

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 2nd January, 1874.

GENERAL ORDERS (1).

No. 1.

ACTIVE MILITIA.

"A" and "B" Batteries, Schools of Gunnery, Kingston and Quebec.

Adverting to Nos. 3, 4 and 8 of General Orders (24) 20th October 1871, the strength of each School of Gunnery, is hereby authorized, to be increased, for admission to the "Short Course" of Instruction to last three months to the extent of ten officers and ten non-commissioned officers.

Admission to "Short Courses" will be made from time to time, as may be found desirable, up to the number authorized for each School of Gunnery, without the commencement of a "Short Course" or nominations for admission being necessarily announced in General Orders.

Officers and non commissioned officers in excess of the strength fixed by Nos. 3 and 4 of the above referred to General Orders will receive only the pay and allowances fixed by No. 9 of those Orders.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

34th "Ontario" Battalion of Infantry

To be Lieutenant Colonel:

Major and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel William Warren, Jun., M.S., vice James Wallace, absent without leave.

47th "Frontenac" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 7 Company, Harrowsmith.

The services of Captain Elijah Joyner as an officer in the Active Militia of the Dominion are hereby dispensed with.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

"B" Battery School of Gunnery, Quebec.
Short Course.

The following are hereby authorized to join the School of Gunnery, Quebec, on probation, for a three months course of Instruction:—

Captain and Brevet Major John Slous and three non-commissioned officers of the Gaspé Battery of Garrison Artillery.

2nd Lieutenant John B. Lindsay, No. 4 Battery, Quebec Brigade Garrison Artillery.

Long Course.

2nd Lieutenant Charles Edmond Duchesnay, of the Beauce Field Battery of Artillery having completed his "Short Course" of Instruction is hereby authorized for the "Long Course."

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

New Brunswick Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

No. 1 Battery, St. John.

To be 1st Lieutenant, provisionally:

Private Charles William Drury, vice John E. Bell left limits.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally:

Matthew Wallace, gentleman, vice Army strong, transferred to No. 10 Battery.

No. 2.

CERTIFICATES.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

The following non commissioned officers and gunners have received certificates from the Commandant of the School of Gunnery Quebec.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATES.

Regimental Divisions.	Names.
Beauce.	—Quarter Master, Sergt. Charles Lavoie, Beauce Field Battery.
do	—Corporal Joseph Blais, Beauce Field Battery.
do	—Gunner Paul Lennaud, Beauce Field Battery.
City of Quebec.	—Acting Bombadier James Adair, Quebec Garrison Artillery.
do do	—Sergeant Amable Robert Quebec Garrison Artillery.
do do	—Acting Bombadier Henry Wilkinson, Quebec Garrison Artillery.
do do	—Bombadier Robert Tute, Quebec Garrison Artillery.
do do	—Corporal Edward Maxwell, Quebec Garrison Artillery.
do do	—Bombadier Charles Armsworth, Quebec Garrison Artillery.
do do	—Gunner Charles Sinclair, Quebec Garrison Artillery.
do do	—Gunner Thomas Burton, Quebec Garrison Artillery.

City of Quebec. —Gunner F. Parks, Quebec Garrison Artillery.

do do —Acting Bombadier, Chas. Royent, Quebec Field Battery.

By Command of his Excellency the Governor General.

WALKER POWELL, Lieut. Col.
Acting Adj. General of Militia, Canada.

A Correspondent writing from Trieste, in touching incidentally upon the Austrian-Hungarian north pole expedition under the supervision of Messrs. Woiprecht and Peyer, says that these bold seamen are now entirely cut off from all communication, the last news received from them being dated August 16, 1873, when the expedition met Captain Wilezeks at Capo Nassau, near Nova Zembla. Woiprecht and Peyer hoped to reach Cape Tscheljuskin in September, and then at a point from thence to take up their first winter quarters. The unsuccessful results of the American and Swedish expeditions have given rise to many fears for the one but hope must not be abandoned until it is 1875 the time set for its return.

The Russian war department is taking active measures to instruct the officers of the Russian Army in the German language. The directors of the Nikolajew Academy of the General Staff have received orders to accept no candidates and to allow no students to graduate before they have become masters of the German language.

It is proposed that the British Government should telegraph to Bombay to order as many elephants as can be transported, to be sent at once, via the Suez Canal, to Cape Coast Castle, for the service of the expedition against the Ashantees. They could be there in five weeks from the despatch of the order.

King Albert of Saxony will retain, after his accession to the throne, the rank and office of Field Marshal in the German Army and Commanding General of the First German Army Division.

The Dutch government has received intelligence that 9,000 troops belonging to the expedition which lately left Batavia for Acheen have effected a landing on the coast of that country without opposition.

Freiherr von Manteuffel, General of Cavalry and Adjutant General of the King of Prussia, has been relieved from his present commission and made a General Field Marshal.

A courier from Hudson Bay has arrived, with news that the Hudson Bay Company's ship, *Lady Head*, is frozen up in James Bay with £60,000 worth of furs on board.

The Dutch troops have encountered and heavily defeated the Acheenese near Keiaton. The battle is considered decisive the enemy being routed in all directions with heavy loss in killed and wounded. The loss of the former was moderate. The health of the Dutch troops is good.