

these arms occurred generally for wear and tear whilst in the use of the Canadian volunteers during active service, particularly during the Fenian troubles of 1865, 1866 and 1867, and we beg therefore that Earl Granville may be induced to urge on the Secretary of War the remission in favor of Canada of all claims for damages to the Enfield rifles returned in store.

We have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed,)

G. E. CARTIER.
W. McDOUGALL.

Sir Frederic Rogers,
Principal Under Secretary of
State for the Colonies, &c.,
Colonial Office, Downing-st.

Memorandum.

LONDON, March 9, 1869.

The Adjutant General of Militia has the honor to report in accordance with the desire of the Hon. the Minister of Militia, with reference to War Office letter of 11th Feby., 1869, (Sir H. Storks to the U. S. of State C. O.,) in which it is proposed to diminish the supply of reserve (Snider) Rifles and ammunition now in Canada; that the question of withdrawing reserve arms from Canada to England is one of Imperial policy, the general bearings of which can of course be best estimated by the Imperial Government; although, in the event of any sudden emergency requiring the Canadian Militia to be called out for service in any numbers, the reduction of the regular force in Canada would obviously render it more, instead of less urgent, that a large reserve of arms should be at hand and available for the immediate arming of the Canadian levies.

The new Militia Law prescribes that 40,000 active Militiamen shall receive a certain amount of yearly training; and that, in addition to these, the officers and non-commissioned officers of all the battalions of regular (Reserve) Militia throughout Canada shall receive a certain amount of yearly training, and it will be necessary, in order to give effect to that Law, that the Canadian Government should in some manner provide at least 15,000 rifles for the use of the officers and non-commissioned officers above specified, over and above the arms already distributed to the 40 000 active Militiamen.

(Signed,)

P. L. MACDOUGALL,
Colonel, Adjt. Gen. of Militia.

The Hon. the Minister of
Militia and Defence of Canada.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General.

(Copy.)

Canada,
No. 75.

DOWNING STREET,
24th April, 1869.

SIR,—You are no doubt in possession of the correspondence noted in the margin which took place between this office and Sir G. E. Cartier and Mr. McDougall in C. O. to Delegates, 22nd Feb., 1869, enclosing W. O. Letters of 11th and 12th February. respectively the 11th and 12th of February; the first relating to the number of breech-loading arms, and the amount of ammunition necessary to be held in Canada as a reserve; the second preferring a claim on the Canadian Government on account of damage caused to the Enfield rifles issued on loan to the Canadian Government and lately returned into store. Sir E. Cartier and Mr. McDougall, in reply 23rd March, 1869.

I now enclose you your information copies of the later correspondence on the subject, which passed between this Office and the War Office, subsequent to the return to Canada of Sir G. E. Cartier and Mr. McDougall.

C. O. to W. O.,
10th April, 1868.
W. O. to C. O.,
20th April, 1869.