

and the morality of their women is not of a high order. They are very improvident, and cannot be induced to lay by provisions in case of want, so that a winter seldom passes that some do not die from starvation. As they are all armed and capable of great endurance, and as the country generally is a network of lakes, where they can go in their light canoes, they might cause endless trouble and great loss to any military force seeking to push its way through the country without their permission.

They expect to be well paid by travellers in presents of provisions; so their presence along the line of route, added to the difficulties to be overcome, as all such presents would have to be carried by the troops, and every pound of extra weight was a serious matter.

For the conveyance of the provisions and stores between Thunder Bay and Shebandowan, a considerable transport corps would be required—all the material for which would have to be sent there in steamers, as also the forage required for the animals, for neither hay nor grass was to be had on the spot.

In fine, to get a military force to Red River, it was necessary to send it complete with all warlike appliances, and with at least two months provisions, through a wilderness for a distance of above 600 miles, where no supplies of any description were obtainable. It was no wonder, therefore, that our Government paused and considered well before they committed any of Her Majesty's troops to an operation beset with such difficulties, and where any serious mistakes on the part of those who conducted it would most probably have led to disastrous results.

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 27th January, 1871.

GENERAL ORDERS, (3.)

No. 1.

REGULATIONS AND ORDERS.

ERRATUM.—In the French version of Paragraph 99 "Regulations and Orders, &c.," 1870—instead of "every Wednesday at Quebec," read, as in the English version. "every alternate Wednesday at Quebec."

No. 2.

ACTIVE MILITIA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

27th "Lambton" Battalion of Infantry.

Number 8 Company "Garrison Battery at Sarnia," is hereby re-numbered as No. 7 Company.

29th "Waterloo" Battalion of Infantry.

The re-numbering of Companies of this Battalion, in General Order (1) of the 5th

instant, is hereby cancelled, and the following substituted in place thereof:

No. 5 Company "Ayr" as No. 4 Company.

No. 6 Company "Hespeler" as No. 5 Company.

36th "Peel" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 1 Company, Brampton.

The three officers appointed to this company, in General Order (2) of the 13th instant, will take rank and precedence respectively, from 30th May, 1870.

37th "Haldimand" Battalion of Rifles.

The resignation of Major David Thompson, is hereby accepted.

No. 5 Company, Hullsville.

The resignation of Lieutenant George W. Moore, is hereby accepted.

56th "Grenville" Battalion of Infantry.

ERRATUM.—In General Order, 3rd July, 1868, read: "To be Ensign: Albert Jones, Gentleman, M.S., instead of "Alfred Jones."

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

The following officers holding Certificates of qualification, are hereby confirmed in their respective ranks:

Lieutenant Robert P. Davy, V.B., 1st and 2nd class, No. 2 Company, 15th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Lieutenant George Dear, V.B., 2nd class, No. 6 Company, 15th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Ensign James D. Clarke, V.B., 2nd class, No. 2 Company, 15th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Major James Cummings, V.B., 1st class, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Captain Henry Wright Day, V.B., 2nd class, No. 6 Company, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Captain George Henry Boulter, V.B., 1st class, No. 2 Company, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Lieutenant Robert Potts Fidler, V.B., 1st class, No. 2 Company, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Lieutenant John Caverley, V.B., 2nd class, No. 3 Company, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

1st Lieutenant Shuter Smith Bonter, V.B., 2nd class, No. 6 Company, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Ensign John Ackers, V.B., 2nd class, No. 2 Company, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Ensign Theodoro Foster, V.B., 2nd class, No. 3 Company, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

2nd Lieutenant Charles Francis, V.B., 2nd class, No. 6 Company, 49th Battalion, from 13th September, 1870.

Captain William Scott, V.B., 1st class, No. 1 Company, 45th Battalion, from 4th October, 1870.

Captain Samuel Bradon, V.B., 2nd class, No. 3 Company, 45th Battalion, from 4th October, 1870.

Ensign George Searle, V.B., 2nd class, No. 6 Company, 45th Battalion, from 4th October, 1870.

Ensign Angus Henry Macdonald, V.B., 2nd class, No. 6 Company, 40th Battalion, from 5th October, 1870.

Ensign George Guillet, V.B., 2nd class, No. 1 Company, 40th Battalion, from 5th October, 1870.

Major Charles Elliott, V.B., 1st class, 40th Battalion, from 7th October, 1870.

Captain Robert Smyth, M.S., 2nd class, No. 7 Company, 45th Battalion, from 8th July, 1869.

Captain Andrew Carmichael, M.S., 2nd class, No. 7 Company, 56th Battalion, from 14th April, 1870.

Lieutenant William Bennett, M.S., 1st and 2nd class, No. 7 Company, 56th Battalion, from 26th April, 1869.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Cookshire Troop of Cavalry.

To be Captain, to date from 13th Instant: Lieutenant John Henry Taylor, V.B., and M.S., vice Winder, resigned.

To be Lieutenant, to date from 13th Instant: Cornet Charles W. B. French, V.B., vice Taylor, promoted.

9th Battalion "Volontaires de Quebec."

To be Major:

Captain Jean Baptiste Amyot, M.S., from No. 1 Company, vice Gingras, resigned.

To be Assistant Surgeon:

Charles G. Delagrave, Esquire.

No. 1 Company.

To be Captain:

Lieutenant Louis Elzear Frenette, M.S., vice Amyot, promoted.

17th "Levis" Battalion of Infantry.

The St. Lazare Infantry Company, is hereby attached to this Battalion, as No. 8 Company.

Provisional Battalion of Dorchester.

No. 1 Company, Ste. Claire.

To be Captain:

Lieutenant Theophile Fortier, M.S., vice L. Fortier, promoted.

To be Lieutenant:

Louis H. Fortier, Gentleman, M.S., vice T. Fortier, promoted.

Captain Ludger N. Voyer, late District Quarter-Master, is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

The following Officers holding Certificates