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Tenure of Command of the Militia Units is Reduced

Commanding Officers Shall Retire After Three Years, Except in Special Circumstances When an Extension of One Year May Be Granted—New Militia Orders

The following extracts are taken from District Orders as issued by Colonel Commandant J. Houston, D. S. O., commanding M. D. No. 7:

Captain and brevet Lieutenant-Colonel T. E. Powers, D. S. O., Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, is detailed to perform the duties, temporarily, of District Signal Officer, Military District No. 6, in addition to his duties as District Signal Officer, Military District No. 7, during the absence of provisional Major F. H. M. Jones, M. C., on leave, with effect from the 25th September, 1922.

Tenure of Command Reduced. King's regulations and orders for the Canadian militia, 1917, are amended as follows:

Paragraph 240—Delete the first two lines of paragraph and substitute the following:

"The tenure of appointment of the following commanding officers shall be for three years, with a possible extension of one year and limited to four years."

Delete the first four lines of paragraph and substitute the following:

"The extension of one year may be granted in special cases only, and will be considered upon the recommendation of the District Commander three months before the expiration of the three year tenure."

In the past the commanding officers of regiments of cavalry, brigades of artillery, machine gun brigade, infantry battalions, and signal companies have been appointed for a period of five years, but since the war there are so many officers in the militia, under the new establishment, with the rank of major, that in the case of junior majors it would take too long a time for them to reach command of units, so the period of command has been reduced from five to three years.

The localization of the undermanned unit of the semi-permanent active militia is authorized as follows:

The New Brunswick Dragoons—Headquarters, St. John's Squadron, Campbellton; "B" Squadron, Fredericton; "C" Squadron, Hillsboro.

Promotions Granted. Certificates Granted—Lieut. E. A. Caldwell, 1st (Brighton) Field Co., Canadian Engineers, Reg'd No. 58063; nature, equitation.

Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps—Major (Deputy Commissary of Ordnance) T. Pugh, is retired to pension, and is placed on the Reserve of Officers with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

12th Brigade 89th (Woodstock) Bty To be prov. Capt.—Lieut. (temp) R. K. Jones, To be prov. Lieut.—Paul Richard Bowlin. Prov. Lieut R. M. McCloskey is permitted to retire.

3rd (N. B.) Heavy Brigade—To be Lieutenant-Colonel, and to command the brigade—Major N. P. McLeod, M. C., from the 4th Siege Battery, vice Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Harrison, D. S. O., who is transferred to the Corps Reserve.

6th Signal Battalion—No. 6 Signal Coy. To be prov. Lieut.: Gordon Humbert Lordly.

New Brunswick University Contingent—Captain E. L. Harvey is transferred to the Corps Reserve.

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En. C. E. P. J. Captain G. A. Mowatt is transferred to the Corps Reserve. 7th Brigade C. M. G.—Major A. L. Bourque, M. C., is transferred to the Corps Reserve.

EMPRESS CARRIED MANY PASSENGERS

Prominent Personages Returning to England to Take Part in Elections

(Special despatch to The Daily Gleaner, Quebec, Nov. 1.—The Canadian Pacific 16,000 ton Empress of Britain, in command of Captain J. Turnbull, C. B., E. R. D., R. N. R., left Quebec Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Cherbourg, Southampton and Hamburg with a large list of passengers, mail and cargo. Among the prominent passengers in the saloon were Captain Sir Ian Hamilton, C. B., D. S. O., M. P., of London, on his way to England to participate in the general election; Captain E. R. G. R. Evans, of Shanghai, China, accompanied by Mrs. Evans and son; James Michan, Colonel J. H. Roy, Quebec; Major Vivian T. Gleason, of Manchester, Eng.; Rev. F. Wood, Toronto, and a number of others en route from the Orient.

Captain Evans, who is a staff commander with the British army, has had a notable career. He succeeded Captain Scott in command of the British Antarctic expedition just previous to the outbreak of the war, and commanded the famous Mohawk, which bombarded the right wing of the German army from off the Belgian coast in 1914. During the last two years he was in command of the British ship Carlisle, of the British squadron in the Chinese Seas, and made his name famous by his rescue of 309 Chinamen who were shipwrecked on the Chinese rocks near Santon in the steamer Heng Moh. In recognition of this act the committee of Lloyd's have just lately awarded Captain Evans a special gold medal which will be presented to the captain upon his arrival in England.

In addition to this the King has conferred a silver medal upon him for having saved life at sea, and other medals are also to be bestowed upon Lieut. Commander Tower and three members of the Carlisle crew.

Captain Evans, who returns to England, will endeavor to head an expedition to be sent to the frozen north.

When Mrs. McNeil, of Catawauqua, Penn., built her house, the contractor through a mistake extended the building 2½ inches beyond the end of her lot. The neighbor has sued and will not take payment for the land and now 2½ inches must be shaved off the house.

CANADIAN FIGHTS FOR HIS INVENTION

Disguised Himself and Eluded Police to Present Himself to Commission

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London Nov. 1.—Albert Close, of Montreal, again gained access to the Royal Commission on awards to inventors by disguising himself with a false beard and running the gauntlet of the police today, and thereby adding another to his series of protests against the Commission's ruling out of his claim for the invention of an electric anti-submarine drift net in 1914. Close states that the Commission gave the award for this invention to Admiral Wilson, although 3,000 naval skippers are ready to testify that it was really his own. He claims that he was refused the legal right to cross-examine witnesses whose written evidence had been produced in favour of Admiral Wilson; that when evidence for Admiral Wilson was admitted by the judges, and that as a result of a petition by the Dover patrol in King George and support from the G. W. V. A. he had been offered a re-hearing in chambers, but that he has refused to accept anything but a public hearing.

Close saw Sir George Perley when the latter was High Commissioner, but says that Sir George, though recognizing that Close had a good case, pointed out that he was constitutionally unable to interfere with the judges' ruling. Close alleges that the whole award is the result of the Admiralty's desire to favor its own.

Whatever the merits of his claim, Close has certainly succeeded in giving it publicity. "Outwitted By Beaver" runs the headline over one London paper's report of today's incident. This was not a symbolic allusion to the Canadian emblem, but to Close's hirsute disguise.

MANITOBA NOT TO HAVE MORATORIUM

Conference on Wednesday Between Government and Interested Parties

Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—There will be a conference on Wednesday between the provincial Government and the representatives of the banks loan, trust and implement companies on the question of collections and the methods employed in dealing with the farmers generally. It can be stated there is no present intention on the part of the Government to declare a moratorium or to put obstacles in the way of the creditors making collections. But the situation is such that in the best interests of all concerned there should be more cooperation all round to conserve the paying power of the farmers. During the past week there have been half a dozen instances reported to the Government in which extreme action had been taken by creditors to clean up. It was learned on inquiry into these cases that the fault, if any, lay with individuals, and not with any of the banks, trust, loan or implement companies, who have been operating along understood lines. At the present time the Government is concerned to get more co-operation between creditors so that the costs of collection and incidental charges by banks and others may be held at the minimum, thereby conserving the resources of the debtors. If any means can be devised whereby the same results can be secured at less cost to the creditor, that only good will come from such co-operation. The immediate difficulty is to deal with the individuals who consider themselves only, and who may thereby put the corporations at a distinct advantage who are willing to co-operate in the exercise of moderate methods.

SIGNERS OF TREATY TO PAY WITH LIVES

Constantinople, Oct. 31.—The Turkish Nationalist government at Angora has passed sentences of death upon the Turkish signatories of the Sevres Treaty and the members of the cabinet of former Premier Damad Ferid Pasha, whom it accuses of being Anglophile.

Hadi Pasha, who with Riza Tewfik signed the Sevres Treaty, has left Constantinople for Switzerland, which is also the refuge of Damad Ferid Pasha. None of the Turkish signers of the Sevres Treaty condemned by the Nationalists is now within the jurisdiction of the Angora government.

STRONG ATTACK ON THE KU KLUX KLAN

Great Bend, Kan., Oct. 31.—Gov. Allan of Kansas, in an election campaign address, continued his attack on the Ku Klux Klan here last night, with a plea for tranquility and tolerance, so that the state might be spared "the horrors of a civil war." His speech was scathing denunciation of religious bigotry and community hatred and denounced certain types of Catholics and members of the Klan in the same breath.



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