


A Popular O.C.



MAJOR W. M. J. MARTIN.

The 58th Battery is fortunate in having as its O.C. an officer with such a wide experience in the artillery. Since 1901 he has been identified with the army and has had posts both in England and abroad.

Born in Dumbartonshire, Scotland, Major Martin received a commission in the D.E.O. Edinburgh Artillery Militia in March, 1901. The following year he transferred to the Imperial Force, and from then until 1908 was on home service at Leith Fort, Woolwich, Shoeburyness and Sheerness. He was stationed at Gibraltar in 1908-09. One year later he took an ordnance course at Woolwich, and in 1911 and 1912 was with the Woolwich Heavy Battery.

In December, 1912, Major Martin went to Canada as one of several Imperial Officers loaned to the Canadian Government. He was senior Ordnance Officer of M.D. No. 11, Esquimaux, until May, 1916, when he took command of the 62nd Battery, recruited in Victoria.