

On account of the very short time between the date of that Memorandum and Circular, and the period for despatching the Team, it was not possible to hold the Competitive Meeting at Ottawa for the selection of Members who were to compose the Canadian Team.

Meetings for the selection of Competitors were therefore held in the respective Provinces, and the selected men were sent for embarkation from Quebec by each Province—Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

An objection was made by the Adjutant General to the Circular referred to, and more particularly to the fourth clause.

In a telegraphic communication received by the undersigned from the Adjutant General, he was informed that as in the last paragraph of the Circular, it appeared that the selection of the Officer had not been left to him, the Adjutant General, but to the Minister of Militia and Defence, he could not act unless he had the selection of the Officers without any interference, and authorized to despatch the party as a regular Militia Detachment, and that he considered two Officers indispensable.

Although this message conveyed plainly the desire of the Adjutant General to have the exclusive control of the Expedition, the undersigned, to avoid further delay and complication that might have arisen if he objected to the proposition, sent a telegram in reply, that there was no objection to the Adjutant General selecting the two Officers. All these appointments were then made by the Adjutant General, without further reference to the undersigned, or to the Council.

The first of the appointments was that of Major General McDougall, late Adjutant General of Canadian Militia, to a position which the Adjutant General designated as Captain of the Team.

The second appointment was that of Major Worsley, late Captain 60th Rifles, as Officer to take the Team to Wimbledon; and the third was that of Sergeant Kelly, as an assistant to Major Worsley.