

Lieut.-Col. Reeve retired from the service and Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. R. Alleyn took command on the 6th April, 1877, and the same G. O. contained the change of the designation of the regiment from "Stadacona" to 8th "Royal" Rifles. Lieut.-Col. Alleyn served in the Victorias as private in 1861, and 8th Nov. of that year was commissioned as supernumerary ensign in the company, ensign 18th Dec., lieutenant 21st March, 1862, captain 21st August of the same year, brevet major 20th Sept., 1867, major 3rd Jan., 1868, brevet lieut.-colonel 20th Sept., 1872, and lieut.-colonel commanding as above. The regiment now possessed a very fine brass band, which was increased to a full military band of 30 men with a bugle and drum band of 16 more.

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The Department of Militia and Defence and the Military Force of Canada.

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THE following tables show the quantities of stores, ammunition, &c., handled by this branch of the department, since the coming into operation of the Militia and Defence Act of 1868:—

RETURN of clothing issued from 1867 to 30th June, 1886.

Tunics, Cloth.		Tunics, Serge.		Trousers, Cloth, Pairs.		Trousers, Serge, Pairs.		Forage Caps.				Great Coats.		
Cavalry.	Artillery.	Cavalry.	Artillery.	Cavalry.	Artillery.	Cavalry.	Artillery.	Cavalry.	Artillery.	Infantry.	Rifles.	Cavalry.	Artillery.	Infantry and Rifles.
6,130	22,144	786	9,314	7,428	13,473	22,596	142,751	135,533				3,765	13,991	94,697
700	109,756				29,346									

RETURN of Ammunition for practice issued from 1867 to 30th June, 1886:—

Total rounds issued.....	Ball. 12,424,689	Blank. 6,428,057
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AMOUNTS received from all sources for stores, ammunition, &c., issued on repayment, and for rents collected on militia property, from 1867 to 30th June, 1886.

(This, it will be understood, is outside of the regular issues to the Active Militia, which are of course gratuitous.)

Ammunition.		Clothing.		Arms and Accoutrements.	Deficiencies made good.	Rents.	Miscellaneous.	Total Amount.
Rounds.	Amount.	Officers.	Men.					
8,724,933	\$153,077.76	\$3,911.29	\$30,996.21	\$10,855.13	\$745.09	\$78,696.65	\$87,463.40	\$368,932.21

The above by no means represents the whole of the work connected with the store branch, as a large quantity of camp and other stores are issued out of store to various corps when the annual camps are held and are received back again when the camps are over; in addition, stores and supplies are received for and issued to the permanent establishment of schools of cavalry, artillery and infantry. A considerable amount of work is necessitated in connection with the supervision of the purchase of barrack stores and supplies for these corps, and the auditing of the monthly returns of receipts and issues.

THE ACCOUNT BRANCH

of the Department of Militia and Defence is a most important one, corresponding in the Dominion service to the army pay department of the British army.

From this branch payments for militia service are made and all expenditures controlled, subject to the approval of the Deputy Minister, who combines with that office the functions of a paymaster general to the militia force, all warrants for expenditure requiring his approval and signature before they become effective.

The accountant is the financial officer of the department, having the rank of a chief clerk in the Civil Service, with six clerks attached to

his office. The duties of the branch are various, and, as in the case of every portion of the department, of ever increasing importance, as the permanent corps and educational establishments have been created and added to, entailing great care in checking and regulating the accounts for pay, maintenance and subsistence. To these duties have, within the last two years, been added the responsibilities connected with the accounts for repairs and maintenance of military works and buildings, transferred from the department—that of Public Works—which formerly made all such payments.

The strain put upon this branch in connection with the operations in the North-West Territories in 1885 was very great. The payments for the respective services amounted to:—

	1884-85.	1885-86.
For ordinary militia services.....	\$1,009,906	\$1,163,558
For militia services consequent upon the North-West rebellion.....	1,697,851	2,859,189

These figures show how large a measure of extra work and responsibility devolved upon the account branch during that period.

The militia paymasters of the respective military districts receive their instructions direct from the Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence. Bank credits, signed by the Deputy Minister and countersigned by the accountant, are issued to these officers from time to time, for the payments which it becomes their duty to make. The claims for all militia services are rendered by the paymasters, and require the recommendation of the senior staff officer of the district; they are then forwarded to the account branch for audit and authority before any payment can be made, except for the actual pay of the force, where rates of pay are defined by the regulations and orders; all militia expenditure is thus kept closely under the control of the department. The estimates for Parliament, for militia services, are also drawn up by the accountant under the Deputy Minister's direction.

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R. M. C. Graduates.

THEIR WHEREABOUTS AND OCCUPATIONS.

THE Kingston *Daily News* of the 29th ult. says: A letter was received this morning from Lieut. G. M. Duff, R.E., formerly of the Royal Military College, and son of Col. Duff, of this city. Lieut. Duff is under orders to sail for India, and expects to sail on the 9th or 23rd of February. Lieut. J. Kennedy, who graduated from the R. M. C. last June, is at Chatham, and spent Christmas and New Year in Paris. Those who sail for India, on either of the dates mentioned, are Lieuts. Stairs, Nanton, Casgrain, Tilley, McElhinney, Duff, Twining and Joly. The first has secured a position on the staff of Stanley's expedition to Southern Africa. All the graduates are proud of his success in being selected, as only seven appointments were made out of three hundred applications. The India party reported themselves to the D. A. G., with their plans and projects, on January 12th. As many of the R.M.C. graduates are now scattered over the world, the following information, which points out how and where they are engaged, will prove most interesting:—

THOSE WHO TOOK IMPERIAL COMMISSIONS.

- *H. E. Wise, captain, Scottish rifles, A.D.C. to Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton, K.C.M.B., C.R., Ottawa, Canada.
- *H. C. Freer, captain, South Staffordshire regiment, "B" infantry school, St. Johns, Quebec, Canada.
- A. H. Van Straubenzee, captain, R.E., professor R.M.C., Kingston, Canada.
- H. B. McKay, lieutenant, R.E., Sierra Leone, Africa.
- H. M. Campbell, lieutenant, R.H.A., Rawal Pindi, Bengal, India.
- W. J. McElhinney, lieutenant, R.E., under orders to sail for India on February 9th.
- *J. W. Sears, captain, South Staffordshire regiment, "C" infantry school, Toronto, Canada.
- W. H. Robinson, lieutenant, R.E., Woolwich, Eng.
- F. St. D. Skinner, lieutenant, Royal Sussex regiment; attached to the Egyptian army.
- G. S. Duffus, lieutenant, R.A., Hyderabad, Bombay, India.
- E. T. Taylor, lieutenant, Cheshire regiment, Solan, Bengal, India.
- G. M. Duff, lieutenant, R.E., under orders to sail for India in February.
- W. G. Stairs, lieutenant, R.E., Stanley's expedition to Africa to relieve Emin Bey.
- J. J. Lang, lieutenant, R.E., Victoria, B.C., Canada.
- *P. H. Du P. Casgrain, lieutenant, R.E., under orders to sail for India in February.
- P. E. Gray, lieutenant, R.A., Curragh, Ireland.