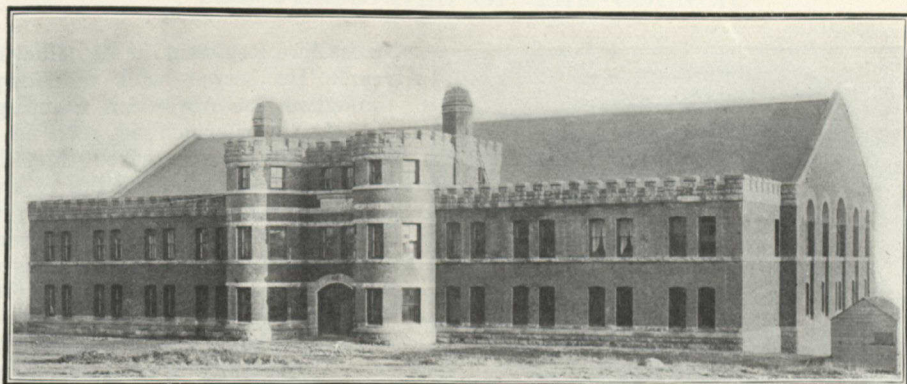




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The Personnel of the Council



HE personnel of the Militia Council must always be of great importance to the country and of considerable interest to all those concerned directly and indirectly with the service.

Sir Frederick W. Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence, has been long enough in the position to see the militia of Canada transformed and brought into a fair state of efficiency. A medical man by profession, he has been connected with the service since 1869, when he was appointed Assistant Surgeon in the 68th Regiment, having previously to Confederation served in the Volunteer Service of that province from 1863 to 1867 inclusive in the University Rifles of King's College, Windsor, N.S. Ten years later he became Surgeon and, in 1893, Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel. He is now Honorary Colonel of the Army Medical Corps. His parliamentary career is nearly as long as his military. He was first returned to Parliament for King's County, Nova Scotia, in 1874. He became a member of the Privy Council and Minister of Militia on the formation of the Laurier Government in 1896. At the time of the Coronation, he was made a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

Brigadier-General Percy Henry Noel Lake, C.B., the Chief of the General Staff, is the only member of the Council who is not Canadian-born, though he

also is Canadian on his mother's side. He was twenty-nine years of age when he passed through the Staff College in 1884, but he had already seen active service in the Afghan War. The Soudan expedition of 1885 brought him at once into prominence. From 1887 to 1890, he was



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