



OUR COMMANDANT.

In Lt.-Col. T. C. D. BEDELL, Princess Patricia Canadian Red Cross Hospital has a Commandant of wide experience, and one who has gone through the Military Mill from Private to his present rank.

Born at Hillier, Prince Edward County, Ontario, Lt.-Col. Bedell enlisted in June, 1898, as a Private in the 16th P.E.C. Regiment, staying with the Unit until 1907, when he was appointed M.O. of the 56th. In the fall of the same year, considering that his vocation lay more along combatant lines, he resigned as Regimental M.O., and was gazetted as Provisional Lieutenant. Some six years later he took command of the Regiment, and was O.C. at the outbreak of War.

In the early days of the War, Lt.-Col. Bedell filled many and varied positions at Valcartier, and came over to England as a surplus Officer.

On the historic plains of Salisbury, Lt.-Col. Bedell was in charge of surplus Officers, until he was appointed President of the Pensions and Claims' Board. This appointment he relinquished to go to France in August, 1915, to become second in command to the 15th Battalion, C.E.F.

On the last day of 1915, Lt.-Col. Bedell sailed for Canada to take command of the 156th Battalion (Leeds and Grenville), bringing his regiment to England in October, 1916. He severed his connection with the 156th in March, 1917, and transferred to the C.A.M.C. in May of the same year, being posted for duty to Epsom Convalescent Hospital.

On January 22nd, 1918, Lt.-Col. Bedell was given command of Princess Patricia Canadian Red Cross Hospital, Cooden Camp.

At all times a strict disciplinarian, he has, by his unswerving administration of justice, earned the respect and loyal support of all ranks under his command, and it is conceded by all, that the Personnel of Princess Pats are very fortunate in having an officer of such experience to rule over their destinies.