# THE MILITIA REPORT FOR 1888.

Important Recommendations for the Improve ment of the Force.

### THE DEPUTY MINISTER AND THE GENERAL COMMANDING SPEAK.

Below will be found excerpts from the reports of Col. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia, and Sir Frederick Middleton, the Major General Commanding, forming parts of the annual report of r888 just issued. The reports are addressed to the Hon. Sir Adolphe Caron, K. C. M. G., Minister of Militia and Defence.

#### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER.**

It is a matter of congratulation to be able to note that the progress which has been made in past years has not abated in any way, during the period referred to. The good impression created by our Force, and by the system of its administration, is universal, not only at home but abroad; and, judging from it, one would be inclined to think that the time has come, when the country will see the necessity for an increase in the annual Parliamentary grant, in order that the good work which is going on may not be delayed in its progress, for want of means to provide the costly outfit required for modern warfare.

It may here be remarked, as an evidence of the general attention which the militia system of Canada has attracted of late years, that requests have been received from the Departments charged with matters of defence, in Australia and the West Indies, for copies of our Militia Act and General Regulations, as well for information on special points. I need not add that I have complied with these requests as promptly and fully as possible; and, a regular annual exchange of Blue Books, Militia Lists and new regulations, is made with the Defence Departments of all the principal colonies of the Empire, whereby much useful material for inter-colonial reference on such subjects is now periodically sent out and received ; all of which steps, moreover, tend to a system of mutual intelligence and co-operation that may eventually lead to results of no small importance in a national sense. About a year ago, in compliance with a request received from the Quarter-Master General of the Army in India, all the information that could be collected by this Department was furnished to that officer, for his assistance in the consideration of the subject of cart construction for army transport purposes, including a very complete model of a modified form of the Red River cart, submitted by Major (now Lt.-Colonel, commanding 91st Battalion, "Manitoba Light Infantry") S. L. Bedson; it was forwarded by Lt.-Colonel Houghton, D.A.G. of Military District No. 10, with his own report and plans for cart construction, and was sent from Ottawa to Simla.

As a further strong proof of the good opinion held of our Militia abroad, it may be mentioned that His Excellency the Governor of Jamaica recently made a request that one of the Militia Officers of that Colony, residing temporarily in Canada, might be attached to a corps of Canadian Militia to enable him to avail himself of the course of instruction given to our Officers in the Royal Schools of Military Instruction, an application which was most promptly and cordially complied with.

#### MILITIA EXPENDITURE FOR 1887-88.

The expenditure upon the Militia service for the fiscal year 1887-88, and the Militia revenue from various sources will be seen by the following statements :--

Salaries, district staff	5 24,100 00
Drigade majors	12,216 44
Royal Military College	55,411.54
Ammunition, clothing and military stores	
Public armouries.	189,418 64
Drill way and camp purposes	62,970 01
Drill pay and camp purposes.	281,733 83
Drill instruction.	37,025 CQ
Contingencies	46,500 78
Dominion of Canada Rifle Association	10,000,00
Drill sneds and fine ranges	12 824 12
Construction and repairs	8-610 00:
Darracks in pricisi Columbia	8 OAF ME
Care of military properties.	8,945 75
Government grant to Dominion Artillery Association	12,437 11
Permanent forces—	2,000/00
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Cavalry, "A, "B" and "C" Batteries	431 082 00
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North-West service (rebellion, 1885)	
Total	\$1.212.401.02

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	Military properties, rents of	. 4,681 (	00

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## PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

My reports for the last two years have shown the pensions granted, out of the vote of Parliament, for wounds and diseases contracted during the North-West Campaign, as well as the grants to the families of those who died from their wounds or other injuries. During the past year, a few further claims have had to be dealt with, mainly arising from cases where ailments, which it was at first hoped would prove temporary, and which were dealt with accordingly, as regards compensation, have developed into prolonged or permanent disabilities. Every case has been very carefully investigated, by two separate boards, one composed of medical officers; the other consisting of combatant officers ; and pensions, in addition to those previously reported, have consequently, upon your recommendation, been granted by His Excellency the Governor General in Council. The grants have been as follows :--

Staff, Alberta Field Force—Staff Sergt. Benn, died from disease. To the widow, a gratuity of \$150.

Winnipeg Light Infantry—Corporal E. Cawley, pneumonia, 6oc. per diem.

Boulton's Mounted Infantry-Sergeant E. Tuite Dalton, an injury to the leg, 55c. per diem.

90th Battalion—Private J. W. C. Swan, gun shot entering the arm near the shoulder joint, 50c. per diem. Private Geo. Bouchette, pleurisy, 55c. per diem.

Intelligence Corps—Trooper W.B. Cornock, an injury to the leg by a fall from a horse, and also disease of the lungs, 500 per diem.

90th Battalion—Private Miles O'Reilly Jarvis, gun shot wound compound fracture of right arm, 50c. per diem.

Ottawa Sharpshooters-Private Hugh McCarthy, lung disease from exposure, 55c. per diem.

63rd Battalion—Captain James Fortune, Varicose ulcers on the left ankle caused by a fall, \$300 per annum.

90th Battalion—Private Chas. T. Hurrell, rheumatism and hemorrhoids, 55c. per diem

Boulton's Mounted Infantry—Lieutenant Chas. Maclurcan, injured in the head by a vicious horse rearing and striking him to the ground, \$280 per annum.

The Militiamen granted gratuities during the year 1888, for injuries, &c., of less magnitude than those for which pensions have been awarded, were in numbers as follows: Montreal Brigade Garrison Artillery, 1; 7th Battalion, 1; 10th Battalion, 2; 91st Battalion, 4; total 8. The amount thus paid in gratuities, upon the above 8 claims, during the year 1888, was \$4,231.50.

The usual amount of Snider ball and blank ammunition required for the Force has been supplied by the caftridge factory. Some alteration in the machinery having been deemed advisable, in order to perfect the construction of the bullet, a partial stoppage of the work was unavoidable, thus reducing to a certain extent the quantity made during the year. The ammunition now turned out appears to be of as perfect a quality as can be produced.

The annual reports of the Royal Military College of Canada, and the remarks of the general officer commanding the militia, upon the progress of that institution, continue to be in the highest degree satisfactory. Some expenditure will be absolutely necessary to increase the limited accommodation at present existing. The erection of the hospital building, for which plans have been prepared, is also very much wanted.

#### THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE.

It is most gratifying to find that the graduates of the Royal Military College who have taken commissions in the Imperial service have given great satisfaction, and the fact that six extra commissions in the Royal Engineers were offered during the year to graduates shows that the