The spirit of revenge in Turkey will be stronger and deeper than that still left in France, over the loss of Alsace Lorraine, forty-two years ago."

Constantinople, Jan. 27--Prince Said Halim, president of the council of state, and secretary of the committee of Union and Progress, has been appointed minister of foreign affairs. The first industrial act of the new government is the granting of a concession to a German group for the construction of an underground railroad from Bayezid, in Stamboul, to Chichli, the farthest quarter of Pera. The railway will run under the Golden Horn. It is reported that a German bank will give Turkey financial aid in return, but the bank denies this report. The acting foreign minister characterizes the Allies' proposal to denounce the armistice as another example of attempted intimidation to which Turkey is becoming accustomed.

DRIVING HIM TO THE GRAVE

"Fruit-a-lives" Saved my Life.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 26th, 1911. "For thirteen years, I was a terrible sufferer from the tortures of Sick Headache, Indigestion, Constipation and Vomiting. I could not remain much food, and this, together with the pain, and headaches, was driving me to the grave.

Then I used "Fruit-a-lives" and almost at once I got relief.

"Fruit-a-lives" stopped the vomiting, relieved the Constipation, toned up the stomach, and gave me the first relief in years. I feel that I owe my life to "Fruit-a-lives" and for the sake of other victims of Indigestion and Headaches, I will allow this statement to be published."

HARRY DICKINSON.

"Fruit-a-lives" is sold by all dealers at 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c., or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

Pure Bred Jersey For Kings.

H. V. Dickson, M. P. P. for Kings has purchased from H. B. Pipes and Son, Amherst, seven fine pure bred Jerseys. These are the pick of one of the very best herds in the Maritime Provinces, and will be a great boon to the butter making section to which they are going. This stock was purchased for the agricultural society of Kings and will be sold at public auction to the members of the society on Wednesday, Feb. 6th, at Clifton.

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Governor Sulzer also recommends that leaves to the legislature for decision, changes in existing laws, and the enactment of new governing securities, bucket shops, usury (under which head he classes the raising of any twenty-five or thirty per cent. of the shareholders. There is every likelihood of the government agreeing to the addition of some such provision if considered desirable by the House.

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IN THE COURTS

PROBATE COURT.

In the Probate Court yesterday the matter of the estate of Walter Lane, builder, came up. One of the witnesses called was William Ernest Lane, who resides outside of the province of the will was admitted to probate on proof of the handwriting of the testator and the witness. The will gave everything to his daughter, who is absolutely and nominates her as sole executrix. Since his death, the widow died without proving the will and left her property to her youngest son, William Ernest Lane. He therefore being the person most interested, administration was granted to him with the will annexed.

The will of Mrs. Isabella Lane, widow of Walter Lane was proved. She gives all her estate to her son William Ernest, the youngest of ten children, and nominates her son-in-law, Benjamin Robertson, executor. He was accordingly sworn in. Personally \$100, H. Lester Smith is proctor.

In the matter of the estate of George H. Gulton, railway mail clerk there was return of a citation to pass the accounts of Andrew Jack, the administrator of the estate. The accounts as filed were found to be entirely correct, and were passed as presented and an order of distribution made. MacRae, Sinclair and MacRae are proctors.

County Court.

The case of George R. Craig vs. Arthur B. Walker, an action to recover \$164 under the Mechanics' Lien Act for painting, was taken up yesterday before Judge Forbes. W. Richardson of Barnesville, was examined for the plaintiff after which adjournment was made until March 10th. T. P. Regan appeared for the plaintiff and H. A. Powell acted for H. H. Fickett, for the defendant.

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