

23 June 1879,

GENERAL ORDERS (16)

*Sault Ste. Marie Half Battery of
Mountain Artillery.*

" Authority has been granted to detach
" twenty one men from the Sault Ste Marie
" Rifle Company to form a half Battery of
" Mountain Artillery and to drill and train
" as such with the two 7 Pr. guns now in
" possession of that corps. To be under com-
" mand of Captain and Brevet Major Joseph
" Wilson from the Sault Ste Marie Rifle
" Company."

The explanation of its existance previous to this seems to be found in the splendid enthusiasm of Major Wilson who made use of the presence of cannon which, intended originally for the North West and on the way thither were left in the Sault by their conveyers on representation by the Major that it was utterly impossible to convey them over the many portages which lay in the path to their intended destination.

The Gazette which contains the order about forming the half battery announces the

