

not beset with the difficulties which at that time had to be met. There was no serving out of serges, khaki kits, Oliver equipments, etc. No ; privates as well as officers had to fit themselves out with uniforms,—possibly had to decide too what that uniform was to be. At any rate here is its description in general. Dark green uniform, with red facings, and silver lace for the officers. In our own day the pay of the Militia, while not perhaps very much, is at least a recognition that they are giving their services for the public benefit. Formerly this was not so. It was a case of “nothing a day and find yourself.” Not only did the men of the Queen's Own provide their own uniforms, not only did they give their services for nothing, but they had actually to find board and lodging for their drill instructor, and to convey him from place to place. The first of these instructors



A MEMBER OF THE QUEEN'S OWN

was Sergeant John Ross, (late of the 79th Regiment) who presented a letter to Captain Casswell in June 1860, appointing him to drill the company. He seems to have been pretty busy as he had to train the companies at Malpeque (Captain H. S. McNutt) and Bedeque (Captain McLeod) in addition to that at St. Eleanor's. The latter, and probably the others as well, had drill at that time once a week. After him came a man named Adamson, —belonging to the 62nd Regiment then stationed at Halifax,