

forced labor, and military exigencies led to unconstitutional extensions of this which were bitterly opposed by the settlers, so willing and enthusiastic in everything else in connection with military service. They were bound to aid, in event of war, in the conveyance of troops and military stores through their own parish, and to this they made no objection; but the principle was so extended that men from Batiscan and Montreal might be up the Richelieu to Lake Champlain, or up the St. Lawrence to Lake Ontario, conveying troops, manning batteaux, etc. This was a constant source of friction.

It was with this organization that the French Canadians for many years maintained themselves, the aid of regulars being called in only when the great struggle of the Seven Years' War commenced.

THE BISLEY COMMAND.

PETERBOROUGH papers have nominated Lieut.-Col. Bell, of the 57th Batt., for the command of the Bisley Team, and make out a strong case for the colonel. They hold that, in the past, Montreal and Toronto have been rather unduly honored in the matter of appointments. The Examiner says: "Lieut.-Col. Bell has been actively associated with the volunteer service for a generation—thirty years. During twenty-five years of this time he has been an officer. He has for nineteen years been connected with the 57th Batt.—as adjutant, major and commanding officer—and under his command the regiment has improved greatly in efficiency, till it is now one of the best city corps in the volunteer force. Last year, in the matter of efficiency, based on inspection, it stood high among the several corps, and this year it is well up to the top.

"Lieut.-Col. Bell has always taken an active and intelligent interest in promoting the interests of rifle shooting in the regiment. Since 1877 he has either been secretary or president of the Peterborough Rifle Association. Since becoming commanding officer of the 57th he has twice attended the Dominion meet at Ottawa with a regimental team, which was successful in capturing, under Lieut.-Col. Bell's command, prizes in the skirmishing and volley firing matches both years. In the matter of taking a thus active interest in his regiment in the matter of rifle shooting Lieut.-Col. Bell is a pioneer. Taking all these things into consideration, Lieut.-Col. Bell's length of service, his success with the regiment with which he has been associated as an officer for 19 years, his enthusiasm in the service and, especially, in the matter of rifle shooting, all point to him as a fit and proper person to command the Bisley Canadian contingent at Bisley in 1897. While his qualifications as a military man are matters of record—all who know Lieut.-Col. Bell will agree that he is personally qualified to meet the social requirements that are part of the duties of a commandant of a Bisley team. It is to be hoped that the authorities will see fit to share our entire confidence that Lieut.-Col. Bell is the right man for the position, and will act accordingly. In appointing Lieut.-Col. Bell the authorities will have, especially, the endorsement not only of this town, but of No. 3 Military District, which has never but once been honored by furnishing a commandant for a Wimbledon or Bisley team."

The Review speaks in similar terms of Lieut.-Col. Bell's service, and adds: "Lieut.-Col. Bell would also be fully equal to the demands which the position would make on an officer in a social way, for besides being an efficient officer, he is of a genial, happy disposition that will not only make him a popular officer with the team he commands, but with the other officers with whom he would be associated at Bisley. In fact, when the case is reviewed, it must be admitted that in Lieut.-Col. Bell this district has an officer who is fully qualified and well able to perform the duties at the head of the Bisley Team with credit to himself, his country and with acceptability to the team. Lieut.-Col. Bell's friends here would like to see his claims receive that consideration to which they are entitled."

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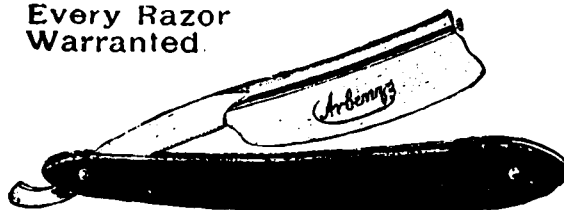
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