The regiment was placed under the jurisdiction of the District Officer Commanding No. 2 Military District but for drill purposes was transferred in 1905 to No. 4 Ottawa District. This transfer however was cancelled in 1907 and the regiment found itself back under its old authorities.

By General Order the Crest and Motto of the 97th were fixed, the former being the head of a bull moose, an exceedingly unpleasant animal to quarrel with and an animal quite capable of holding his own and the motto being Kee-she-nah an Ojibway word meaning both "we are here" and "we "conquer."

In 1907 the designation of Companies was changed from numbers to letters:

- "A" Company being Sault Ste Marie;
- "B" Company, Sudbury;
- "C" Company, Thessalon;
- "D" Company, Sturgeon Falls.

So great has been the growth of New Ontario, that three additional companies have been formed "E" coming from Massey, "F" Gore Bay, and "H" from New Liskeard.

On April 1 1908 the Regimental Head-

