

### Uniforms of Officers of Line Regiments of the Nova Scotia Militia, 1863-1869.

The following detailed description of the militia officers' uniforms, prior to the force being taken over by the Dominion, is worth preservation.

#### Full-dress Uniform.

*Tunic:* scarlet cloth; facings white cloth; silver lace, buttons and shoulder-cords; buttons, mayflower design with crown above, surrounded by "Nova Scotia Militia." *Shako:* dark blue cloth; plate, a silver star surmounted by a crown, the star bearing a gilt garter inscribed "Nova Scotia Militia" inclosing mayflower design; pompon, worsted, white above and red below, in silver socket; silver gorgon's-head ventilator at back of cap. *Badges of rank* (on collar): Lt.-colonel, crown; major, star; captain, crown and star; lieutenant, crown; ensign or 2nd lieutenant, star. *Sword and spurs:* Lt.-colonel and major, brass scabbard and brass spurs; adjutant, steel scabbard and steel spurs; other officers, black leather scabbard with gilt mountings; sword-knots, white leather or gold-worked. *Waist-belt:* white enamelled leather; belt-clasp, silver, mayflower design in centre, surmounted by crown, circle inscribed "Nova Scotia Militia." A hook clasp was also worn by some, as well as buckles which were not of the special Nova Scotia design. *Cross-belt and pouch:* belt (over left shoulder) white enamelled leather; pouch, black leather with silver crown and number of regiment. *Trousers:* black cloth with scarlet stripe. *Gloves:* white leather.

#### Undress Uniform.

*Patrol jacket:* scarlet serge (no facings or lace); buttons, silver, same design as those on tunic; shoulder-cords of thick silver-cord, twisted. *Forage-cap:* blue-black cloth with black leather peak; black oak-pattern band and black button and looped braid design on top; badge a silver-cord laurel wreath, inclosing interlaced script monogram "N. S. M.", the whole surmounted by a crown. (The 15th Regiment had permission to wear the number of the corps instead of the above-described badge). *Sword and spurs:* as in full-dress. *Waist-belt:* worn under jacket. *Cross-belt and pouch:* as in full-dress. (Some cross-belts were of white buffed leather).

Artillery regiments wore dark blue tunics with red facings and a bushy head-dress, and a few other very minor variations in uniform. Rifle regiments wore rifle-green with red facings and black belts.