

force enlisted for service here, has reduced the numbers to one hundred non commissioned officers, and men organized with officers as follows :

Artillery.—Officers, 2; non commissioned officers and men, 20. Total 22.

Infantry.—Officers, 9; non commissioned officers and men, 80. Total 89.

Grand total 111.

Of the men comprising this force; but very few remain of those who had previously served; with few exceptions they are all of drafts despatched from the Eastern Provinces in August last.

The general conduct and physique of these men is all that can be desired; and with few exceptions reflects credit on the various military districts from which they have been drawn.

In this force, as will be seen in the ordinary monthly returns, crimes and disorders are rare; while at the same time the strictest discipline is observed, and the proficiency in drill, considering the short period which has elapsed since the enlistment of the men, is most satisfactory.

#### Rifle Range and Target Practice.

In accordance with authority given from head quarters, a small expenditure has been made in constructing a rifle range for the troops at a distance of about twelve miles from Winnipeg to the Eastward of the Red River.

The whole of the force with the exception of a few casuals, have gone through a musketry course and practice; the men proceeding by detachments to the ranges, and encamping until the practice was completed.

The ranges are well and conveniently situated, and can be safely made available for artillery as well as rifle practice. The cost of construction is very considerably less than the authorized expenditure.

#### Barracks.

The palisade around the site of the new barracks, designated by authority "Fort Osborne," has been completed; it is greatly to be desired that in the ensuing spring an appropriation may be made for the purpose of carrying out the design with regard to storage, magazine and drainage; a comparatively small expenditure would place these barracks in a condition which for a number of years to come would render them most convenient head quarters for any strength which the exigencies of service, either temporary, or permanent, would be likely to require in this Province.

#### School of Instruction.

I have respectfully to call attention to my recommendation of last year that a School of Instruction in connection with the force on service here should be established—the expenditure as I pointed out would be trifling, as the duties of commandant can be discharged by the Deputy Adjutant General without cost on this head, or in his temporary absence on duty from his Head quarters here, by an officer of the force on service.

The officers or non commissioned officers attending the school should be regularly attached to the force during their attendance at the school, and be in all respects as regards discipline under the same regulations as the troops on service. I beg to lay especial stress on my submission of this recommendation to the Major General Commanding.

#### Armorer Sergeant.

I have respectfully again to call attention to the absolute necessity of a qualified Arm-

orer Sergeant being attached to this district.

#### General Remarks.

As the Major General Commanding has so lately personally visited this Province and the North West Territories, it would be superfluous for me to enter at length into my views as to the nature and composition of the Militia Force requisite for the defence and maintenance of order in this isolated portion of the Dominion; moreover, I have already, from time to time, had the honor to report on the subject. I may however, be permitted most strongly and respectfully to urge that authority should be given to me to raise corps of local Volunteer Militia, on the basis of my memorandum of 19th July last, and that in the meantime, and until the circumstances of the population of this new Province permit the Militia system, which in other, and older portions of the Dominion has borne such good fruit, to take firm root here; that the Force on service be augmented, at all events, to such small extent as may enable a detachment to be stationed at some point to be determined on in the western section of Manitoba, and at the same time leave at the least a strength equivalent to that now stationed in this, the central point of the Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. OSBORNE SMITH, Lt. Col.

D.A.G. Military District No. 12.

Com'g Dominion Forces in North West.

The Adjutant General,

&c., &c., &c.,

Ottawa.

(To be Continued.)

## DOMINION OF CANADA.



### MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

#### HEAD QUARTERS.

OTTAWA, 18th May, 1876.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS (10).

No. 1.

#### ACTIVE MILITIA.

#### REGULATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL DRILL OF 1876-77 DOMINION OF CANADA.

In order to bring the expenditure for drill and training the Active Militia, for the years 1876-77, within the appropriation made by Parliament, the strength of the force to be drilled and paid for that year, has been limited by Order in Council, to 23,000 officers, non commissioned officers and men, and 1,420 horses, for a period of not less than eight days.

As the nominal strength of the Active Militia is in excess of the number which can be paid, and as it is not desirable to reduce the strength of corps below that established for the drill and training of the year 1875-76, viz: 42 non commissioned officers and men; including staff sergeants and bandmen—provision has been made for the selection by lot of the corps which may drill in the different districts, each district being allotted its full quota in proportion to the total strength of all the corps therein.

The annual drill of all corps (except Field Batteries of Artillery) authorized for that purpose, will therefore be for eight days, and the same may be carried out at the Head Quarters of corps on different days as may be most convenient, subject to the approval of the Deputy Adjutant General of the District. In all such cases, no allowances will be made for rations or forage, and the pay will be for officers, one dollar; and non commissioned officers and men, fifty cents per diem.

The maximum number of officers, non commissioned officers and rank and file to receive pay for drill in each district will be

Military district Number	1.....	2,700
do	do 2.....	3,900
do	do 3.....	2,450
do	do 4.....	1,800
do	do 5.....	3,450
do	do 6.....	1,500
do	do 7.....	2,300
do	do 8.....	1,750
do	do 9.....	2,350
do	do 10.....	200
do	do 11.....	200
do	do 12.....	400

Total..... 23,000

In the selections from corps for drill, Field Batteries of Artillery are to be first taken, then the number required to complete the quota authorized, is to be made up from corps of the other arms, in proportion to the strength of each.

The Deputy Adjutant General in each district, well see that the expenditure for drill is kept within the appropriation, and to that end will take steps to select by lot in presence of a field officer of the active militia, from the corps in his district, enough to make the maximum strength authorized for drill. The corps not selected, and which cannot be paid, are hereby relieved from the performance of drill during the year 1876-77.

The Deputy Adjutant General, of each district will notify the commanding officer of each corps detailed for drill, as well as those which cannot be paid, and send a return to Head Quarters of the corps warned, and of those which cannot be paid, also a detail of the steps he has taken to make the selections.

Troops of Cavalry are restricted to 35 horses each, for pay.