

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 3rd November, 1873.

GENERAL ORDERS (26).

No. 1.

ACTIVE MILITIA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

2nd Battalion or "Queen's Own Rifles,"
Toronto.

To be Captain :

Lieutenant William James Shee Holwell,
M. S., vice Brevet Major John Radford
Cherriman, who is hereby permitted to
retire retaining his Brevet rank.

The resignation of Ensign Rupert Ethrege
Kingsford is hereby accepted.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

Captain John Tilton, V. B., 1st Battalion
Governor-General's Foot Guards special
from date of appointment: 18th June 1872.

Captain William Horace Lee, V. B., 1st
Battalion Governor General's Foot Guards,
from 15th July, 1873.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Quebec Provisional Brigade of Garrison Ar-
tillery.

To be Major, in command :

Captain and Brevet Major Dennis Murray,
V. B., from No. 3 Battery, vice Brevet Lieu-
tenant Colonel Thomas Hunter Grant, who
is hereby permitted specially to retire re-
taining his Brevet rank.

Gaspe Battery of Garrison Artillery.

The Gaspe Infantry Company is hereby
changed to a Battery of Garrison Artillery.

To be Captain, provisionally :

Captain John Slous.

To be 1st Lieutenant, provisionally :

Lieutenant Edward Chevallier Perchard.

8th Battalion "Stadacona Rifles."

No. 3 Company, Quebec.

To be Lieutenant :

Sergeant James Willoughby Anderson, M.
S., vice George Hopper Balfour, who is
hereby permitted to retire retaining his
rank.

No. 4 Company, Quebec.

To be Lieutenant, from 1st November, 1873 :

Ensign Arthur Ahern, M. S., vice John
Gilmour, Junior, whose resignation is
hereby accepted.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

New Brunswick Engineer Company.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally :

T. Barclay Robinson, Gentlemen (late
Captain No. 7 Company Division, Regimen-
tal Division of 2nd St. John), vice E. A.
Wilmot, whose resignation is hereby ac-
cepted.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

MEMO.—Adverting to No 3, G. O. (20) 13th
September 1871, the date of confirmation
of rank of Major William S Morris, 71st
Battalion, is 10th December, 1869, the date
on which he was appointed Major, instead
of 11th July, 1871, Major Morris having
obtained a certificate of qualification under
the former militia organization of New Bruns-
wick.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Cumberland Provisional Battalion of Infantry.

No. 5 Company, Oxford.

A company of Infantry is hereby author-
ized at Oxford in the County of Cumberland,
to be No. 5 Company of the Cumberland
Provisional Battalion of Infantry.

To be Captain :

Captain William Oxley.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally :

H. S. Smith, Gentleman.

To be Ensign :

J. H. Treer, Gentleman.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

Winnipeg Field Battery of Artillery.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally :

Sergeant Major George Holmes Young.

1st Lieutenant George H. Kellond, having
left limits, his name is hereby removed
from the list of Officers of the Active
Militia.

By Command of His Excellency the
Governor General.

WALKER POWELL, Lieut. Col.

Acting Adjt. General of Militia,
Canada.

Count de Strzilecke, who died recently in
London at the age of 77 years, was the
first who suggested to the British Govern-
ment that gold could be found in Australia.
Before the age of thirty-five he had visited
and made explorations in North and South
America, the West Indies, the South Sea
Islands, the Japanese Islands, China, India,
Egypt, New South Wales, and Van Deman's
Land. In the last-named island he met Sir
John Franklin, who assisted him greatly in
his explorations in Australia.

A EUROPEAN OUTLOOK.—A correspondent
who was present at the recent meeting of
the three monarchs at Vienna and Berlin
makes the following remarks in regard to
the future in Europe :—"The feeling at
Berlin is that peace is only safe so long as
France alone is in the field against them.
They have overrun, humbled, mulcted, and
dismembered that country; and they are
confident that, upon any fresh provocation,
upon any renewed cry, "A Berlin!" or
"Vengeance for Sedan!" the utter annihila-
tion of their late foe would be for them the
work of a few days' campaign, but they are
haunted by misgivings as to the attitude of
the Russian people, and the aspirations of
rampant Pan-Slavism; and they consider
that between them and the chances of a for-
midable Franco-Russian alliance there is
only the thread of the Emperor Alexander's
life. Were they called upon to withstand a
simultaneous attack, both on their western
and eastern frontier, they are aware of the
necessity they would be in of relying on
Austrian support, or, at least, neutrality,
nor would they disdain even the tiny
help that Italy, the Mouse, could lend to
Prussia, the Lion. I have hardly met a
Prussian or Austrian who did not entertain
the meanest opinion of Italy as a military
and a naval power. With the single excep-
tion of the Bersaglieri, they think, there is no
solidity in the Italian troops. Their infantry
is starved and rickety, their cavalry badly
mounted, their artillery untrained and in-
efficient, and there is hopeless disorganiza-
tion in every department of the service. Were
a war to spring up even with France in her
exhausted condition," these Germans say,
"the French would hardly be at the trouble
of forcing the Alps. They would merely
land 40,000 or 50,000 of their soldiers on the
southern coast, where they would find in the
priests, in their brigands, and in the whole
bested population of the two Sicilies, Bour-
bonist and Republican auxiliaries enough to
renew the exploits of Fra Diavolo and Card-
inal Ruffo, and to march with them to the
deliverance of the Vatican. The Italian
kingdom is a new edifice everywhere un-
dermined by clerical hostility. It lacks inward
solidity and cohesion, and it would not
stand the slightest outward onset for three
days."

A FAMOUS SCOTTISH ARMOURER.—The Scots
were once famous for the temper of their
sword blades. "A great armourer arose in
the Highlands," says Smiles, in his "Indus-
trial Biography," "one who was able to
forge armour that would resist the best
Sheffield arrow heads, and to make swords
that would vie with the best weapons of
Toledo and Milan." This was the great
cutler, Andrea de Ferrara, whose swords
still maintain their ancient reputation. He
is supposed to have learned his art in the
Italian city whence he was called, and,
under the patronage of the King of Scot-
land, to have practised it in secrecy among
the Highland hills, as all his genuine blades
are marked with a crown; and before his
time no man could temper a sword in such
a way that the point should touch the hilt
and spring back uninjured. He is said to
have worked in a dark cellar, the better to
enable him to perceive the effect of the
heat upon the metal, and to watch the
nicety of the tempering; as well as possibly
to serve as a screen to his secret method of
working. Many of his blades, with new
basket hilts, are to be found in the Scottish
regiments of to-day.—*Cassell's British Bat-
tles on Land and Sea.*