

AVARICE.

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Credulity, Simple, and Soft one day,
With Smallwit and Sordid and Greed,
Took counsel, and each to the other did say,
I will help you in time of need.

They took as their banker one Tontine by name
And because he talked big and looked wise,
They gave him their money (was Tontine to
blame
That he chuckled and seized the prize?)

For money was scarce, and Tontine was poor,
And these nineties could spare the gold,
And he knew he never should see them more
Till each was crippled and old.

So he took their cash, as they journeyed on—
They had many a mile to go,
With many a battle yet unwon,
In the land of a watchful foe.

Poor Soft took sick at a town near by,
With burning fever and pains,
And his comrades left him there to die,
For his death would increase their gains.

Times grew hard, trades wanted cash,
And Smallwit had no more;
Credulity failed went all to smash,
Which, of course, doubled Tontine's store.

Said Simple, one day, to Sordid and Greed,
I believe Tontine is a knave,
And I find that I was a fool, indeed,
When I gave him my money to save.

So Simple dropped out, and lost his self,
Which made Sordid and Greed merry hearted,
While Tontine, the rogue, smiled and said to
himself,
"A fool and his money's soon parted."

Sordid and Greed held out to the end,
Each a big fortune savoring,
For the money they trusted to Tontine, their
friend,
Was even to him surprising.

Reckoning day came round at last,
And he claims rolled in on Tontine,
But of the money he held so fast,
Not a dollar was ever seen.

Sordid learned that, even at best,
Human nature is prone to fail,
And as Greed and he would have served the
rest,
Tontine had served them all.

Tontine in his golden palace to-day
Like a prince his flatterers rules,
Though they all, when they speak of his riches,
say,
"Tis the dividend paid by fools?"

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APPENDIX NO. 1.

MILITARY DISTRICT, NO. 8.

HEAD QUARTERS, FREDERICTON, N.B.

21st December 1874.

SIR, In compliance with the instructions contained in General Orders (14) of the 3rd June last, I have the honor to submit this, my report, on the state of the militia of the District under my command, for the military year 1874-75.

The total nominal strength of the force in the District, as reduced in General Orders above quoted, is 150 officers, and 2,028 non commissioned officers and men.

One corps having being under 30 non commissioned officers and men at the drill of the year 1873-74, has not completed its annual drill for 1874-75, not having been entitled to pay for the same.

The total actual strength of the force, when mustered at the time of the annual drill for 1874-75, was 148 officers, and 1,897 non commissioned officers and men.

There are no officers, and 89 men wanting to complete corps at above shewn nominal strength.

The Active Militia of the District consists of the following corps, which at the time of the annual drill turned out as follows:

8th Regiment of Cavalry.

Lieut. Col. Saunders (7 troops) officers 21, non com. 278.

Newcastle Field Battery of Artillery.

Brevet Major Call—officers 5, non com. 70.

Woodstock Field Battery of Artillery.

Captain Donnell—officers 4, non com. 70.

New Brunswick Brigade, Garrison Artillery.

Lieut. Col. Foster (5 Batteries)—officers 21 non com. 199.

New Brunswick Engineer Corps.

Captain Perley—officer 1, non com. 52.

62nd Battalion, St. John Infantry.

Lieut. Col. MacShane—(6 Companies) officers 16, non com. 163.

67th Battalion Carleton Light Infantry.

Lieut. Col. Upton—(10 Companies) 9 companies drilled, officers 30, non com. 411.

71st Battalion of Infantry, York.

Lieut. Col. Marsh—(5 Companies) officers 18, non com. 228.

73rd Battalion Infantry, Northumberland.

Major Sheriff—(5 companies) officers 13, non com. 180.

74th Battalion of Infantry.

Lieut. Col. Beer—(4 Companies) officers 11, non com. 160.

INDEPENDENT COMPANIES.

Dalhousie Infantry Company.

Captain Barbara—officers 2, non com. 31.

St. Stephen Infantry Company.

Captain Hutton—officers 2, non com. 35.

St. George Infantry Company.

Captain McGee—officer 1, non com. 40.

There have been several offers of new companies to complete any deficiency in the quota of the District.

The annual drill was performed in accordance with General Orders (13 and 14) of the 2nd and 3rd June, 1874, for the most part in brigade camps, of which there were three—at St. Andrews, Shediac, and St. John respectively.

In considering the steps taken during the past year to ensure the better efficiency of the Active Militia, it must be remembered that this was amongst the important subjects adverted to by His Excellency the Governor General, in his speech from the Throne on the opening of the last session of Parliament, and the following unquestionable improvements have since been effected:—

(1.) An Act passed "to establish a Military College in one of the Garrison Towns of Canada," which provides for "the education of cadets and officers of militia in military knowledge and scientific pursuits connected with the military profession."

(2.) The daily pay of the rank and file has been increased from 50 cts. to 60 cts. during the prescribed period in camp.

(3.) The brigade camp system, which had been discontinued for one year, 1873-74, is now re-established, while such corps, chiefly those in cities, as it may be considered impracticable to assemble in camp, are permitted to perform the annual drill at local headquarters, under special orders for their guidance.

Having put myself in communication with officers in command, I ascertained that the end of June would be the most convenient

time to assemble the corps of the western and eastern counties, and St. Andrews and Shediac respectively were decided upon as the most suitable places for camps; while the Brigade of Garrison Artillery, and the 62nd St. John Battalion requested to be allowed to assemble in camp at St. John about the 23rd of July, that being the only place in the District at which the former corps could perform its shot and shell practice, and the time for assembly in other camps, above referred to, would not have suited the latter corps. St. Andrews and Shediac proved to be admirably adapted for assembly of troops in brigade camps, having, at both places, good facilities for transport, and grounds available for drill and field manoeuvres on an extended scale.

Besides this, owing to the abundant supply of excellent water, and the heat of these places situated on the sea coast not being so great as at inland places where our camps have heretofore been held, the sanitary condition of the troops was all that could be desired.

It was only to be regretted that the Newcastle and Woodstock Field Batteries of Artillery were prevented from joining these camps, in consequence of delay in re-enrolment of men and horses in the former case, and in the latter, delay in transport of guns and equipment from Quebec, on its being changed from a garrison to Field Battery.

It must be stated, however, that both these corps subsequently performed their drill and practice in the most satisfactory manner at isolated camps. *Vide Inspection Report hereto appended.*

Lieut. Colonel Outy, Brigade Major, was appointed Brigadier at Shediac. That officer's report is also appended hereto—and I took command at St. Andrews.

I now proceed to refer to the above named camps in detail, and to the corps of each Brigade Division separately.

1st BRIGADE DIVISION.—Brigade Major, Lieut. Colonel Inches.

Camp Tilley, St. Andrews.

Brigadier Lieut. Colonel Maunsell, Deputy Adjutant General; Lieut. Colonel Inches, Brigade Major; Captain McKenzie, Supply Officer; T. H. Hogg, Esq., 71st Battalion, Musketry Instructor; Quarter Master Emery, 6th Battalion, Camp Quarter Master; T. P. Robinson, Esq. Orderly Officer, 67th Battalion, "Carleton Light Infantry, Lieut. Colonel Upton; 71st "York" Battalion, Lieut. Colonel Marsh; St. George Infantry Company, Capt. Mottice; St. Stephen Infantry Company, Captain Hutton.

The corps from York and Carleton Counties, having proceeded from their headquarters by European and North American and Canada Railways, respectively, arrived at their destination at five o'clock p.m., on the date ordered for assembly: 30th June (several of the country companies having left their company headquarters on the previous evening to enable them to do so).

The Charlotte companies were conveyed by steamboat.

The usual instructions for pitching tents, mounting guards, detailing pickets &c., were carried out, and the troops settled down to camp life in the most orderly manner, showing that the experience derived from previous camps had not been lost on them. Company drill commenced next morning, followed by battalion drill.

I may here state that the camp was styled "Camp Tilley," in honor of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, who has at all times manifested a deep interest in the militia, and besides being a frequent visitor at the camp.