

November, 1874, read "No. 2 Company" instead of "No. 3 Company."

36th "Peel" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 8 Company, Tullamore.

To be Captain:

Lieutenant Peter Hamilton McCollum, M.S., vice John Orr, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Late Beauce Field Battery of Artillery.

Adverting to No. 1 of G. O. (13) 2nd June, 1874, in which the Beauce Field Battery of Artillery is removed from the List of Active Militia Corps, Captain Maurice E. J. Duchesnay, of that corps is placed on retired list, from date of said General Order, retaining rank.

"B" Battery, of Artillery and School of Gunnery, Quebec.

Henry Collings Sheppard, G.S., formerly 2nd Lieutenant in No. 1 Battery, late Quebec Provisional Brigade of Garrison Artillery, to have the rank of Lieutenant in the Militia of the Dominion during the time he may be permitted to remain attached to the School of Gunnery, Quebec. Such rank to date from the Provisional Brigade of Garrison Artillery, on the Corps being disbanded.

3rd Battalion "Victoria Rifles," Montreal.

Captain and Adjutant George William Hatton, V.B., is hereby permitted to retire retaining his rank as Captain.

Adverting to No. 1 of General Orders (28) 23rd October, 1874, Lieutenant James Kidd Oswald, V.B., is permitted, as a special case, to retire retaining rank.

8th Battalion "Stadacona Rifles."

No. 2 Company, Quebec.

Lieutenant Frederick Christian Whurtele, is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

2nd Lieutenant St. George J. Boswell, G.S., Montreal Company of Engineers, from 13th November, 1874.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Non-effective Corps.

The following Corps having become non-effective are hereby removed from the List of Corps of the Active Militia:—

No. 1 Company, (Fredericton) 71st Battalion.

No. 1 do (Kingston, King's Co'y,) 71th Battalion.

No. 2 do (Elgin, Albert County,) 71th Battalion, and the

Gagetown Infantry Company.

And the Officers of these Corps are also removed from the List of Officers of the Active Militia.

Captain Robert Davies, Lieutenant Isaac Simmons and Ensign Charles W. Hart, No. 1 Coy., 71st Battn.;

Ensign Robert McAlary, No. 1 Coy., 74th Battalion.;

Captain Charles Simpson, Lieutenant John W. Dickie and Ensign Benjamin S. Babbitt, Gagetown Infantry Company.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

2nd Halifax Brigade of Garrison Artillery,

Captain and Adjutant George T. Smithers is hereby permitted to retire retaining his rank of Captain.

No. 2 Battery, Dartmouth.

To be 1st Lieutenants, provisionally:

Sergeant Major William Lathgood, vice John Roue Glendinning, who is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

2nd Lieutenant James Godfrey Smith, is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank. His rank dating from date of qualification: 11th May, 1872.

63rd Halifax Battalion of Rifles.

Adverting to G. O. (22) 14th August, 1874, the promotion to be Major, of Captain and Brevet Major Joseph Norman Ritchie is here by cancelled at his own request.—Brevet Major Ritchie reverts to his former position of captain in the Battalion.

BREVET.

Captain M. B. Harrison, M.S., No. 3 Coy., Cumberland Provisional Battalion, from 5th November, 1874.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

SCHOOLS OF GUNNERY.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

FIRST CLASS "LONG COURSE" CERTIFICATE.

2nd Lieutenant Charles Edmond J. Duchesnay, Beauce Field Battery. (Passed 17th April, 1874.)

FIRST CLASS "SHORT COURSE" CERTIFICATE.

2nd Lieutenant St. George J. Boswell, Montreal Company of Engineers.

By Command of his Excellency the Governor General.

WALKER POWELL, Lieut. Col.

Deputy Adjutant General of Militia, Canada.

The *Full Mall Gazette* says:—"It seems a strange complaint, to hear from so military minded a nation as the French have been long esteemed, yet according to the *Journal des Sciences Militaires* there is not to be found in the language a single trustworthy work on modern tactics. The French essayist we are following expressly excludes the various translations lately made at Paris of German books as too heavy to be natural and proper reading for his countrymen. There are plenty of French volumes nominally on tactics, but they are either controversial or, like Favé's work, devoted manly to a single arm. Okounef's, Dufour's and Giustiniani's books are all written in French, and well known in France; but being composed for Russian, Swiss and Piedmontese officers respectively, they have their national specialities to deal with, and are therefore not suitable handbooks for the thousands of French military students who want a guide. Rustow, the voluminous Swiss military writer, has of course a book on the subject; but, though published nominally in 1872, it deals with no experience so late as that of the last war, and is therefore thoroughly unsatisfactory. The essayist can find nothing out of Germany really so suitable for present wants as Major Ottolenghi's new Italian work in two volumes, which however, needs translation before it can be made available. That this complaint is well founded is just now curiously illustrated at the French autumn manoeuvres. The existing skirmishing practice, for instance, is conducted on regulations so incomplete that General Ducrot has found it necessary to supplement them for his own corps by a pamphlet of over a hundred pages long. This deficiency, now first acknowledged publicly in France, may surprise many persons; but it is certain that the practice carried on at Chalons just before the war was conducted on certain "secret instructions" which were known to the few foreigners who had read them to be not merely completely out of date for troops carrying breech loaders, but to have been prepared and kept unaltered from the smooth bore musket period of the Grand Army of Napoleon I., which was the model for all things military under the Second Empire."

The *Rover*, a corvette for the British navy, was recently launched at Blackwall. The *Rover* is 280 ft. long between perpendiculars, her extreme breadth being 43 ft. 6 in., her breadth moulded 42 ft. 10 in., her depth of hold 16 ft. 3 in., and her burden 2,555 51/94 tons B.M. Her armament is to consist of 16 64 pounder guns and two 90 cwt revolving guns. She is built with a straight stem, and embrasures are cut into her poop and fore-castle to allow of fore and aft fire from her revolving guns. Her engines will be of 4,750 horse power indicated.