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MEN'S BARRACKS, NO. 4 COMPANY R.C.I., FREDERICTON, N.B.

THE BARRACKS, FREDERICTON, N.B.

We have pleasure in giving an engraving of one of the barracks at Fredericton, N.B., now garrisoned by No. 4 Company, Regiment of Canadian Infantry.

There are three (3) barracks, viz.:—1. Officers' quarters (stone and wood); 2. Mens' barracks (stone); 3. Married non-commissioned officers and mens' quarters—Park barracks—(wood.) These barracks were originally built for a half battalion of Imperial Infantry, with a Battery of Garrison Artillery, but, by using temporary quarters in town for officers and men, a whole battalion of infantry has, at times, been stationed at Fredericton. With modern requirements, however, these barracks are now adapted for 6 permanent officers, 10 attached officers, 100 permanent non-commissioned officers and men, 30 attached non-commissioned officers and men; total, 146 of all ranks.

On the formation of the Infantry School Corps—January, 1884—these barracks were found to be much in need of repairs and remodeling.

When the improvement in class and education of the modern recruit is considered, as compared with the status of the so-called *common soldier* of the past, improvement in quarters and surroundings becomes a necessity. Not only is

this improvement now to be found in the barrack rooms—the “home” of the soldier at this station—but also in the providing suitable recreation rooms and library in the Drill Hall, as well as in the providing comfortable quarters, with gardens, for the non-commissioned officers and men on the married strength. All this is in addition to improved conditions of service, as to pay, clothing, rations, &c. It may be added that increased attention is now paid to the care of grounds,—the officers' barrack grounds being laid out in gardens, lawn tennis courts, gravel walks, &c. The dates of erection of these barracks are as follows:—Officers' barracks, 1841; mens' barracks, 1827; married non-commissioned officers' and mens' quarters (Park barracks), 1838; isolated quarters therein, 1789.

The following troops have occupied the barracks from time to time since 1846, within the memory of the “oldest inhabitant”:—H. M.'s 33rd Regiment, Duke of Wellington's; H. M.'s 97th Regiment, West Kent; H. M.'s 72nd Seaforth Highlanders; H. M.'s 76th Regiment; H. M.'s 62nd Regiment; H. M.'s 63rd Regiment; H. M.'s 15th Regiment, East Yorkshire; H. M.'s 22nd Regiment, Cheshire. This last named regiment left Fredericton May, 1869, from which time until January, 1884, no troops have been stationed at Fredericton.