

1st. That after the 1st January 1873, no officer shall be promoted to the rank of Captain who does not possess a 1st or 2nd class certificate from the School of Gunnery.

2nd. That after the 1st January 1873, no N. C. officer shall be promoted to the rank of Serjeant who does not possess a 1st or 2nd class certificate from a School of Gunnery, or a certificate showing that the bearer is competent to fulfil the duty of that rank, signed by a Commandant of a Gunnery School, or by a board nominated for the purpose by the Commandant of a Gunnery School.

3rd. That no person be appointed to a commission in the Artillery till his educational qualifications are reported as satisfactory by the Inspector of Artillery.

HORSES.

The difficulty of horsing the Batteries appears unabated, some District Staff Officers, having pointed out that batteries in their districts, would not be able to turn out for want of horses, an extra allowance of 25cts. per horse per day was authorized for the Artillery.

I consider such an arrangement unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

1st. It is invidious to pay the Artillery horses at a higher rate than the Cavalry.

2nd. Some of the horses are inferior, unfit for work, and occasionally die of disease while on service, and have to be paid for by the public.

The drivers of such teams having no connection with the Battery, but just clothed for the occasion, are a drag on the Battery during the whole training.

3rd. That in the event of a sudden turn out of a Battery no horses are available, as was the case last year, when the Montreal Field Battery was ordered out to repel a Fenian raid. This Battery it will be remembered kept a Regiment waiting for several hours, and was eventually a day too late for the affair at Trout river.

The same Battery could only turn out for four days at Laprairie this year, the Officer commanding having to promise the people who supplied him with horses that they were to be returned within that time, such a state of affairs is highly objectionable, and I would again urgently recommend the enrolment of draught horses for *Field Batteries*.